Wednesday 8 November 2023

Business Bulletin

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Royal Assent

The Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Act 2023 received Royal Assent on 7 November 2023

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Approach to 2023 Coastal State Fisheries Negotiations: Securing Principled, Sustainable Outcomes

followed by Scottish Government Debate: CashBack for Communities

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-10747 Gordon MacDonald: Contribution of the Scottish Convenience Store Sector

Committee Meetings

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

9:30am Criminal Justice Committee

9:30am Education, Children and Young People Committee

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2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- **1. Kaukab Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans to support community gardens. (\$60-02680)
- **2. Foysol Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the development of rural skills to help deliver its commitments in relation to peatland restoration in the Programme for Government 2023-24. (S6O-02681)
- **3. Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government how much grant funding it provides directly to each of Scotland's botanic gardens annually. (S6O-02682)
- 4. Mark Ruskell: [Not Lodged] (S6O-02683)
- **5. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to support farmers to protect crops, including from future flood-related damage. (S6O-02684)
- **6. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will help farmers to plan for their succession. (S60-02685)
- **7. Gillian Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government how its agricultural development projects will boost organic produce and improve environmental practice, as part of its work towards achieving its net zero targets. (\$60-02686)
- **8. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what continued engagement it has had with the Scottish Land Commission about its proposal for compulsory sales orders since it first proposed them in August 2018. (\$60-02687) **R**

NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

- **1. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how its winter preparedness plan will aim to reduce pressure on the NHS. (S6O-02688)
- **2. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported planned closure of Erskine Park Home. (S6O-02689)
- **3. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps are being taken to increase recruitment and retention of staff in the Scottish Ambulance Service this winter. (S60-02690)
- **4. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to improve the detection and treatment of high blood pressure, in light of reports that an estimated 1.3 million people in Scotland are living with this condition. (S6O-02691)
- **5. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the winter COVID-19 vaccination programme. (S6O-02692)
- **6. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the Scottish Mental Health Law Review on the legal status of autistic people in relation to treatment and involuntary detention. (S6O-02693)

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- **7. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the ability of children living in temporary accommodation to access health services, in particular in relation to current levels of treatment from mental health services. (S6O-02694)
- **8. Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made on eliminating long waiting times for NHS patients. (S6O-02695)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Approach to 2023 Coastal State Fisheries Negotiations: Securing Principled, Sustainable Outcomes

followed by Scottish Government Debate: CashBack for Communities

S6M-11127 Siobhian Brown: CashBack for Communities—That the Parliament commends the CashBack for Communities programme, which is now in its 15th year and sixth phase; understands that the programme is unique to Scotland and reinvests money recovered under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002; acknowledges that the aims of the programme are diversion from antisocial behaviour, provision of positive activity, support for wellbeing, and building confidence and skills for young people; notes that, since its inception, the programme has committed £130 million to supporting around 1.3 million young people; understands that, over the next three years, phase six of the programme is expected to reach around 34,000 young people; welcomes and thanks the CashBack for Communities-funded partner organisations for their dedication, passion and hard work; recognises the opportunities and benefits that the programme brings to children, young people, families and communities, and applauds the achievements of the many thousands of CashBack for Communities participants.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-11127.2 Russell Findlay: CashBack for Communities—As an amendment to motion S6M-11127 in the name of Siobhian Brown (CashBack for Communities), insert at end "; recognises that the money recovered from the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 does not match the vast wealth accumulated by criminals in Scotland; acknowledges that the activities of organised crime groups, including drug dealing, have a devastating impact on communities, resulting in a high number of deaths; calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to review the effectiveness of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, which was fully enacted in March 2004, with a view to increasing the amount of money that can be recovered, and urges the Scottish Government to update its Serious Organised Crime strategy to ensure that tackling damaging, high-level criminality remains a key priority of the justice system."

<u>S6M-11127.1</u> Katy Clark: CashBack for Communities—As an amendment to motion S6M-11127 in the name of Siobhian Brown (CashBack for Communities), insert at end ", and recognises the importance of access to restorative justice practices, not only as a measure to prevent antisocial behaviour, but also as a tool for young people who are already involved in the criminal justice system."

followed by Business Motions

<u>S6M-11143</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme— That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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Tuesday 14 November 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building a New Scotland: Migration to Scotland after

Independence

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Wednesday 15 November 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

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Thursday 16 November 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service Contract

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: Culture in Communities: The Challenges and Opportunities in Delivering a Place-based Approach

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 November 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Female Participation in Sport and Physical Activity

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 November 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 November 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

- 2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions
- 2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 13 November 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

<u>S6M-11143.2</u> Russell Findlay: Business Programme—As an amendment to motion S6M-11143 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out—

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"followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building a New Scotland: Migration to Scotland after Independence"

and insert—

"followed by Scottish Government Debate: Reversing the Decline in the Number of Officers in Police Scotland".

<u>S6M-11143.1</u> Martin Whitfield: Business Programme—As an amendment to motion S6M-11143 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out—

"followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building a New Scotland: Migration to Scotland after Independence"

and insert-

"followed by Scottish Government Debate: Homeless Crisis in Cities and Rural Areas".

<u>S6M-11144</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 3 May 2024.

<u>S6M-11145</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Extension—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 23 February 2024.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

<u>S6M-11146</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Disability Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

<u>S6M-11147</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

<u>S6M-11148</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Justice and Social Security Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

<u>S6M-11149</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership— That the Parliament agrees that the following changes to committee membership will apply from close of business on Thursday 9 November 2023—

Evelyn Tweed be appointed as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Bob Doris be appointed as a member of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee; and

Ruth Maguire be appointed to replace Evelyn Tweed as a member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

<u>S6M-11150</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Office of the Clerk—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 December 2023.

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followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

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followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

S6M-10747 Gordon MacDonald: Contribution of the Scottish Convenience Store Sector— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital importance of the Scottish convenience sector; understands that there are 5,171 convenience stores in Scotland, providing over 49,000 local jobs, which includes 95% of staff employed on a permanent contract and 42% choosing to walk to work; commends the sector for the key services that local shops provide for communities the length and breadth of the country, such as those in the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency, including, it understands, 83% offering mobile phone top-ups, 76% offering bill payment services, 47% offering free-to-use ATMs, and 27% with Post Offices; welcomes the fact that many Scottish stores also now offer online and home delivery options for customers; notes that the vast majority of shops are open seven days a week, and, in some cases, are open 24 hours a day; understands that colleagues in the UK convenience sector worked a combined total of 12.1 million hours per week between 2022 and 2023; further understands that Scottish convenience retailers have invested £62 million in their stores over the last year, and that, at a UK level, the convenience sector contributed over £10.6 billion in gross value added (GVA) and over £9.1 billion in taxes over the same period, and congratulates the Scottish Grocers' Federation on promoting responsible community retailing among its membership, the sector generally on what it sees as its ability to thrive, and convenience stores on continuing to be, it believes, important local community assets.

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Committee Meetings

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 28th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its review of the evidence heard on future agriculture policy should be taken in private at its next meeting.
- 2. Future agriculture policy: The Committee will take evidence from—

Chris Brown, Sustainable Business Director, ASDA;

Sophie Throup, Technical and Sustainability Director, Manufacturing, Morrisons.

