

Monday 15 April 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Portfolio Questions: Wednesday 17 April

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 17 April: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands – Questions 2 and 6.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

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Committee Meetings

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 27 March 2024

Tuesday 16 April 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Fr Roger Dawson SJ, Superior of the Jesuits in Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's International Culture Strategy

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Automated Vehicles Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-12617 Oliver Mundell: Putting Langholm on the Map

Wednesday 17 April 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business: Justice and Home Affairs

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 — S6M-11787 Ivan McKee: Celebrating Scotland's Iconic Scotch Whisky Industry

Thursday 18 April 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-12265 Pauline McNeill: Prison Officers Association Campaign, 68 is Too Late

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Social Justice

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 April 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 24 April 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

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

Thursday 25 April 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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>

Finance and Public Administration Committee

16 April 2024

13th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Scotland's Commissioner Landscape: A Strategic Approach:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Katy MacMillan, Director, Research Scotland.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Joanne McNaughton, at FPA.committee@parliament.scot.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

16 April 2024

11th Meeting, 2024

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. **Building Safety and Maintenance and Housing to 2040:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Paul McLennan, Minister for Housing, Joe Brown, Deputy Director of More Homes, and Laura Dougan, Unit Head of Housing Strategy and Delivery, Better Homes Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Building Safety and Maintenance and Housing to 2040:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
5. **Community Wealth Building (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at its last meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Euan Donald on 85212 or at ewan.donald@parliament.scot

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

16 April 2024

13th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 2, 3 and 5 in private.
2. **Resources and Waste Common Framework:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.
3. **Net zero - Strengthening the scrutiny process:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.
4. **Climate Change People's Panel:** Not before 11:20 am, the Committee will take evidence on the report of the Scottish Parliament People's Panel reviewing the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 from—
Scott Cruikshank, Participant, Louise Franklin, Participant, David Harrold, Participant, Eilil Jeyakumar, Participant, Kevin Roarty, Participant, and Karen Shakespeare, Participant, People's Panel.
5. **Climate Change People's Panel:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Peter McGrath on 0131 348 6039 or at netzero.committee@parliament.scot

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

16 April 2024

12th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Alexander Stewart will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 7 and 8 in private.
3. **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Patrick Layden KC TD, former lead Commissioner, and Charles Garland, Interim Chief Executive, Scottish Law Commission.
4. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Sea Fisheries \(Remote Electronic Monitoring and Regulation of Scallop Fishing\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
[Transport Partnerships \(Transfer of Functions\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
5. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment \(Denmark\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/101)
6. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Act of Sederunt \(Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment\) \(National Security Prevention and Investigation\) 2024](#) (SSI 2024/84)
[Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/87)
7. **Scottish Languages Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
8. **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Greg Black at Greg.Black@parliament.scot

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

16 April 2024

11th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Scottish Social Services Council \(Appointments, Procedure and Access to the Register\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#)
3. **Scrutiny of proposed National Outcomes:** The Committee will consider a draft approach.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its future work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Alex Bruce on 85229 or at Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

17 April 2024

6th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - PE1975: Reform the law relating to Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs) and will take evidence from—
Roger Mullin, Petitioner
Professor Justin Borg-Barthet, Convenor, Anti-SLAPP Research Hub
Ahsan Mustafa, Civil Justice Committee, Law Society of Scotland
Graeme Johnston, Scotland Anti-SLAPP sub-working group, UK Anti-SLAPP Coalition and then consider—
 - PE1812: Protect Scotland's remaining ancient, native and semi-native woodlands and woodland floors;
 - PE1926: Expand universal free school meals for all nursery, primary and secondary school pupils;
 - PE1933: Allow the Fornethy Survivors to access Scotland's redress scheme;
 - PE1956: Increase the provision of wheelchair accessible homes;
 - PE2017: Extend the period that specialist perinatal mental health support is made available beyond one year;
 - PE2033: Introduce a full ban on disposable vapes; and
 - PE02035: Recognise legal control of generalist predators as a conservation act.
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—

PE2066: Treat vapes and e-cigarettes like cigarettes and tobacco;

PE2071: Take action to protect people from airborne infections in health and social care settings;

PE2072: Offer covid-19 vaccine boosters to teachers and school staff; and

PE2073: Ensure accurate information is used when issuing court summons.

4. **Consideration of Evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Update on public participation:** The Committee will consider an update on public participation work.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jyoti Chandola on 85227 or at jyoti.chandola@parliament.scot

Economy and Fair Work Committee

17 April 2024

12th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Tom Arthur, Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance, Iain Moore, Head of Procurement Policy Branch, and Kenny Rankin, Procurement Policy Manager, Scottish Government.
2. **Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Anne Peat on 85182 or at anne.peat@parliament.scot

Education, Children and Young People Committee

17 April 2024

11th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland Strategic Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Nicola Killean, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland, Nick Hobbs, Head of Advice and Investigations, and Gina Wilson, Head of Strategy, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland.
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.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot

Criminal Justice Committee

17 April 2024

14th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:45 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Stephanie Bonner;
and then from—
Bill Johnstone;
and then from—
Magdalene Robertson.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme and the implementation of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at Stephen.Imrie@scottish.parliament.uk

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

17 April 2024

10th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 11:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **UK subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider proposals by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating in a devolved area as set out in the following UK statutory instrument proposals—
Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) Regulations 2024
Official Controls (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at emma.johnston@parliament.scot

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

Motions for Debate

***[S6M-12834](#) Jim Fairlie: Automated Vehicles Bill - UK Legislation—**That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions in Part 1, Chapter 6, clause 40, Part 2, Chapter 1, clauses 46 to 49 and 51, Part 5, clauses 82 to 85, 87 to 90 and Schedule 6 of the Automated Vehicles Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 8 November 2023 and subsequently amended, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Supported by: Fiona Hyslop*

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S6M-12841](#) Clare Haughey: Seventh Anniversary of the Two-child Benefit Cap—**That the Parliament regrets to mark the seventh anniversary of the introduction by the UK Government of the two-child benefit cap, and the associated so-called rape clause; notes with alarm reports that over 87,000 children across Scotland are affected by the cap, including 3,610 in South Lanarkshire; further notes the work of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, which reports that the poverty rate for children in families with three or more children was almost twice as high as the poverty rate for children in one- or two-child families in 2021-22, at 43% compared with 23% and 22% respectively, as a result of UK welfare policies such as the two-child benefit limit; highlights what it considers to be the contrast between the inhumane practices of the UK Government's Department for Work and Pensions and the compassionate approach of the Scottish Government's Social Security Scotland; understands that the Scottish Government has already spent more than £733 million over the last five financial years to mitigate UK Government welfare policies, despite what it sees as a remarkably challenging financial environment and the fiscal limitations of devolution; notes that the Scottish Child Payment and other devolved policies are forecast to keep up to 100,000 children in Scotland out of relative poverty in this financial year; further notes the view that Scotland should continue to build a social security system that is founded on dignity, fairness and respect, and notes the calls urging the UK Government to reverse the two-child benefit cap and what it regards as the other abhorrent and ineffective welfare reforms that have been implemented over more than a decade of austerity.