3. **Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Libby Anderson, Member, Scottish Animal Welfare Commission (SAWC);

Bob Elliot, Director, OneKind;

Glynn Evans, Head of Game and Wildlife Management, British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC);

Ross Ewing, Director of Moorland, Scottish Land and Estates;

Jessica Findlay, Moorland Licensing Project Manager, NatureScot;

Chief Superintendent Mike Flynn, Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA):

Conor Kelly, Gamekeeper, Scottish Gamekeepers Association;

Ross MacLeod, Head of Policy (Scotland), Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust;

Penny Middleton, Policy Manager, National Farmers Union Scotland;

and then from-

Iain Batho, Head of Wildlife and Environmental Crime Unit, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;

Susan Davies, Review Lead, Independent Taskforce on SSPCA Powers;

Ross Ewing, Director of Moorland, Scottish Land and Estates;

Chief Superintendent Mike Flynn, Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA);

Chief Inspector Kevin Kelly, National Wildlife Crime Unit;

Detective Sergeant David Lynn, National Wildlife Crime Coordinator, Police Scotland; Ian Thomson, Head of Investigations, RSPB Scotland.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 16th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

 Consideration of continued petitions: The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—

PE1958: Extend aftercare for previously looked after young people, and remove the continuing care age cap and will take evidence from

Natalie Don, Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise,

Sarah Corbett, Care Experience Policy Manager, and

Cara Cooper, Unit Head, A Good Childhood: Children and Young People;

PE1859: Retain falconers' rights to practice upland falconry in Scotland;

PE1867: Establish a new national qualification for British Sign Language (BSL);

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PE1913: Fast-track future Adult Disability Payment applications for people undergoing cancer treatment;

PE1918: Improve sex education in schools;

PE1934: Develop an educational resource on gender-based violence for all year groups in High School;

PE1939: Amend the date of birth to allow wider accessibility to the HPV vaccination programme for boys;

PE1969: Amend the law to fully decriminalise abortion in Scotland; and

PE1991: Develop an educational resource on abortion.

2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—PE2036: Write off student loan debts for paramedic students; and

PE2044: Recommit the £26 million pledged to colleges in the 2023/24 budget.

Criminal Justice Committee 29th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

 Pre-Budget Scrutiny: The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—

Teresa Medhurst, Chief Executive, and Gerry O'Donnell, Interim Director of Finance, Scottish Prison Service;

and then from-

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Catriona Dalrymple, Interim Director of Justice, and Donald McGillivray, Director of Safer Communities, Scottish Government.

 Subordinate legislation: The Committee will take evidence on the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2023 from—

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Heather Tully, Justice Reform Unit, Patrick Down, Criminal Law Practice and Licensing Unit, and Nicola Guild, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Angela Constance (Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs) to move—

S6M-10547—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2023 be approved.

- 4. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will take evidence on the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2023 from—Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Susan Black, Senior Policy Officer, Civil Law and Legal System Division, and Emma Thomson, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
- 5. **Subordinate legislation:** Angela Constance (Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs) to move—

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S6M-10537—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2023 be approved.

6. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Education, Children and Young People Committee 28th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

- Education Reform: The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Dr Janet Brown, Convenor, Education Committee, Royal Society of Edinburgh; Professor Gordon Stobart, Emeritus Professor of Education, Institute of Education, University College London;
 - Professor Walter Humes, Honorary Professor in the Faculty of Social Sciences, and Dr Marina Shapira, Associate Professor in Sociology, University of Stirling.
- 2. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
- 3. Work programme (in private): The Committee will consider its work programme.

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Thursday 9 November 2023

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-10788 Daniel Johnson: Increase in Youth Antisocial Behaviour

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

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followed by Scottish Government Debate: Fair Work in a Wellbeing Economy

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Communities: The Challenges and Opportunities in Delivering a Place-based Approach

followed by Business Motions

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Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm

Public Audit Committee 9 November 2023 28th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda item 3 in private.
- 2. **Adult mental health:** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from—
 Jo Anderson, Director of Influence and Change, Scottish Association for Mental Health;
 Paula Fraser, Acting Manager, Voices of Experience Scotland;

Peter Kelly, Director, The Poverty Alliance;

Dr Shari McDaid, Head of Policy and Public Affairs (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland), Mental Health Foundation;

Simon Porter, Project Director, Royal Edinburgh Hospital Patients Council (Representing Voices of Experience Scotland);

Meriem Timizar, Project Co-ordinator, International Women's Group (representing BEMIS);

Kirsten Urquhart, Chief Executive, Young Scot.

3. Adult mental health: The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lynn Russell at Lynn.Russell@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 9 November 2023 28th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** John Mason will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
- 3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument— <u>Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2023</u>
- 4. Kinship Care: The Committee will take evidence from—

Natalie Don, Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise, Dawn Abell, Unit Head: Caregivers, and Louisa Brown, Family Care Team Leader, Improving Lives for People with Care Experience, Scottish Government.

5. **Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Dr Lesley Rushton, Chair, Industrial Injuries Advisory Council;

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Dr Mark Simpson, Interim Co-Chair, Scottish Commission on Social Security.

- 6. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- 7. **Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Claire Menzies on 85219 or at claire.menzies@parliament.scot

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 9 November 2023 18th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- 2. **The Electoral Commission:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Dame Susan Bruce, Electoral Commissioner for Scotland, Shaun McNally, Chief Executive, Craig Westwood, Director of Communications, Policy and Research, and Andy O'Neill, Head, Electoral Commission, Scotland.
- 3. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
- 4. **Standing Order Rule Changes: Proxy Voting Pilot evaluation:** The Committee will consider findings from its consultation.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85176 or at catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 9 November 2023 30th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

National Outcomes: The Committee will take evidence from—
 Noé Cornago, Associate Professor of International Law and International Relations,
 Faculty of Social Sciences and Communication, University of the Basque Country;
 Professor Stéphane Paquin, National School of Public Administration, University of
 Québec.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at james.johnston@parliament.scot

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Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

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The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

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Motions for Debate

*S6M-11161 Neil Gray: Fair Work in a Wellbeing Economy—That the Parliament agrees that the position of the UK Government on trade union legislation, industrial relations and employment law works against the ambitions to make Scotland a fair work nation; recognises that the current approach of the UK Government contributes to lower productivity and higher inequality than is the case in countries comparable to Scotland, and calls, therefore, for the devolution of employment powers to the Scottish Parliament, as supported by the Scottish Trades Union Congress.

Supported by: Richard Lochhead*, Gillian Martin*, Lorna Slater*

S6M-11127 Siobhian Brown: CashBack for Communities—That the Parliament commends the CashBack for Communities programme, which is now in its 15th year and sixth phase; understands that the programme is unique to Scotland and reinvests money recovered under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002; acknowledges that the aims of the programme are diversion from antisocial behaviour, provision of positive activity, support for wellbeing, and building confidence and skills for young people; notes that, since its inception, the programme has committed £130 million to supporting around 1.3 million young people; understands that, over the next three years, phase six of the programme is expected to reach around 34,000 young people; welcomes and thanks the CashBack for Communities-funded partner organisations for their dedication, passion and hard work; recognises the opportunities and benefits that the programme brings to children, young people, families and communities, and applauds the achievements of the many thousands of CashBack for Communities participants.