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Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*

***S6M-12801 Michelle Thomson: Taliban's Suppression of Women's and Girls' Rights in Afghanistan**—That the Parliament condemns what it sees as the continued suppression of the rights of women and girls in Afghanistan, following the takeover by the Taliban authorities; appreciates that, since the Taliban took over Afghanistan in 2021, the United Nations has continued to condemn the actions being enforced and highlight the Taliban's reported behaviour in breaking international law; considers that the requirement to be accompanied by a Mahram, a male chaperone, at all times beyond the home severely inhibits female participation in society; notes the reported restrictions on daily life for women and girls, including access to education, the use of gyms and parks, access to beauty services, bans on women working in various sectors of society, the compulsory wearing of hijabs and the reduction in available aid to women unless being delivered by women workers; notes what it sees as the detrimental impact that restrictions to all educational levels will have on women and girls, including on their acquisition of skills, knowledge and professional development opportunities; further notes what it sees as the detrimental impact that the ban on women and girls accessing outdoor social areas and beauty services will have, including the loss of jobs and the loss of women-only spaces; is appalled by the recently reported intention of the Taliban to re-impose the stoning to death of women; notes reports that the United Nations has declared that the Taliban has restricted the rights of women so gravely that it has made Afghanistan the "most repressive country" in the world; further notes that the overall societal impacts caused by the Taliban restrictions reportedly include increasing food scarcity and reliance on humanitarian aid; understands that population displacement caused by the restrictions has wider impacts, with countries including Scotland welcoming refugees through both humanitarian routes and informal routes; notes the role of the Scottish Government in providing £1 million per annum through the Humanitarian Emergency Fund to international humanitarian crises, including in Afghanistan; recognises the contributions of local groups across Scotland, including those in the Falkirk district, in supporting refugees who have resettled in Scotland to realise their potential, and further condemns the acts of the Taliban authorities in Afghanistan.

***S6M-12774 Pam Duncan-Glancy: Impact of Reductions to Education in Glasgow**—That the Parliament is concerned about reported proposals from Glasgow City Council to remove 450 teaching posts over the next three years, to remove and/or replace the MCR Pathways Programme from all Glasgow secondary schools, and, it understands, to put at risk the Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) initiative in Glasgow; notes the belief that the MCR Pathways and DYW programmes are key to supporting disadvantaged pupils, including care experienced pupils; recognises what it considers to be the significant impact that these programmes have on securing a reportedly high rate of positive destinations for the young people that they support; notes with concern that teachers, support staff and trade unions have reportedly stated that teaching and support capacity is already stretched in Glasgow, and that these reductions will worsen the situation, could increase incidents of violence in schools, and will make addressing the needs of pupils with additional support needs much more difficult; understands that parent councils, teachers, pupils, and MCR volunteers have all highlighted what they consider to be the hugely detrimental impact that these reductions will have on young people's lives; recognises the concerns of these groups, and notes the belief that these proposals are inconsistent with the aims of policies such as The Promise and Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC).

Supported by: Anas Sarwar*, Carol Mochan*, Annie Wells*, Colin Smyth*

***[S6M-12762](#) Evelyn Tweed: Fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis Trust in Memory of Oliver**

Steele—That the Parliament congratulates Natasha Cuthbert and Sean Steele, of Deanston, on raising vital funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust in memory of their son, Oliver Steele, who sadly passed away from cystic fibrosis aged just 14 months old on 16 July 2023; praises Natasha and Sean for their fundraising efforts, following the heartbreak of losing their young son; understands that this began with over £1,000 being raised through online donations and a collection following Oliver's funeral and, more recently, a charity football match between Deanston and Aberfoyle at Deanston Community Centre on 30 March 2024, where they raised over £3,400 through a raffle, tombola, bake sale, bouncy castle, refreshments, barbeque and the football match; further understands that Oliver, who lived with his mum, Natasha, in Deanston, was born at Forth Valley Royal Hospital on 10 May 2022, and at just two days old was rushed to the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow for surgery on a blocked bowel, which unfortunately could not be repaired at the time so Oliver was given a stoma, and that it was later discovered that the bowel issue was due to Oliver having cystic fibrosis, which led to multiple trips to hospital and several surgeries; notes that Natasha and Sean are keen to raise awareness of cystic fibrosis, which is a hereditary disorder affecting the exocrine glands that causes the production of abnormally thick mucus, leading to the blockage of the pancreatic ducts, intestines and bronchi, often resulting in respiratory infection, and to raise vital funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust; further notes that NHS Scotland states the symptoms of cystic fibrosis, including recurring chest infections, wheezing, coughing, shortness of breath and damage to the airways (bronchiectasis), difficulty putting on weight and growing, yellowing of the skin and the whites of the eyes (jaundice), diarrhoea, constipation, or large, smelly poo, and a bowel obstruction in newborn babies (meconium ileus); understands that, in the UK, all newborn babies are screened for cystic fibrosis as part of the newborn blood spot test, or heel prick test, carried out shortly after they are born, and that, if the screening test suggests that a child may have cystic fibrosis, they will need a sweat test and a genetic test to confirm that they have the condition; notes that there is no cure for cystic fibrosis, but that a range of treatments can help to control the symptoms, prevent or reduce complications, and make the condition easier to live with; understands that people with cystic fibrosis may need to take different medicines to treat and prevent lung problems, and that physical activity and the use of airway clearance techniques may also be recommended to help clear mucus from the lungs, and wishes Natasha and Sean continued success with their fundraising efforts in memory of Oliver, who they describe as the "happiest, funniest and most beautiful little boy in the world".

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Audrey Nicoll*, Stuart McMillan*, Ivan McKee*, Edward Mountain*

***[S6M-12740](#) Katy Clark: STUC Report on Renewable Jobs**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication by the Scottish Trades Union Congress of *Mind the Gap, The Increasing Gulf Between Jobs and Turnover in Scotland's Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Economy*; notes with concern the report's finding that employment fell by 4,000 between 2021 and 2022 in the low carbon and renewable energy economy, despite there being a £4 billion increase in turnover for companies in the sector; understands that the low carbon and renewable energy economy's balance of trade, measured by exports minus imports, has widened for the first time since 2018, standing at £407.5 million in 2022, the largest gap since ONS records began; further understands that no offshore wind farm in Scotland is publicly owned; notes the view that foreign capital benefits most from the current system and that wealth is being extracted from Scotland's natural resources for the benefit of multinationals without any adequate return for workers and communities, including in the West Scotland region; understands from the report that entities owned by the Irish, Swedish and Danish governments hold stakes in ScotWind projects, but that there is no UK or Scottish equivalent; notes the calls for the Scottish Government to explore the

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feasibility of using the £700 million in upfront fees that were raised during the ScotWind leasing round to establish a sovereign wealth fund for the benefit of current and future generations; further notes the STUC report's recommendations that the Scottish Government must set out to bring the active involvement of the public sector into the green economy, using ownership at a national and local level, alongside stricter conditions, to guarantee the creation of new jobs, on good terms, and community wealth from renewable energy, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to develop a robust green industrial strategy, in coordination with businesses, public sector bodies and trade unions, alongside a detailed plan for skills development, geared towards the stated aim of achieving a just transition on the path to net zero.