Supported by: Angela Constance

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Serious Organised Crime strategy to ensure that tackling damaging, high-level criminality remains a key priority of the justice system."

*S6M-11127.1 Katy Clark: CashBack for Communities—As an amendment to motion S6M-11127 in the name of Siobhian Brown (CashBack for Communities), insert at end ", and recognises the importance of access to restorative justice practices, not only as a measure to prevent antisocial behaviour, but also as a tool for young people who are already involved in the criminal justice system."

Supported by: Pauline McNeill*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

- *S6M-11150 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Office of the Clerk—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 December 2023.
- *S6M-11149 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership
 —That the Parliament agrees that the following changes to committee membership will apply from close of business on Thursday 9 November 2023—

Evelyn Tweed be appointed as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

- Bob Doris be appointed as a member of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee; and Ruth Maguire be appointed to replace Evelyn Tweed as a member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.
- *S6M-11148 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Justice and Social Security Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.
- *S6M-11147 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.
- *S6M-11146 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Disability Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.
- *S6M-11145 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Extension—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 23 February 2024.
- *S6M-11144 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 3 May 2024.

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*S6M-11143 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 14 November 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building a New Scotland: Migration to Scotland after

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followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

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5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 November 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 16 November 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service Contract

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: Culture in Communities: The Challenges and Opportunities in Delivering a Place-based Approach

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

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Tuesday 21 November 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Female Participation in Sport and Physical Activity

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 November 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 November 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 13 November 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

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*S6M-11125 Michelle Thomson: Forth Valley College Wins Approved Trainer of the Year Award—That the Parliament congratulates Forth Valley College on winning the Approved Trainer of the Year award at the 11th Engineering Construction Industry and Development Awards; understands that the college won the award as a result of successful training initiatives, including the Oil and Gas Technical Apprenticeship programme, which has delivered an outstanding 100% transition rate into employment for participants of the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB) scholarship programme over the last 12 years; welcomes what is sees as the important and innovative work that is being undertaken at Forth Valley College to train and develop the next generation of Scotland's workforce through its programmes; congratulates Forth Valley College on its award, and wishes the staff at Forth Valley College success in their future delivery of such initiatives.

*S6M-11124 Keith Brown: Kingdom Housing Association and Clackmannanshire Council Recognised for Excellence in Development for Affordable Housing —That the Parliament congratulates Kingdom Housing Association and Clackmannanshire Council on their recent achievement in being awarded a prize for excellence in development for affordable housing at Primrose Place, Alloa, during the Scotland Housing Awards 2023; considers that Primrose Place has been an innovative development, which has received much recognition, particularly for its dementia-friendly colour scheme and signage, and recognises that the development and success of Primrose Place is a result of the collaboration between Kingdom Housing Association, Clackmannanshire Council, the Scottish Government, Architecture and Design Scotland, Bracewell Stirling Consulting, the University of Stirling and Campion Homes.

*S6M-11122 Michelle Thomson: Thomas Burns & Son of Bo'ness Wins at Scottish Craft Butchers Awards 2023—That the Parliament congratulates Thomas Burns & Son of Bo'ness on its success at the Scottish Craft Butchers Awards 2023; understands that the awards were held on 13 September 2023 at Forth Valley College's Stirling Campus, with 190 pies from throughout Scotland being tested for flavour, filling, appearance and appeal; recognises that the awards initially began in 1994 as the Make It With Meat Awards and that, despite their evolution, their ethos has remained to foster and encourage product innovation in Scotland's independent sector; notes that the awards are organised by the Scottish Craft Butchers (SCB) in co-operation with The Dalesman Group and John Scott Meat Ltd; understands that SCB is the consumer-facing branding for members of the Scottish Federation of Meat Traders Association (SFMTA); recognises that SFMTA is an organisation dedicated to representing and promoting the interests of Scottish butchers; notes that Thomas Burns & Son secured three diamond awards for its traditional steak pie, steak, haggis and peppercorn sauce pie, and Indian delights pie; understands that Thomas Burns & Son is a family business, now in its third generation after being originally established by Thomas Burns in 1954; congratulates Thomas Burns & Son on its three diamond awards, and wishes all staff of the establishment the best of luck in the future.

*S6M-11121 Colin Beattie: Visualise Scotland Receives a £9,453 Grant from the National Lottery Community Fund—That the Parliament congratulates Visualise Scotland on its successful receipt of a £9,453 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this funding will play a pivotal role in enhancing the kitchen space at its Musselburgh location, enabling more people living with disabilities to participate in cooking activities; thanks Visualise Scotland for its dedication to empowering individuals with disabilities at its operations in Edinburgh and East Lothian, and wishes Visualise Scotland good luck in having a positive impact on individuals and communities going forward.

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*S6M-11120 Colin Beattie: Mayfield and Easthouses Youth 2000 Project (Y2K) Receives National Lottery Community Funding—That the Parliament congratulates Mayfield and Easthouses Youth 2000 project (Y2K) on its successful receipt of a £9,779 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that Y2K will use the grant support up to 100 children aged between 11 and 13 in their transition from primary to secondary school; recognises what it sees as the valuable work carried out by Y2K in supporting and encouraging young people in Mayfield and Easthouses to be healthy and happy individuals through delivery of its holistic, youth-led services; thanks Y2K for its hard work and dedication, and wishes it well in its continuing good work.

*S6M-11119 Roz McCall: Rosyth Indian Restaurant Receives Prestigious Award at the SPICE Curry Event 2023—That the Parliament celebrates Rosyth restaurant, Taste of India, which has been served a prestigious award at the SPICE Curry Event 2023; notes that Taste of India received the title of Best Family Friendly Restaurant 2023 at the awards, which, it understands, took place in Glasgow on the week commencing 30 October 2023; understands that this family business received the award for its continually exceptional service and fantastic cuisine, and wishes the team at Taste of India all the very best for the future.

*S6M-11118 Roz McCall: People of Dunfermline Participate in Remembrance Events —That the Parliament recognises that this Remembrance Day, there will be numerous services taking place across Dunfermline; notes that The Abbey Church of Dunfermline will be hosting a moment of remembrance on 11 November 2023 at 10.55 am; understands that there is also an Act of Remembrance taking place at Dunfermline's First World War Memorial on Monastery Street on 12 November at 10.55 am; acknowledges that Inverkeithing will have its Remembrance Day service in Inverkeithing Parish Church on 12 November at 10.45 am; further acknowledges what it sees as the robust spirit of remembrance that runs through Dunfermline, and thanks all the brave soldiers in His Majesty's Armed Forces for what it sees as their brave service.

*S6M-11117 Finlay Carson: Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Named in National Geographic's "The Cool List 2024"—That the Parliament welcomes the inclusion of Galloway and Southern Ayrshire in the recently published *The Cool List 2024: the 30 most exciting destinations to visit in 2024* by *National Geographic*; notes that *National Geographic* is listing this area, cited as being "Scotland's first UNESCO biosphere reserve", and the biosphere's recent extension, which has taken its area from 2,034 sq miles to 3,780 sq miles; recognises those who work to support the biosphere and its programmes; welcomes what it sees as the potential benefits that this listing will bring to the area's tourist industry, and notes *National Geographic*'s citing of the "richness of landscapes" as one of the attractions of south-west Scotland for travellers.

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*S6M-11116 Christine Grahame: Congratulating Libby Anderson on Receiving the Lord Houghton Award 2023 for Services to Animal Welfare—That the Parliament congratulates Libby Anderson on receiving the Lord Houghton Award 2023 for services to animal welfare; understands that the Lord Houghton Award commemorates Lord Houghton of Sowerby, who lived from 1898 to 1996 and was a strong champion of animal welfare; notes that Libby worked for the Scottish SPCA from 1994 to 2004 and, after that, as a consultant for animal protection groups and Scottish local authorities; further notes that, from 2015 to 2020, Libby was the OneKind policy adviser, and was previously its policy director from 2006 to 2015; understands that she was involved in founding the Cross Party Group on Animal Welfare in the Scottish Parliament and

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acted as its secretary for several years, and that she is currently the secretary of the Wild Animal Welfare Committee, a member of the Scottish steering group of the UK Centre for Animal Law (ALAW), and a member of the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission; reflects that Libby has engaged with fellow stakeholders, officials and decision makers on legislation such as the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006, Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 and Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Act 2018, and believes that Libby has had a hugely positive influence in making lives better for animals in Scotland, and that she richly deserves the esteemed Lord Houghton Award in recognition of her immense contribution to animal welfare.

*S6M-11115 Liz Smith: Perthshire's Sam Watkins Wins at Jerome Indie Film & Music Festival—That the Parliament sends its warmest congratulations to Sam Watkins, who won the best music short documentary at the ninth Jerome Indie Film and Music Festival in Arizona; understands that the Perthshire-raised filmmaker, from Madderty, took the award with the film, *The Vanishing Strings of the Andes*, which has been selected for seven film festivals across the globe; notes that the documentary explores the work of Ecuadorian luthiers and the difficulties that they face to preserve their craft in light of growing threats of cheap, low-quality and mass-produced guitars from abroad, and wishes the rising global filmmaking star the best of success for his future projects.

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*S6M-11113 Paul Sweeney: Glasgow Airport Trials UK's First Medical Distribution Network by Drone—That the Parliament congratulates Project CAELUS, led by AGS Airports, on successfully conducting live flight trials between Glasgow Airport and NHS Golden Jubilee, moving one step closer to delivering the UK's first national medical distribution networks using drones, and commends the 16-strong consortium, including NHS Scotland and the University of Strathclyde, for developing a technology that will be able to transport essential medicines and medical supplies to rural and remote communities across Scotland.

*S6M-11112 David Torrance: Fife Man Launches Lego Appeal to Bring Joy to Less Fortunate Families—That the Parliament applauds Fifer, Jamie Anderson, who is a pharmacy technician at Kirkcaldy's Victoria Hospital, after he has launched a Lego appeal to bring joy to less fortunate families; understands that Jamie is a keen collector of Lego sets, and that, after receiving a number of free sets with his orders, he decided to share the joy he gets from them with those less fortunate; further understands that Jamie kicked off the collection earlier in 2023 and that it has now grown to 113 sets; believes that he had originally looked at distributing them through local schools in the local area, before pivoting to charities; commends Jamie for showing amazing community spirit, and wishes him all the very best for the future and any other good deeds he undertakes.

*S6M-11111 David Torrance: £16,000 Funding to Build New Winter Tees at Kirkcaldy Golf Course—That the Parliament congratulates Kirkcaldy's Dunnikier Park golf course on being awarded a £16,000 investment from the local area committee to improve security and build 18 new winter tees; understands that the "park golf" course is a six-hole game that provides a route into the sport for beginners of any age, and also caters to players wanting a shorter game; further understands that the course was jointly funded by Fife Council, Scottish Golf and Dunnikier Golf Club to operate as a community development course and as a practice area, becoming very

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popular in the local community; believes that the course has even allowed Dunnikier to become an active partner with local primary schools, care homes, Active Schools Fife, and more, with more than 240 local primary school students attending between April and the end of June 2023; understands that it also hosted the Park Golf Care Home League, with the last event in August 2023 being attended by eight teams of seniors from four care homes in Fife; further understands that the club has also partnered with Scottish Golf to launch a programme exclusively designed to attract girls into golf, and wishes the club success in its endeavours and all the best for its members and staff.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*

*S6M-11110 David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Nine-year-old Walks Fife Coastal Path to Help Fife Heritage Railway—That the Parliament applauds nine-year-old Finlay Black after he undertook a sponsored walk from Seafield in Kirkcaldy to Burntisland on the Fife Coastal Path to raise money for Fife Heritage Railway; understands that Finlay, a pupil at Capshard Primary, is a keen railway enthusiast and a regular attender at the running days held at Fife Heritage Railway in Leven; further understands that, after raising £205 for the heritage railway, Finlay was gifted a t-shirt and baseball cap, as well as honorary membership of the group; commends Finlay for his determination in raising funds for the heritage railway, and wishes him all the best for the future.

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*S6M-11109 Paul Sweeney: Vanilla Ink CIC Runs First Ever British Sign Language Jewellery Making Class—That the Parliament celebrates Scotland's biggest jewellery school, Vanilla Ink CIC, for running the first ever British Sign Language (BSL) jewellery making class; understands that the classes are aimed at the local deaf community and beyond, and provide an opportunity for all to take part in creative skills; believes that disability should not be a barrier to learning and that jewellery making is for all; thanks staff at Vanilla Ink CIC for their initiative and contributions to the Scottish creative industry, and wishes them all the best for the future.

*S6M-11096 Michelle Thomson: Congratulating Hubert Przychodzen's Success at Scotland's Cycling Champion of the Year Awards—That the Parliament congratulates Hubert Przychodzen, of Falkirk Junior Bike Club (FJBC), on winning the Young Champion of the Year award at Scotland's Cycling Champion of the Year Awards 2023; understands that these awards are now in their seventh year and are organised in partnership by Cycling Scotland, Sustrans, Cycling UK and Scottish Cycling to recognise those who are significantly supporting cycling across Scotland; believes that Hubert has made an outstanding and inspirational contribution in his role as a volunteer coach at FJBC and, at 17 years of age, is one of the youngest qualified cycle coaches in the country; understands that Hubert is part of a team of dedicated young coaches at FJBC who deliver cycling programmes to youngsters aged four to 16 across the Falkirk area; commends FJBC for what it sees as its inclusive, community focused approach to cycling, and for offering a wide variety of opportunities to ensure that participation in cycling, whether for leisure, sport or active travel, is promoted to all young people regardless of any barriers that they may face; congratulates Hubert Przychodzen on his outstanding achievement in obtaining the Young Champion of the Year award, and wishes him and FJBC all the best for the future.