Supported by: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Monica Lennon* **R**, Foysol Choudhury* **R**

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-12825](#) Alexander Stewart: Forth Valley Men's Shed and Wee County Veterans Present Memorial Bench to Local Veteran**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that a Clackmannanshire Armed Forces veteran and his family will be able to remember his late wife, thanks to a memorial bench provided as a result of a collaboration between Forth Valley Men's Shed and Wee County Veterans; understands that the organisations teamed up to present Joe Farrell with a bench in memory of his late wife, Margaret, which will be placed at the rear of Joe's house at Paton Court in Alloa; believes that Joe is a senior member of the support group, Wee County Veterans, which regularly meets at Sauchie Resource Centre, whilst Margaret was an avid supporter of the group for many years; notes that Forth Valley Men's Shed, in Alloa, has worked closely with the veterans' group in recent years, making souvenirs and other items for those who served in the armed forces; further notes that the Wee County Veterans will be holding an open day on 13 April 2024, and that all military veterans are being invited to the event at Sauchie Resource Centre on the day, with a chance to learn about the group and its activities, and commends Forth Valley Men's Shed, Wee County Veterans and everyone involved for what it sees as their highly magnanimous work.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Meghan Gallacher*, Colin Beattie*, Pam Gosal*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*, Douglas Ross*, Craig Hoy*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Murdo Fraser*, Jamie Greene*, Monica Lennon*

***[S6M-12821](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Congratulating Royal Conservatoire of Scotland on World Rankings**—That the Parliament congratulates the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (RCS) on being ranked number six in the world in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024; recognises that it has now achieved this great ranking in eight of the last nine years; believes that this is a remarkable and fitting testament to all of the great work, efforts and vision of the staff team, led by its principal, Professor Jeffrey Sharkey, and of its students; considers that, with some 1,200 students graduating per year, Scotland's conservatoire continues to shine and that its notable roll of famous alumni, which includes three Dr Whos as former students, continues to grow, and believes that the RCS is an institution of which Glasgow and the country is proud.

***[S6M-12819](#) Douglas Lumsden: Inverurie and District Men's Shed Celebrates 10th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Inverurie and District Men's Shed on its 10th anniversary; recognises that the Men's Shed recently won the silver award for Best Men's Shed in Scotland; understands that the shed, which opened in 2014, now has over 100 members; commends the work that the Men's Shed does to support mental health amongst men through socialising, creating, passing on skills and learning new ones; acknowledges that, as a result of

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the hard work of volunteers and members, the Men's Shed has grown in membership and in physical size with allotments and polytunnels joining its workshop, and wishes the members all the best in their future projects.

***[S6M-12818](#) Kevin Stewart: The Return of Aberdeen's NuArt Festival**—That the Parliament welcomes the return of the world-acclaimed NuArt Aberdeen street art festival from 6 to 9 June 2024; understands that the event, which is staged by Aberdeen Inspired, will see some of the most acclaimed and upcoming street artists from around the globe come to Aberdeen to transform city walls into works of art, from large-scale murals to smaller and more intimate pieces; recognises that, in previous years, the festival has seen thousands of visitors flock to Aberdeen city centre to enjoy the new artworks; notes the return of NuArt street tours every Sunday in the build-up to the festival, to give people an insight into previous artworks and the artists who created them, and looks forward to the announcement of the 2024 theme and the list of walls to be transformed in due course.

Supported by: Alasdair Allan*, Miles Briggs*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Maggie Chapman*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stephanie Callaghan*

***[S6M-12817](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Aberdeen Central Lottery Award Beneficiaries** —That the Parliament congratulates Befriend A Child, Cornhill Community Association, Instant Neighbour Aberdeen, Sport Aberdeen and Dates-n-Mates on successfully securing grants from the National Lottery Community Fund, totalling £196,948; understands that this total consists of £66,358 for Befriend A Child to help protect children who have grown up in difficult circumstances, £103,471 for Cornhill Community Association to deliver a range of programmes and activities for the local community, £16,500 for Instant Neighbour Aberdeen to deliver direct support to people experiencing severe fuel poverty, £10,520 for Sport Aberdeen to deliver a range of exercise activities for refugees and asylum seekers, and £99,000 for Dates-n-Mates to continue tackling social isolation for adults with learning disabilities in Aberdeen; thanks the members of staff and volunteers at these organisations for their tireless work in improving the lives of those who use and depend on their services, and wishes the organisations every success in delivering their individual projects.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Alasdair Allan*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Edward Mountain*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Dunbar*

***[S6M-12816](#) Michelle Thomson: Pupils across Falkirk Take Action to Keep Scotland Beautiful**—That the Parliament commends school pupils across the Falkirk district for taking part in Keep Scotland Beautiful's Spring Clean Scotland campaign; understands that more than 400 pupils from schools in Bo'ness, Bonnybridge, Camelon, Carronshore, Falkirk, Langlees, Larbert, Laurieston and Polmont all joined forces with local community groups to participate in litter-picks to clean up their communities; further understands that Keep Scotland Beautiful's campaign aims to promote awareness and action to tackle the issue of litter in communities across Scotland, and provides the opportunity for people of all ages to participate; welcomes the work done by Keep Scotland Beautiful and the action taken by pupils across the Falkirk area to clean up their communities to improve the environment for everyone, and wishes everyone involved well in their future endeavours.

***[S6M-12815](#) Michelle Thomson: Evolution Hair Clinic's Excellence Recognised at Industry Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Colin and Gilly Smith, who run the Evolution Hair Clinic, in Grangemouth, on their business being awarded the Best Hair Restoration Clinic award at the Aesthetic Excellence Awards Scotland in March 2024; understands that the awards, now in

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their second year, provide businesses in the aesthetics industry with the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their services, and that Colin and Gilly's business was among a diverse cohort of clinics and practitioners; welcomes the contribution of businesses, like Colin and Gilly's, to the industry and local economy; commends what it sees as the commitment that they continue to demonstrate to their practice, and wishes them and their business all the best in the future.