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*S6M-11095 Audrey Nicoll: Converge RBS Female Entrepreneurship Award—That the Parliament congratulates Laura Ripley, of the Aberdeen South and North Kincardine constituency, on winning the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) Female Entrepreneurship Award at the Converge

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Awards; commends the other finalists on their nominations; recognises that Laura is studying an open degree with the Open University in Scotland; understands that Laura's business, Northern Frights, is a horror and fantasy events company that uses props, special effects and skilled actors to create immersive and thrilling events in the North of Scotland; further understands that the judges all agreed that "Laura's resilience and determination to cut through to a largely male dominated niche sector with an ambitious scalable business model showed real entrepreneurial spirit"; notes that Laura's prize includes £10,000 to develop her business, plus a mentoring session with a senior RBS executive, and wishes Laura and all the other finalists all the very best for the future.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

<u>S6M-11172</u> Shirley-Anne Somerville: Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] (lodged on 07 November 2023)

New Support: Patrick Harvie*, Paul McLennan*, Emma Roddick*

<u>S6M-11114</u> Stuart McMillan: Children's Grief Awareness Week 2023 (lodged on 06 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Beatrice Wishart*, Brian Whittle*

<u>S6M-11107</u> Pam Gosal: Clydebank FC 2011 Reds Receives £598 Grant from Asda Foundation (lodged on 06 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Annie Wells*, Craig Hoy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Russell Findlay*, Sharon Dowey*, Brian Whittle*, Donald Cameron*

<u>S6M-11106</u> Fulton MacGregor: Allan Logan's Incredible Fundraising Efforts for Royal Hospital for Children (formerly Yorkhill Hospital) (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Kenneth Gibson*

<u>S6M-11105</u> Fergus Ewing: Congratulating The Inverness Courier on Winning the News Media Association's "Making a Difference Award" for its "Dual the A9" Campaign (lodged on 06 November 2023)

New Support: David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Colin Beattie*, Christine Grahame*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kate Forbes*, Audrey Nicoll*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Edward Mountain*, Kenneth Gibson*, Donald Cameron*

<u>S6M-11104</u> Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Aberdeen's Goan Community (lodged on 06 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Maggie Chapman*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*

S6M-11103 Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Four Pillars (lodged on 06 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Annabelle Ewing*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Maggie Chapman*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*

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<u>S6M-11102</u> Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Citymoves Dance Agency (lodged on 06 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Annabelle Ewing*, Maggie Chapman*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*

<u>S6M-11101</u> Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Aberdeen Multicultural Centre (lodged on 06 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Maggie Chapman*, Bill Kidd*

<u>S6M-11100</u> Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Aberdeen Cyrenians (lodged on 06 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Maggie Chapman*

<u>S6M-11099</u> Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Grampian Regional Equality Council (lodged on 06 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Audrey Nicoll*, Rona Mackay*, Emma Harper*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Stuart McMillan*, Christine Grahame*, Maggie Chapman*

<u>S6M-11094</u> Monica Lennon: Asda Foundation Grants for Local Projects in Central Scotland (lodged on 06 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-11093</u> Pam Gosal: Clydebank Asda Foundation Grant of £600 to Isaro Community Initiative (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-11092</u> Pam Gosal: Clydebank Asda Foundation Provides £400 Grant to Dalmuir Out of School Care Group (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-11089 Ash Regan: Sort the School Debt Campaign (lodged on 06 November 2023)

New Support: Monica Lennon*

<u>S6M-11088</u> Pam Gosal: Gareloch Riding for the Disabled Association Receives £500 Asda Foundation Grant (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-11087</u> Pam Gosal: Bearsden Asda Foundation Grant for Milngavie and Bearsden Men's **Shed** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-11086</u> Finlay Carson: Palnure Farm Wins Dairy Farm of the Year at Scottish Agriculture Awards (lodged on 06 November 2023)

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New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Annie Wells*, Sharon Dowey*, Brian Whittle*, Donald Cameron* **R**

<u>S6M-11085</u> Finlay Carson: Heather Wildman Awarded Adviser of the Year at Scottish Agriculture Awards (lodged on 06 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Annie Wells*, Sharon Dowey*, Brian Whittle*, Donald Cameron* **R**

<u>S6M-11084</u> Annabelle Ewing: Fife Council Awarded Bronze Accreditation in Equally Safe at Work Programme (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-11083</u> Annabelle Ewing: Building Merchant Journal Award for Lochgelly Business (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-11082</u> Annabelle Ewing: Elize Bauld Recognised as World Number One (lodged on 06 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-11081</u> Annabelle Ewing: Best Family Friendly Restaurant 2023 (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-11080</u> Annabelle Ewing: Fife's Best Funeral Directors (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-11079</u> Annabelle Ewing: Fife Laundry Services Ltd Named Best Cleaning Business in Scotland 2023 (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-11078</u> Annabelle Ewing: My Cowdenbeath CIC Volunteer Day 2023 (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-11077</u> Annabelle Ewing: Andrew Kirk Butchers' Success at Scottish Craft Butchers Awards 2023 (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-11076</u> Pam Gosal: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence (lodged on 06 November 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-11074</u> Rachael Hamilton: Celebrating the Scottish Borders Inspire Awards (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

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<u>S6M-11073</u> Ben Macpherson: Enhancing Scottish Football (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-11072</u> Rachael Hamilton: Borders Butcher Awarded for Best Steak Pies in South East Scotland (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Pam Gosal*, Colin Beattie*, Annie Wells*, Edward Mountain*, Jeremy Balfour*, Craig Hoy*, Stuart McMillan*, Russell Findlay*, Jamie Greene*, Sharon Dowey*, Brian Whittle*, Donald Cameron*

<u>S6M-11071</u> Rachael Hamilton: Borderer Appointed to Prestigious Rotary Position (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Donald Cameron*, Russell Findlay*, Alexander Stewart*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Bill Kidd*

<u>S6M-11070</u> Rachael Hamilton: NHS Borders Staff Shortlisted for Top Health Awards (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Sharon Dowey*, Brian Whittle*, Donald Cameron*

<u>S6M-11069</u> Monica Lennon: World COPD Awareness Day 2023 (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba*

S6M-11068 Jackie Dunbar: Fersands and Fountain SCIO Wins Small Organisation of the Year at the Celebrate Aberdeen Awards 2023 (lodged on 06 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*

<u>S6M-11067</u> Sue Webber: £118 Million Al Skills Package from UK Government (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

<u>S6M-11065</u> Sue Webber: West Lothian Wheelchair Basketball Coach Nominated for Community Coach of the Year for Children and Young People (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

<u>S6M-11059</u> Jeremy Balfour: Handicabs (Lothian) 41st Birthday (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

<u>S6M-11058</u> Murdo Fraser: Scone Musician Wins Award at the World Solo Drumming Championships (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

<u>S6M-11057</u> Beatrice Wishart: Social Enterprise Awards Scotland 2023 (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Jackie Baillie*

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<u>S6M-11052</u> John Swinney: Congratulating Perthshire Butchers on Their Success at the Scottish Craft Butcher Awards (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-11050</u> Sue Webber: Broxburn Academy Debaters Win the Donald Dewar Memorial **Debating Tournament 2023** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

<u>S6M-11041</u> Liam Kerr: Former Mackie Academy Pupil, University of Strathclyde Graduate and UK Executive Director to the IMF Awarded CB in the King's Birthday Honours List (lodged on 06 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Douglas Ross*, Pam Gosal*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sharon Dowey*, Brian Whittle*, Donald Cameron*

S6M-11031 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen's Bairns' Hoose (lodged on 01 November 2023)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba*

<u>S6M-11029</u> Finlay Carson: Welcoming the Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Kate Forbes*

<u>S6M-11028</u> Finlay Carson: Farmer, Ken Fletcher, Receives Lifetime Achievement Honour (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron* R

<u>S6M-11020</u> Liam Kerr: East Haven Together is Joint Winner at Prestigious Britain in Bloom Competition (lodged on 01 November 2023)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Annie Wells*, Brian Whittle*, Donald Cameron*

<u>S6M-11014</u> Rachael Hamilton: Borders Older People's Campaigner Wins National Award (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

S6M-11011 Pam Gosal: Celebrating Diwali 2023 (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

<u>S6M-11010</u> Alexander Stewart: Stirling-born First World War Soldier Laid to Rest with Comrades (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-11009</u> Liam Kerr: The Ploughman Restaurant and Sports Bar in Peterculter Wins TripAdvisor Traveller's Choice Award 2023 (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-11004</u> Claire Baker: Recognising Fife College Principal Degree Scholarship Awards (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

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<u>S6M-10998</u> Clare Adamson: Clyde Valley High School's Fundraising Efforts (lodged on 27 October 2023)

New Support: Stephanie Callaghan*

<u>S6M-10991</u> Rachael Hamilton: Centenary of Borders' "Voice of Rugby", Bill McLaren (lodged on 27 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-10989</u> Maggie Chapman: Launch of the FBU's Firestorm Report (lodged on 26 October 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

<u>S6M-10974</u> Annie Wells: Leading Builder Sponsors Glasgow Team's Kit (lodged on 26 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

S6M-10973 Jeremy Balfour: Commending LifeCare Edinburgh (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

S6M-10969 Jackie Baillie: No Life Half Lived (lodged on 26 October 2023)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba*

S6M-10965 Roz McCall: World Arthritis Day, Spotlight on Fife (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

S6M-10962 Rachael Hamilton: Celebrating Rural Success (lodged on 25 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-10961</u> Kaukab Stewart: 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (lodged on 26 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, Annabelle Ewing*, Clare Haughey*, Audrey Nicoll*, Willie Coffey*, Bob Doris*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Kenneth Gibson*, Maggie Chapman*

<u>S6M-10959</u> Alexander Stewart: Asda Alloa Awards for Play Alloa and Forth Valley Men's **Shed** (lodged on 25 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

S6M-10955 Roz McCall: Care Experienced Week 2023 (lodged on 25 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*, Alex Rowley*

<u>S6M-10947</u> Sandesh Gulhane: Lung Cancer Awareness Month 2023 (lodged on 25 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*, Alex Rowley*

<u>S6M-10946</u> Annie Wells: Railway Children Scheme Arrives at Glasgow Central (lodged on 25 October 2023)

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New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-10943</u> Pam Gosal: Bearsden Resident, Mrs Pritam Kaur Purewal, Turns 100 Years Old (lodged on 25 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-10936</u> Pam Gosal: Islamophobia Awareness Month 2023, #MuslimStories (lodged on 24 October 2023)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba*

<u>S6M-10934</u> Jeremy Balfour: Marie Curie Services in Edinburgh and Lothian (lodged on 24 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-10933</u> Roz McCall: Culross Set to Feature in the BBC's "Villages by the Sea" Next **Month** (lodged on 24 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-10930</u> Finlay Carson: Scots Curator Richard Attempts to Save Vietnam's Unique Plant Life (lodged on 24 October 2023)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba*, Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-10928</u> Finlay Carson: New Galloway Town Hall Reopens Following £450,000 Renovation (lodged on 24 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-10927</u> Finlay Carson: Speech and Language Therapist Claire Aims for Top Health Award (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-10926</u> Finlay Carson: Dr Ranjit Thomas and His Team Nominated at Prestigious Health Awards (lodged on 24 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-10925</u> Finlay Carson: Retiring on a High After 45 Years' Commitment to Dumfries and Galloway Fire Service (lodged on 24 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-10924</u> Finlay Carson: St John Scotland (Dumfries) Patient Transport Celebrates 25 Years (lodged on 24 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-10923</u> Annie Wells: Hundreds to Perform in Concert to Raise Money for Alzheimer Scotland (lodged on 23 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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<u>S6M-10921</u> Finlay Carson: Diaego Launch Scotch Whisky Regenerative Agriculture **Programme** (lodged on 23 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

S6M-10911 Kevin Stewart: Gambling Harm (lodged on 23 October 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

<u>S6M-10907</u> Marie McNair: Scottish Trades Union Congress St Andrew's Day Rally Against Racism and Fascism (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

<u>S6M-10874</u> Richard Leonard: The Fire Brigades Union Firestorm Report (lodged on 25 October 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

<u>S6M-10871</u> Foysol Choudhury: Congratulating Scotland's National Men's Football Team on Qualifying for Euro 2024 (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

<u>S6M-10847</u> Sue Webber: Artistic Gymnastics Duo from West Lothian's Medal Success at the Artistic Disability British Championships (lodged on 24 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-10835</u> Finlay Carson: Kitchen Coos and Ewes Wins Thistle Award for Best Outdoor Experience (lodged on 24 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-10834</u> Finlay Carson: The Beagle Country Pub and Barden Holiday Lodges Wins Thistle Award (lodged on 24 October 2023)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-10822</u> Maggie Chapman: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (lodged on 12 October 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

<u>S6M-10812</u> Fulton MacGregor: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2023 (lodged on 11 October 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

<u>S6M-10803</u> Kevin Stewart: LGBT Health and Wellbeing Fit for Purpose Report (lodged on 10 October 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

<u>S6M-10788</u> Daniel Johnson: Increase in Youth Antisocial Behaviour (lodged on 09 October 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

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<u>S6M-10774</u> David Torrance: Kingdom FM Celebrates 25 Years of Broadcasting (lodged on 05 October 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

S6M-10762 Claire Baker: 25 Years of Kingdom FM (lodged on 05 October 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

<u>S6M-10747</u> Gordon MacDonald: Contribution of the Scottish Convenience Store Sector

(lodged on 04 October 2023)

New Support: Willie Coffey*

S6M-10728 Sandesh Gulhane: World Mental Health Day 2023 (lodged on 03 October 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

S6M-10700 Sarah Boyack: Planning Aid Scotland's 30th Anniversary (lodged on 03 October

2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

<u>S6M-10614</u> Tess White: Recognising Ward 4, Ninewells Hospital (lodged on 26 September

2023)

New Support: Beatrice Wishart*

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Written Questions

Questions in which a member has indicated a declarable interest are marked with an "R".

Written questions lodged on 07 November 2023

<u>S6W-22628</u> Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government how many households (a)(i) were eligible for and (ii) received support in each year of phase one and (b)(1) are eligible for and (2) will receive support in each year of phase two, of the Warmer Homes Scotland scheme.

<u>S6W-22679</u> Roz McCall: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the June 2022 publication, Equalities & Wellbeing in Manufacturing Working Group: Recommendations Report, whether it has considered any potential benefits of streamlining mental health and wellbeing resources to ensure that employers within the manufacturing sector can find the right information at the right time to support employees.