***[S6M-12814](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow's Royal Conservatoire Ranked in World's Top 10**—That the Parliament congratulates the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland on being ranked as one of the world's top 10 performing arts schools; notes that the conservatoire has held on to its number six spot in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024; understands that it is the eighth time that it has been placed in the top 10 since the ranking was established in 2016; acknowledges that it was founded in 1847; considers that the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland is a dynamic, international community of artists; recognises that it provides specialist teaching across music, drama, dance, production, film and more, and acknowledges that, since opening, the school has taught a host of famous faces, including Ncuti Gatwa (the 15th Doctor), James McAvoy, David Tennant and many more.

***[S6M-12813](#) Alexander Burnett: Funding in Aberdeenshire West from the National Lottery Community Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates the following groups, Kemnay Social and Bowling Club, Midmar Public Hall SCIO and Movement Evolution Scotland CIC, all from Aberdeenshire West, which secured funding from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that Kemnay Social and Bowling Club received a £4,500 grant, which it will use to help refurbish the social club side of the bowling group; notes that Midmar Public Hall SCIO received a grant for £10,000 to enable it to complete the refurbishment of its community hall by upgrading the kitchen, and further notes that Movement Evolution Scotland CIC received a grant for £3,010, which is a six-month award that will be used to install electricity and lighting, as well as permanent monkey bars in the group's physical activity venue in Banchory. **R**

***[S6M-12811](#) Annabelle Ewing: Benarty Community Council Group Citizens of the Year Award 2023** —That the Parliament notes that Benarty Community Council recently presented its annual Group Citizens of the Year Award 2023; understands that the award went to Benarty Events Group for its continued commitment to the local area; recognises that Benarty Events Group is responsible for a number of events in the local community, including the Benarty Gala, Pipe Band and Highland Dancing Competition, Rockore, and the weekly Companion Club; commends the volunteers of Benarty Events Group for their continued hard work and dedication to the local community, and wishes them all the very best for the future.

***[S6M-12809](#) Marie McNair: Groups across Clydebank and Milngavie Receive Over £335,000 in National Lottery Community Funding**—That the Parliament commends six organisations across the Clydebank and Milngavie constituency for securing £338,972 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that Dalmuir-based charity, Bags Full of Love, received £9,552 to continue funding the rental of its premises and to provide support for children going into foster care with a bag full of home comforts; further understands that Clydebank Housing Association Ltd secured £96,906 to help create a Hardship Support Worker post, which will support local people to become more resilient and better able to sustain their housing tenancy; believes that Clydesider Creative Ltd received a £31,578 grant to gather local people to help co-produce friendly, accessible information resources that will help people to claim the welfare benefits that they may be entitled to; recognises that Improving Lives received £22,500 to continue employing a Lead Advisor that will help its clients with issues around welfare rights, as well as cover rent for its office; understands that Kinship Care West Dunbartonshire was given £14,000 to enable the group

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to move into a vacant floor in the building that it currently occupies, affording it better privacy and more rooms in which to offer its services; recognises Old Kilpatrick Food Parcels, which received £164,436 in order to fund a community training and life skills centre in the village of Old Kilpatrick, and congratulates all staff and volunteers who have helped to secure these vital grants and who, it believes, also work tirelessly to make their local community a better place.

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***S6M-12807 Annabelle Ewing: Happy Days Club Mark 40th Anniversary** —That the Parliament congratulates the Happy Days Club, in Kelty, on celebrating its 40th anniversary; understands that the club has become a well-known group for people who are housebound, older people and disabled people during this time; notes that the club provides companionship and entertainment for more than 120 people every week; recognises that the Club has recently moved to larger premises, from Maxwell Centre, Cowdenbeath to the Kelty Community Centre, to accommodate a greater number of attendees; understands that the volunteer team helps to keep the group running smoothly, and wishes it all the very best for the future.

***S6M-12805 Annabelle Ewing: Windmillknowe Play Park Officially Opens** —That the Parliament congratulates the Crossgates Play Area Association on the official opening of the new Windmillknowe Play Park, in Crossgates, on 16 March 2024; understands that the Crossgates Play Area Association was established in 2019 with a small group of local parents and grandparents who had a vision to create a new and exciting play park for the children of Crossgates; recognises that the group raised £170,000 to fund the new play park, including from local businesses, fundraising, Fife Council and the Muir Dean Trust; notes that the official opening was a fun day for all and included a visit from the ice cream van; thanks all those involved in the Crossgates Play Area Association that made this possible, and wishes them all the very best for the future.

***S6M-12804 Sharon Dowey: Monkey Moo Kids Boutique Comes to Maybole** —That the Parliament congratulates Stephanie and Kevin Murphy on their new, independent business adventure, Monkey Moo Kids Boutique; understands that the family-run business, based in Maybole, opened its doors to the public for the first time on 2 April 2024; commends what it sees as the determination of the couple to bring much needed life back to Maybole High Street, offering bespoke gifts, accessories and clothing for new arrivals and toddlers; applauds them for their hard work, transforming the shop into an eye-catching and colourful shopping destination, and wishes them every success for their future.

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***S6M-12803 Marie McNair: Bearsden Academy and Douglas Academy Rank Highly in Top Schools List**—That the Parliament recognises Bearsden and Milngavie secondary schools for topping *The Times* 2024 Scottish school rankings list; understands that Bearsden Academy ranked second in the list, with 81% of students leaving school with five Highers or more, and Douglas Academy ranked ninth, with 75% of students leaving school with five Highers or more, and congratulates both schools, their students and staff for creating what it sees as successful learning environments within their communities.

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***[S6M-12802](#) Sandesh Gulhane: RCS Ranked in World Top 10 for Performing Arts**

Education—That the Parliament sends its warmest congratulations to all of the staff and students at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (RCS) for once again being named one of the world's top 10 performing arts schools, holding onto its number six spot in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024; understands that this is the eighth time that the Glasgow-based institution has been placed in the top 10 since the rankings were established in 2016; commends its specialist teaching across a range of subject areas including music, drama, dance and production, and wishes all associated with the RCS well in the coming year.

***[S6M-12800](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Care Home Resident Achieves First National**

Qualification—That the Parliament congratulates Gordon Moore, a resident at Kingsacre Care Home in Duntocher, on successfully achieving his first-ever national qualification at 82 years old; notes that he was presented with a certificate after successfully passing his SQA National 2 Gaelic exam; understands that he regularly attended Gaelic classes, held at the Cochno Road home, before sitting the exam at the end of January 2024; welcomes that staff at Kingsacre Care Home threw him a party in celebration, and thanks the staff at the care home for supporting Gordon during his learning and giving him the opportunity to learn new skills.