<u>S6W-22680</u> Roz McCall: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on implementing the recommendations in the June 2022 publication, *Equalities & Wellbeing in Manufacturing Working Group: Recommendations Report.*

<u>S6W-22681</u> Roz McCall: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the June 2022 publication, Equalities & Wellbeing in Manufacturing Working Group: Recommendations Report, how it plans to identify, and work with stakeholders to determine, the best means to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to develop their own inclusivity and flexible working policies.

<u>S6W-22682</u> **Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what 10 breeds, or types, of dog have most often been the subject of Dog Control Notices in each year since 2018.

<u>S6W-22723</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-21484 by Graeme Dey on 3 October 2023, whether it plans to exercise its convening power to assist employers and trade unions to work together to improve industrial relations in the college sector; if so, when it plans to do so, and what the reasons are for its position on this matter.

<u>S6W-22724</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-21483 by Graeme Dey on 3 October 2023, when it expects to conclude its consideration of options, and (a) in what form and (b) when it will publish its conclusions.

<u>S6W-22725</u> Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how many disciplinary cases have been brought forward against Scottish Government employees as a result of any failure to ensure that the records for which they are responsible are complete and accurate.

<u>S6W-22726</u> **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government how many disciplinary cases have been brought forward against Scottish Government employees as a result of any failure to ensure that records are maintained and disposed of in accordance with its records management principles.

<u>S6W-22727</u> **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government how regularly its Knowledge and Information Management Branch reviews its (a) Records Management Plan and (b) mobile messaging policy.

<u>S6W-22728</u> Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government when its Knowledge and Information Management Branch is next set to review its (a) Records Management Plan and (b) mobile messaging policy.

<u>S6W-22729</u> **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish details of the number of (a) WhatsApp messages, (b) SMS messages, (c) Microsoft Teams messages and (d) telephone transcripts relating to the COVID-19 pandemic response that have been recorded and retained as part of its (i) Records Management Plan and (ii) mobile messaging policy.

<u>S6W-22734</u> Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish details of the number of records relating to the former First Minister's COVID-19 pandemic management that

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have been recorded and retained as part of its Records Management Plan and mobile messaging policy, broken down by the medium through which any recorded messages were communicated.

<u>S6W-22735</u> Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish details of the number of records relating to the former Deputy First Minister's COVID-19 pandemic management that have been recorded and retained as part of its Records Management Plan and mobile messaging policy, broken down by the medium through which any recorded messages were communicated.

<u>S6W-22736</u> Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government what the results were of its summer investigation into Highly Protected Marine Areas, and when it will publish its findings in full.

<u>S6W-22737</u> **Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government what targeted communications are being used to encourage more people with weakened immune systems to get their COVID-19 winter booster vaccination.

<u>S6W-22738</u> **Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its guidance for people with weakened immune systems regarding the COVID-19 winter booster vaccination has been adapted from previous vaccine programmes to reflect any benefit of repeat vaccines for at-risk groups.

<u>S6W-22740</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many additional pupils have accessed free school breakfasts since the beginning of the current parliamentary session.

<u>S6W-22741</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many probationer teachers have not completed their probationary year in each year since 2016.

<u>S6W-22742</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on introducing free school breakfasts for all primary school pupils.

<u>S6W-22743</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government by what date it will fully implement the provision of free school breakfasts for all primary school pupils.

<u>S6W-22744</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what funding it has committed for the introduction of free school breakfasts for all primary school pupils.

<u>S6W-22745</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what it estimates the infrastructure cost will be for the implementation of free school breakfasts for all primary school pupils, and which body will be responsible for meeting any such cost.

<u>S6W-22746</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what it estimates the ongoing annual cost of providing free school breakfasts for all primary school pupils will be.

<u>S6W-22747</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government by what date work on introducing free school breakfasts for all primary school pupils must begin for the scheme to be introduced before the end of the current parliamentary session.

<u>S6W-22748</u> Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-06439 by Shona Robison on 10 March 2022, what the current status is of its work on adopting a formal definition of Islamophobia; whether it will commit to adopting the All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims' definition of Islamophobia, and, if so, within what timeframe.

<u>S6W-22749</u> **Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent assessment it has made of the adequacy of support and services available for people with foetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

<u>S6W-22750</u> **Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to tackle the reportedly significant lack of (a) resources, (b) specialist schools and (c) support for children and young people with additional support needs, and to ensure that any inequalities do not widen.

<u>S6W-22751</u> **Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider a collaborative approach with its counterparts across the UK to increase knowledge and awareness of foetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

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<u>S6W-22752</u> **Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is considering to better support parents and families facing foetal alcohol spectrum disorder during pregnancy and early years.

<u>S6W-22753</u> **Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the announcement of NHS Scotland's menopause and menstrual health workplace policy, what action it is taking with stakeholders across the (a) public, (b) private and (c) third sector to improve employers' awareness of menopause and menstrual health.

<u>S6W-22754</u> **Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of the delayed discharge and hospital occupancy action plan, in light of reports that the number of patients waiting at least 24 hours in A&E is 200 times higher in 2023 than before the COVID-19 pandemic.

<u>S6W-22755</u> **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the 16-25 Railcard cannot be used before 10.00 am, and whether there are any plans to remove this time restriction.

<u>S6W-22756</u> **John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it will publish its research, conducted by Rocket Science, into vigils and protests that take place outside of hospitals and clinics offering abortion services.

<u>S6W-22759</u> Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how many dedicated mental health staff have been recruited to work in (a) prisons and (b) custody suites in each quarter of 2023 to date.

<u>S6W-22760</u> Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many and (b) what percentage of prisons currently have full-time access to dedicated mental health professionals, in line with Action 15 of the Mental Health Strategy 2017-2027.

<u>S6W-22761</u> Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many and (b) what percentage of police custody suites currently have full-time access to dedicated mental health professionals, in line with Action 15 of the Mental Health Strategy 2017-2027.

<u>S6W-22762</u> Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government which prisons do not currently have full-time access to dedicated mental health professionals.

<u>S6W-22763</u> Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government which police custody suites do not currently have full-time access to dedicated mental health professionals.

<u>S6W-22765</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on how much has been paid by registered social landlords in fees to consultants appointed under the direction of the Scottish Housing Regulator in each of the last 10 years.

<u>S6W-22766</u> **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the *Afghanistan opium survey 2023,* by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, which reports that cultivation and production of opium has dropped by 95% in Afghanistan over the last year, and what assessment it has made of any implications of this for opiate supply in Scotland, including in particular any risks of increased domestic production or import of fentanyl or other synthetic opioids.

<u>S6W-22767</u> Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how many FTE dedicated mental health staff have there been operating in (a) prisons and (b) police custody suites in each quarter of the last three years.

<u>S6W-22768</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-15260 by Humza Yousaf on 7 March 2023, whether it will provide an update on which precision medicines and treatments have been accepted by the Scottish Medicines Consortium for use by NHS Scotland where the companion diagnostic test is not currently offered by NHS Scotland laboratories.

<u>S6W-22769</u> **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-15263 by Humza Yousaf on 7 March 2023, what steps it is taking to implement an "improved

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streamlined process for the implementation of new genetic tests linked to a Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) approved medicines".