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***[S6M-12799](#) Willie Coffey: Troon Citizen of the Year 2024**—That the Parliament congratulates Pauline Moriarty on being named Troon Citizen of the Year 2024, along with her daughter, Sophie, who received the first ever Junior Citizen of the Year award, after their work in memory of Jenna Moriarty; understands that the Kilmarnock mum, now living in Troon, founded charity, Beautiful Inside & Out, following her daughter Jenna's tragic death in November 2013; notes that, now more than 10 years on, the charity has gone from strength-to-strength in organising and funding counselling and therapy sessions to help those experiencing mental ill health; recognises that good work has also been carried out by Jenna's sister, Sophie, aged 15, who received the first ever Troon Junior Citizen of the Year Award for her incredible efforts in raising funds for the charity; considers Pauline and Sophie to be an inspiration to those who have lost a loved one to suicide, and congratulates them on their very well-deserved awards.

***[S6M-12798](#) Sharon Dowey: Congratulating Cumnock's Derek Montgomery**—That the Parliament recognises the fundraising efforts of Derek Montgomery from Cumnock, after raising £2,335 for Ayrshire Hospice; notes that Derek has been fundraising for charities for more than a decade; recognises that Derek's first charitable effort was the Glasgow Half Marathon, which he completed for Cancer Research UK in 2010; congratulates Derek on running 10 London Marathons in a row, which he accomplished in 2021; recognises that Derek has received years of enthusiastic support from the local community in Cumnock and East Ayrshire more widely, and wishes Derek well with his future fundraising efforts after his well-deserved rest following the birth of his second grandchild.

***[S6M-12797](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Central First Station to Install British Sign Language Screens on Main Boards**—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow Central on being the first station in the UK to introduce British Sign Language (BSL) screens on the main boards and sub boards; notes that these developments are part of a plan to make the railway more accessible for deaf passengers; understands that Network Rail has teamed up with the British Deaf Association (BDA) Scotland, which offered its insight and guidance throughout the project; further understands that the latest information on trains coming from Network Rail's control room will be converted to BSL on the displays in real time, and that, while the boards currently only show train information,

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they will soon be able to show emergency and security messages and information that could impact journeys; recognises that there are a number of challenges that deaf passengers can face when travelling by train, such as ending up on the wrong platform or on the wrong train, especially when there are platform changes or delays; believes that these digital BSL information boards will benefit Deaf travellers greatly, improve accessibility and independence, and also give confidence to passengers that they are up-to-date with travel information and able to get to the right train at the right time, and understands that, as a result of the work Network Rail is doing at Glasgow Central, five other major stations are wanting to replicate the BSL screens.

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***S6M-12796 Annie Wells: Glasgow Estate Agent Fundraising for Vital Hospice Throughout its 20th Anniversary Year**—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Property Centre (SPC) on raising funds throughout its 20th anniversary year for the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice; notes that the hospice's aim is to provide comfort, peace of mind and appropriate care for people entering the last chapters of their lives, with a range of services available at its purpose-built hospice in Bellahouston Park, Glasgow; understands that the company has pledged to raise as much as possible for the Bellahouston hospice in a year-long campaign; understands that it kicked off this project with a launch event in Glasgow's southside in March 2024, which raised over £2,000 through a raffle; acknowledges that the company directors and staff are all grateful and humbled by the work that the hospice team does at a time when, it believes, people need it most, and that they saw the company's 20th anniversary year as a way of giving back to the community, which, it understands, is a core part of its beliefs, and understands that SPC's fundraising drive will continue with a golf day in August and a 100 ft zip slide across the Clyde in September.

***S6M-12795 Gillian Mackay: Recognising the Rise and Recent Success of Falkirk Band, Brògeal**—That the Parliament acknowledges the rise and recent success of five-piece Scottish band, Brògeal; understands that the band recently toured the UK supporting Irish musicians, The Mary Wallopers, before playing a sold-out headline show in Glasgow's King Tut's; further understands that Brògeal is about to embark on its own Irish tour before hitting the summer festival circuit, which will include a performance at TRNSMT Festival at Glasgow Green; understands that the band is proud of its home town, and that its forthcoming EP will open with its rendition of an old folk song titled *Roving Falkirk Bairn*, which the band first heard at the Falkirk Folk Club, and wishes the band all the very best for the year ahead.

***S6M-12794 Gillian Mackay: Stenhousemuir FC Celebrates Historic League Two Title Win and Promotion**—That the Parliament congratulates Stenhousemuir FC on securing its first league title in the club's history, as it was crowned Scottish League 2 champion; understands that The Warriors have dominated the division this term, losing just three league games and holding a 13-point lead with four matches to go; believes that Stenhousemuir FC is one of the most community-active professional football clubs in the UK, and wishes it all the best for next season.

***S6M-12793 Maggie Chapman: Workers Winning Together: STUC Congress in Dundee**—That the Parliament warmly welcomes the 127th annual STUC Congress, taking place in Dundee on the week commencing 15 April 2024; believes that the Congress, titled "Workers Winning Together", represents the largest gathering of trade unionists from throughout Scotland and beyond; further believes that the Congress, which is representative of over 550,000 workers in Scotland, looks set to call for further powers for the Scottish Parliament over welfare, migration

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and employment rights, with a key demand to devolve the entirety of employment law to the Scottish Parliament; notes the STUC news release stating that workers throughout the country have secured over £4 billion worth of pay and pensions deals over the past two years; believes that this shows the strength of workers organising in collective voice to fight for fairness, equality and parity, both within and outwith the workplace; notes what it sees as the Congress's unequivocal solidarity with the people of Palestine and the reiteration of the STUC's call for an immediate ceasefire within the region; wishes all delegates, including STUC President, Mike Arnott of Dundee Trades Council, a successful Congress, and pledges to work closely with the trade union movement in Scotland to achieve Scotland's status as a Fair Work Nation by 2025. **R**
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***[S6M-12792](#) Clare Adamson: Newmains Community Trust Awarded Employer Charter Accreditation**—That the Parliament congratulates Newmains Community Trust on being awarded North Lanarkshire Council's Employer Charter Accreditation; understands that Newmains Community Trust is the first community organisation to receive this accreditation; notes that the charter is based around four commitments by employers, including to pay all staff the real Living Wage, to employ North Lanarkshire residents, to use local businesses in the supply chain where possible, and to ensure fair work practices that attract and retain employees; understands that Newmains Community Trust aims to provide services and support that meet the needs and improve the lives of those who live and work in Newmains and the surrounding areas, and to provide opportunities for local people to develop skills and experiences that will improve the community; commends Newmains Community Trust on its ongoing work in the community, and wishes all the volunteers and staff the best for the future.

***[S6M-12791](#) Clare Adamson: Dedicated Lanarkshire Nurses Recognised for their Long Service**—That the Parliament recognises Lanarkshire's Community Nurses who were recognised for their service in receiving the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland award for long service; understands that 69 vastly experienced nurses who are dedicated to serving their local communities, some having served more than 40 years, received the prestigious Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland award for long service, presented in the Sanctuary at University Hospital Wishaw; notes that the award, established in 1889 to mark Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, is granted to nurses with more than 21 years of service in the community; notes that the recipients cover a number of roles, including district nursing, mental health, health visiting, treatment rooms and sexual health; congratulates all award recipients, thanks them for their service, and wishes them the best for the future.

***[S6M-12790](#) Clare Adamson: Student Wins Gold at Winter Olympics** —That the Parliament congratulates Holly Burke on her success at the Youth Winter Olympics; recognises that Holly was awarded the gold medal at the 2024 Youth Winter Olympics in Seoul as part of Team GB's Mixed Curling Team; notes that Holly is a hairdressing student at New College Lanarkshire, and that she began her career with curling five years ago; commends Holly on her dedication and commitment to curling, and wishes her every success in the future.

***[S6M-12789](#) Clare Adamson: Children's Charities Receive Donations from Lanarkshire Fishing Group**—That the Parliament commends United Clyde Angling Protective Association (UCAPA) in Lanarkshire for raising £2,000 for children's charities through a charity raffle; understands that the Les Hoey MBE DreamMaker Foundation and Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) will receive donations of £1,000 thanks to the group's efforts; further understands that the funds will contribute to supporting children with life-shortening illness, and making dreams come true; recognises the ongoing work carried out by the Les Hoey MBE

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DreamMaker Foundation and CHAS, and thanks the United Clyde Angling Protective Association for its fundraising efforts.

***[S6M-12788](#) Clare Adamson: Angie Reynolds at the Scottish Nature Photography Awards —**

That the Parliament recognises Angie Reynolds, from Wishaw, on securing third place in the Environmental Category of the 2024 Scottish Nature Photography Awards; understands that Angie was recognised for her photographs of nature and wildlife around Wishaw; recognises that Angie's image, *Tangled*, which shows cow hair wrapped around barbed wire, will be on display in the touring exhibition later in 2024, as well as being printed in the yearly portfolio; notes that Angie is a member of the Wishaw YMCA Camera Club, and understands that she has been interested in photography for many years; further notes that the Scottish Nature Photography Awards roadshow, which features Angie's work, will be showcased at the Tolbooth in Lanark from 19 August to 14 September 2024; congratulates Angie on her success, and wishes her the best for the future.

***[S6M-12787](#) Clare Adamson: Lisini Great Big Chris's Walk for Liam—**

That the Parliament commends Lisini Pub Company on organising the Lisini Great Big Chris's Walk for Liam, which takes place on 5 May 2024; understands that the walk will start at Dalziel Park, progressing on to the Parkville Hotel, Angels Hotel and the Castle Rooms; notes that Lisini Pub Company is supporting Chris's House in memory of Liam, son of Kay and Archie Kane, who have been a part of the Lisini Pub Company for many years; commends Lisini Pub Company on raising awareness of mental health, and sends best wishes to all involved.

***[S6M-12786](#) Clare Adamson: Vision Taekwondo Club Success—**

That the Parliament recognises Vision Taekwondo Club on its recent successes; understands that Vision Taekwondo Club, based in Wishaw, won six gold medals and five silver medals at the Scorpion Taekwondo 1-2-1 Competition in February 2024; further understands that the winners were Corey Horswell, Jordan Horswell, Sophia Bett, Jay Rankin, Siobhan Coe, Brooke Russell, Kaila Sloan, Kirsty Marshall, Rachel Cringles, Paige Simpson and Erik Radulescu; recognises that Ava Bett, a member of the Vision Taekwondo Club, represented the GB Development Team at the Bulgarian Open in March 2024, winning a bronze medal in the Junior Female Under 59kg category; congratulates all members on their success, and wishes them the best for the future.

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***[S6M-12785](#) Clare Adamson: Commsworld and SmartSTEMs at New College Lanarkshire—**

That the Parliament notes that around 150 pupils from secondary schools in North Lanarkshire attended New College Lanarkshire for an event to encourage them to consider careers in science, technology, engineering and maths; understands that the event was delivered in partnership with leading UK telecoms communication provider Commsworld and Glasgow-based charity SmartSTEMs, which have delivered a series of events over the past year to hundreds of pupils in order to foster innovation and inspire young minds, and understands that the event featured a diverse range of exhibitors and workshops, offering students a unique opportunity to interact with leading professionals in their fields.

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***[S6M-12784](#) Clare Adamson: Wishaw Academy Primary School Provides Easter Eggs to Pupils—**

That the Parliament recognises the efforts of Wishaw Academy Primary School in providing an Easter egg to all pupils, with the support of a local business, the Hearing Clinic UK,

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which donated 105 chocolate eggs to the school, and congratulates all involved in their efforts to leave no child behind and provide a helping hand to all families within the school community.

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***[S6M-12783](#) Clare Adamson: Craigneuk Lifelong Learning Easter Activities** —That the Parliament recognises Craigneuk Lifelong Learning for its Easter activities; understands that the Craigneuk Lifelong Learning's Easter bunny delivered chocolate eggs to families in the community and visited children in Craigneuk Family Learning Centre; notes that Craigneuk Lifelong Learning distributed over 200 chocolate eggs in the community, including 100 eggs donated by Shaun Tierney, from Craigneuk Amateurs Football Club, and thanks Craigneuk Lifelong Learning for its ongoing work supporting the community of Craigneuk.

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***[S6M-12782](#) Clare Adamson: The Wee Mobile Foodbank (Lanarkshire) and The Horseshoe Bar Providing Easter Cheer** —That the Parliament recognises The Wee Mobile Foodbank (Lanarkshire) for distributing 325 chocolate eggs, which were kindly provided by The Horseshoe Bar, to families across Lanarkshire and Glasgow; commends The Wee Mobile Foodbank (Lanarkshire) on its ongoing work to support communities in Lanarkshire and beyond, and thanks The Horseshoe Bar for its kind donation.

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***[S6M-12781](#) Clare Adamson: Hugh McMahon Easter Egg Run with University Hospital Wishaw**—That the Parliament marks the third Hugh McMahon Easter Egg Run, which took place during Easter 2024; recognises the work of the event organiser, John Lavery, his friend Craig, the Magic Roundabout Scooter Club, the Destination Unknown Scooter Club, the Mad Monks Scooter Club and the Ayrshire Scooter Club; understands that the group of keen scooter riders travelled through Craigneuk and Wishaw, and on to University Hospital Wishaw, to gift chocolate eggs to patients and staff in the paediatric ward, A&E and ward 2; recognises that the chocolate eggs were supplied by Asda Motherwell's community champion, Bernadette; thanks all involved for their kindness, and wishes patients and staff at University Hospital Wishaw all the best.