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New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 7 November 2023

Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend section 2 of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018 to repeal the definition of "woman".

Introduced by: Shirley-Anne Somerville

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 37-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 37-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 37-PM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 37-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

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New amendments to Bills lodged on 7 November 2023

Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 7

Jeremy Balfour

46 In section 7, page 3, leave out line 28

After section 17

Jeremy Balfour

47 After section 17, insert—

<Sale of property

Charitable trusts: sale of property

For the avoidance of doubt, the trustees of a charitable trust are not under a duty to achieve best value when selling trust property where—

- (a) the property being sold is heritable property, and
- (b) the purchaser is a charitable trust.>

After section 72

Jeremy Balfour

48 After section 72, insert—

<Application to court by survivor for provision on intestacy</p>

In section 29(6) of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006 (Application to court by survivor for provision on intestacy), for "6" substitute "12".>

Section 74

Jeremy Balfour

49 In section 74, page 42, line 26, leave out < and 69> and insert <, 69 and (*Determination of capacity*)>

Before section 75

Jeremy Balfour

50 Before section 75, insert—

< Determination of capacity

(1) For the purposes of sections 2(1), 12(2)(b), 40(1), 50(1)(b) and (3), and 76(b)(iii) and (iv) a

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person is capable unless the court determines that they are not.

(2) A determination under subsection (1) may be made on application to the court by a person seeking to rely on the provisions of a section specified in subsection (1).>

Section 75

Jeremy Balfour

51 Leave out section 75 and insert—

<Persons who are incapable

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, the Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision as to the meaning of incapable.
- (2) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

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Subject to the draft affirmative procedure

The following draft instrument was laid before Parliament on 7 November 2023 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2023/Draft) Laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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Proposals for Members' Bills

A member seeking to introduce a Member's Bill must first lodge a draft proposal, together with a consultation document (or a statement of reasons why consultation is not considered necessary). Subsequently, the member may lodge a final proposal, in broadly similar terms to the draft, accompanied by a summary of consultation responses (or the statement of reasons). The member secures the right to introduce a Bill to give effect to the proposal if the final proposal secures, within one month, the support of at least 18 other members from at least half the political parties or groups represented in the Parliamentary Bureau, and provided no statement is made that the Scottish Government is planning equivalent legislation.

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at Proposals for Members' Bills/Session 6 Proposals:

Proposals for Bills - Scottish Parliament | Scottish Parliament Website

New or Reprinted Draft Proposal

Monica Lennon: Proposed Ecocide (Prevention) (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to protect the environment in Scotland and deter environmental damage by introducing the crime of ecocide into Scots law. (lodged 7 November 2023).

A consultation document, lodged with the proposal, may be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) or on the website page referred to above. The consultation period runs from 8 November 2023 to 9 February 2024.

Final Proposal for Member's Bills

Sarah Boyack: Proposed Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to ensure policy development and implementation by public bodies is in line with principles of sustainable development and wellbeing by introducing a duty for public bodies to promote these principles and establishing a Commissioner for sustainable development and wellbeing (lodged 7 November 2023)

The proposal was accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which is accessible online via the website page referred to above. The summary, and individual responses, may also be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe).

Supported by: Monica Lennon*, Foysol Choudhury*, Rhoda Grant*, Jackie Baillie*, Colin Smyth*, Martin Whitfield*

Progress of Legislation

A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the Scottish Parliament website at:

https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills

For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

A Hybrid Bill is subject to the same rules except in the case of Stage 2 where amendments for consideration may be lodged no earlier than the completion of any consideration of evidence at Stage 2.

Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 7 November 2023

Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 1 November 2023

Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 25 October 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (45th Report, 2023)

Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)), 6 December 2023

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 29 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 7 November 2023 Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 7 November 2023 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (64th Report, 2023) Today's Business Gnothaichean an-diugh Future Business Gnothaichean ri teachd Motions & Questions Gluasadan agus Ceistean

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Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (5th Report, 2023)

European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 23 March 2021

Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

Following an Order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 made by the Secretary of State for Scotland, this Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its current form.

Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 7 November 2023

Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 7 November 2023

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 7 November 2023

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 26 September 2023

Report – Criminal Justice Committee (letter to lead committee, 10 February 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13th Report, 2023)

Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (11th Report, 2022)

Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill (G)

Royal Assent, 7 November 2023

Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 20 September 2023

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 7 November 2023

Stage 1 (evidence (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)), 7 November 2023

Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 9 November 2023

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 7 November 2023

Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), 9 November 2023

Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 14 November 2023

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 8 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team (<u>legislationteam@parliament.scot</u>)

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Reconsideration Stage (evidence (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)), 7 November 2023

Motion to proceed with Reconsideration Stage agreed, 14 September 2023

Amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 1 November 2023 Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 October 2023

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 7 November 2023 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (61st Report, 2023)

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 25 October 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (65th Report, 2023)

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 8 November 2023 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (40th Report, 2023)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:

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Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-36a

Lodged on 14 September 2023

Lead committee - Economy and Fair Work

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (57th Report, 2023)

Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill LCM-S6-38

Lodged on 19 July 2023

Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 25 October 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (58th Report, 2023)

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15

Lodged on 7 February 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 5 November 2023

<u>Disability Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft)</u> (11 September 2023) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 13 November 2023

Mental Health (National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service: Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) (19 September 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) (19 September 2023) (Criminal Justice Committee)

<u>Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023 (SI 2023/Draft)</u> (19 September 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 14 November 2023

<u>Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft)</u> (20 September 2023) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 19 November 2023

<u>Heat Networks (Supply Targets) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft)</u> (25 September 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 22 November 2023

Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) (28 September 2023) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval by 26 November 2023

Parking Prohibitions (Enforcement and Accounts) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) (2 October 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 1 December 2023

<u>Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes Order 2023 (SI 2023/Draft)</u> (16 October 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) (18 October 2023) (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture)

<u>Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft)</u> (23 October) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 8 December 2023

Colleges of Further Education and Regional Strategic Bodies (Membership of Boards) (Scotland)
Order 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) (30 October 2023) (Education, Children and Young People
Committee)

Quality Meat Scotland (Amendment) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) (30 October) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 16 December 2023

Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2023/Draft) (SSI 2023/Draft) (7 November 2023) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Negative instruments

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<u>Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/258)</u> (14 September 2023) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Health and Care Professions Council (Miscellaneous Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2023 (SSI 2023/995) (14 September 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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<u>Marriage Between Persons of Different Sexes (Prescribed Bodies) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/266)</u> (21 September 2023) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in Schools (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/267) (21 September 2023) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/268) (21 September 2023) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

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National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/281) (5 October 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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<u>Public Procurement (Agreement on Government Procurement) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/287)</u> (18 October 2023) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/288) (18 October 2023) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 4 December 2023 Lead Committee report due by 27 November 2023

<u>Public Procurement (Agreement on Government Procurement) (Thresholds) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/300)</u> (26 October 2023) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to annulment 8 December 2023 Lead Committee report due by 4 December 2023

Rural Support (Simplification and Improvement) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/308) (30 October 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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<u>Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Fruit and Vegetables)</u>
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Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 9th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Pre-budget 2024-25 (SP Paper 467)

The following report will be published on 8 November 2023—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 16th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 464)

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