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***[S6M-12780](#) Marie McNair: Allander Rotary Club's Fire Walk** —That the Parliament congratulates all participants in the Allander Rotary Club's recent fire walk event at the Milngavie Guide Hall; understands that 21 participants braved the hot coals to raise money for various charities; further understands that a total of over £8,600 was raised and will be shared amongst Changing Lives Malawi, Girl Guiding Dunbartonshire, Paul O'Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre, Mental Health Foundation and the Rotary's Charity Fund, and celebrates community groups coming together to organise, celebrate and raise money for worthy causes.

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***[S6M-12779](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulating Caroline Judge, Midwife of the Year Award Winner**—That the Parliament congratulates Caroline Judge, Charge Midwife at the Royal

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Alexandra Hospital Maternity Unit in Paisley, on winning Midwife of the Year at the Mariposa Trust Awards 2024; notes that the Mariposa Trust is a charity that supports anyone who has been affected by the loss of a child in any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in infancy, and that the Trust's awards recognise medical professionals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to provide support for people affected, and believes that Caroline has exceeded her own role by introducing "sibling boxes" for affected brothers and sisters, with the support of various charities, and by her passion for providing follow-up care for women across Greater Glasgow and Clyde after they leave hospital.

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***S6M-12778 Neil Bibby: Proposed Cuts to Renfrewshire HSCP Services—**That the Parliament notes reports that Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) faces a £14.7 million budget blackhole as a result of Scottish Government underfunding and has proposed significant cuts to its local services; recognises what it sees as the widespread concern amongst service users and families about the reported proposal to close Montrose Care Home, merge Mirin and Milldale Day Centres as well as withdraw funding for the Renfrewshire Head Injuries Service; believes that Montrose Care Home in Paisley is an excellent and vital public sector care home; further believes that the Mirin and Milldale day centres provide a lifeline service for hundreds of adults with learning disabilities and that the Quarries Renfrewshire Head Injuries Service provides invaluable support to over 80 users with complex and life-altering conditions; understands that serious concerns have been raised regarding the extent to which the consultations for these decisions have followed the proper processes and impact that they will have on hundreds of local families, including the workers, in Renfrewshire, and considers that every effort should be made by the Scottish Government, Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to reverse these proposals.

***S6M-12777 Marie McNair: Bearsden North Resident Wins Gold Medal at Scottish National Masters Curling Championships—**That the Parliament congratulates Bearsden North resident, Angus Storrie, on winning gold as part of the Team Sharp rink from Greenacres at the Scottish National Masters Curling Championships; understands that the competition is for curlers over the age of 60 and that originally, there were more than 30 teams at the qualifying stages before the main competition, including former national and world champions; notes that the final took place at 2.00 pm on 3 February 2024 between Team Clark from Ayr and Team Sharp from Greenacres with a 6 – 5 win to Team Sharp; congratulates Angus on his excellent success as part of the team, and wishes him all the best.

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***S6M-12776 Fulton MacGregor: More Than Fibro Receives National Lottery Community Fund and Asda Foundation Grants—**That the Parliament congratulates Coatbridge-based charity, More Than Fibro, on receiving a National Lottery Community Fund grant of £20,000; understands that these funds will cover the charity's running costs for the office for an entire year; notes that the charity offers online support across social media for people living with fibromyalgia, including a closed support page for those with the condition and their carers, virtual coffee chats twice weekly, resources to help people living with fibromyalgia identify and access the benefits that they may be entitled to, and a range of further advocacy support services; considers that, although

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the charity was only established in 2021, it has been a huge success nationwide; understands that the charity also received a £400 grant from the Asda Foundation earlier in 2024; congratulates More Than Fibro on its success thus far, and wishes the charity continued success into the future.

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***S6M-12775 Miles Briggs: Wishing Luck to Scottish-trained Corach Rambler at the Grand National—**That the Parliament wishes the very best of luck to the Scottish-trained Corach Rambler in the Randox Grand National at Aintree on 13 April 2024, in a bid not only to bring the prize back to Scotland for the fourth time, but also to win back-to-back Grand Nationals for the first time for Scotland; understands that horseracing in Scotland is worth over £300 million to the Scottish economy; encourages anyone betting on the race to bet responsibly and wishes them the best of luck with their selections; recognises that British racing now provides a central resource on welfare information, which can be found at horsepwr.co.uk, and believes that this provides transparent information and facts about the sport and thoroughbreds, and what it sees as the high welfare and safety standards within British racing.

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***S6M-12773 Annie Wells: Glasgow School's Music Gains International Attention—**That the Parliament congratulates school pupils from the east end of Glasgow on gaining international recognition following a fun music project; notes that children from Oakwood Primary School recently took part in a project called the Easterhouse Children's Manifesto, which saw them link up with Red Note Ensemble to create and write their own songs; understands that the idea was inspired by Red Note associate composer Brian Irvine, after he came across the 1931 publication, *La Anarquia Explicada a Los Niños*, an instructional manual for children that was published during the Spanish Civil War; further understands that the guide, called *A Children's Guide to Anarchy*, gave Brian the idea to ask the children at Oakwood what the world would look like to them if it was built from scratch; understands that, after working with a vocal coach and perfecting their songs, each class at the school performed its tune, which explored key elements of anarchical thinking, such as autonomy, kindness and human connectivity, from a child's perspective; acknowledges that an illustrator attended the performance and made sketches and animations from each song, which were then turned into a collection of seven musical, animated video posters, one for each class's song; understands that, since the installation, the animation and music created have gained the attention of various children's music festivals from around the globe, and acknowledges that the posters have been put on display at Platform in the city centre, and had interest from the Belfast Children's Festival and the Istanbul Children's Festival.

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***S6M-12772 Annie Wells: Clydebank Racers Go Extra Mile to Support Bereaved Families—**That the Parliament congratulates staff at a Clydebank go-karting track who have gone the extra mile to support families experiencing bereavement; understands that members of the crew at TeamSport, on John Knox Street, revved up their engines recently as they completed laps around the track in aid of Brightest Star Glasgow; acknowledges that, through organising and taking part

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in this event, the team managed to raise £1,500 for the charity, which provides assistance and comfort to bereaved families, and understands that the staff consider the cause to be close to their hearts and that they want to make a meaningful impact in the local community and take pride in their ability to leverage their platform to enact positive change.

***S6M-12771 Annie Wells: Glasgow Care Home Hosts Bake Off for Residents—**That the Parliament congratulates the residents of Haydale Care Home in Tollcross on hosting their first annual bake off; notes that the bake off was arranged to bring people together by opening the competition to residents, their families, members of the community and other care homes owned by Advinia Health Care; understands that, in the lead-up, residents made practice cakes, which, according to the home, have a sensory benefit for all levels of dementia and learning disabilities; believes that the activity was inclusive to everyone, with everyone able to taste, smell and touch the cakes; considers that the event also had a reminiscence benefit to residents and families as it was the chance to remember their favourite cakes, and share stories of baking disasters or their love of baking; notes that there were more than 20 entries, including the youngest contender at just nine years old; understands that the winner was maintenance man Jamie McDavitt, with his sprinkle surprise cake, and further understands that Jamie will now be hosting the 2025 bake-off event, following his win.

***S6M-12770 Tess White: Tarfside Scottish Women's Rural Institute Celebrates Centenary—**That the Parliament congratulates Tarfside Scottish Women's Rural Institute on its centenary celebrations; understands that around 40 women, who are current or previous members of Tarfside Scottish Women's Rural Institute, gathered in Edzell to celebrate the significant milestone; further understands that Tarfside Scottish Women's Rural Institute welcomes women of all ages to its monthly meetings in the village of Tarfside, Angus; notes that Scottish Women's Institutes have a rich history across Scotland's communities, promoting education and connecting women locally and nationally to improve their quality of life through friendship, education, sharing and having fun; recognises that the first Women's Institute was formed in Scotland in Longniddry, East Lothian, in 1917, and that there are 500 groups currently across Scotland, and wishes Tarfside Scottish Women's Rural Institute many more years of learning, fun and friendship.

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***S6M-12769 Tim Eagle: UK Government Funding Award for Macaulay College on the Isle of Lewis—**That the Parliament congratulates Macaulay College, near Stornoway, on securing almost £540,000 in funding from the UK Government's third round of the Community Ownership Fund; understands that £500,000 of the funding will go towards renovation work to help to increase its capacity, while the remaining funding will employ a project manager; acknowledges that Macaulay College was co-founded in 2010 by Roland Engebretsen and Rebecca Lindsay as a place to support people living with additional support needs, and that it has grown to support around 25 students a week and employ 14 full-time and part-time staff; notes that Macaulay College offers its students a variety of activities including art, wood and metal work, baking, and animal care on its working farm site, and wishes the whole team at Macaulay College, and its students, the very best for their future endeavours.

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***[S6M-12768](#) Michelle Thomson: National Lottery Community Funding for Falkirk East**

Groups—That the Parliament congratulates the groups from the Falkirk East constituency on being awarded a combined total of £40,966 in the latest funding round from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that Airth Parish Community Council received £1,100 to support its plans for a community orchard in Airth; understands that First 4 Kids SCIO was awarded £20,000 towards its after school activity programme, which aims to support and build confidence in young people; recognises that Under The Trees Ltd received £19,866 to support what it sees as its vital work providing a range of free forest school-type activities across the area; congratulates these groups on being awarded the National Lottery Community Fund grants, and wishes them the best of luck as they progress with their respective projects.

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***[S6M-12767](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Woman Aiming to Make History at London Marathon**

That the Parliament congratulates Dr Julie McElroy, who is aiming to become the first female frame runner to complete the London Marathon, which takes place on 21 April 2024; understands that Dr McElroy was first introduced to frame running three years ago, following a traumatic injury that left her in chronic pain and using a wheelchair; notes that she has since taken on numerous challenges, including the Paisley 10k and the 22.6-mile Glasgow Kiltwalk; understands that, having always been a physically active person, who enjoyed hiking, swimming and cycling, she was eager to begin exercising again after her injury, and recognises that Dr McElroy is raising funds for the Richard Whitehead Foundation, which was founded by British athlete Richard Whitehead MBE, who runs with prosthetic legs.

***[S6M-12766](#) Jackie Dunbar: 102 (Aberdeen Airport) Squadron Air Training Corps Receives Lottery Funding**

That the Parliament congratulates the 102 (Aberdeen Airport) Squadron Air Training Corps on being awarded £3,800 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that the funding will be used to upgrade its cockpit flight simulator with up-to-date technology, to provide air cadets with the best possible training available; notes that the upgraded flight simulator will also be used by other air cadet groups from across the north east, enabling a wide range of air cadets to benefit from the new technology; recognises the work that the Air Training Corps does to encourage interest in aviation, provide training and develop the qualities of leadership and good citizenship; commends 102 (Aberdeen Airport) Squadron on the work that it does, and wishes it all the best for its future endeavours.

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***[S6M-12765](#) Jackson Carlaw: National Lottery Funding Awards for Two Groups Operating in Eastwood**

That the Parliament congratulates two groups with operations in Eastwood on receiving awards of financial support from the National Lottery Community Fund; recognises that Mearns Kirk Helping Hands, which is a registered charity with the goal of enhancing wellbeing and tackling loneliness for older people, has received a sum of £120,000 to fund a project manager and volunteer coordinator over a three-year period to help with the maintenance and development of the group's programme of social activities to support older people; acknowledges that Bengali Performing Arts has been awarded a grant of £7,500 to arrange for two local multicultural performances and fund a summer coach trip; notes that the National Lottery Community Fund provides over £600 million each year to support communities throughout the UK, and welcomes the Eastwood funding awards for Mearns Kirk Helping Hands and Bengali Performing Arts.

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***S6M-12764 Michelle Thomson: Elite Evolution Cheer and Dance Qualifies for All Star World Event in 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates Elite Evolution Cheer and Dance, based in Grangemouth, on qualifying for the All Star World event taking place in Florida in 2025; recognises that, in order to qualify, members of the group for 8- to 12-year-olds took part in the ICE Sub Zero competition, held in Motherwell from 9-10 March 2024; notes that Elite Evolution Cheer and Dance secured first place at the competition, being named overall grand champions of the event; congratulates Elite Evolution Cheer and Dance's 8- to 12-year-old group on being named overall grand champions and qualifying for the All Star World event, and wishes them the best of luck for the upcoming competition in 2025.

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***S6M-12763 Evelyn Tweed: Congratulating Evelyn Mcfarlane of Doune on Raising Over £12,000 for the Brain Tumour Charity**—That the Parliament congratulates Evelyn Mcfarlane, of Doune, on raising over £12,300 for the Brain Tumour Charity, after her partner Billy Mcalister was diagnosed with terminal and incurable glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer, in July 2023; understands that Evelyn held a fundraising night for the Brain Tumour Charity on 30 March 2024 at the Doune Bowling Club and raised the sum of over £12,300 through online donations, raffle, tombola, disco and a silent auction for two signed Rangers FC strips, a bottle of Rangers FC champagne and a Rangers wreath made by Nic Does Felt from Doune; notes that the Brain Tumour Charity is the world's leading brain tumour charity and the largest dedicated funder of research into brain tumours globally; understands that it is committed to saving and improving lives, to moving further and faster to help every single person affected by a brain tumour, and to seeking new treatments, offering the highest level of support and driving urgent change; praises the incredible fundraising efforts of Evelyn Mcfarlane, and wishes her and Billy all the best as they navigate the future.

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***S6M-12761 Kevin Stewart: Congratulating Archie Foundation for Fundraising Efforts**—That the Parliament congratulates the Archie Foundation on raising more than £1.6 million in 2023 for its work in supporting babies, children and families across the north of Scotland; understands that the foundation, which provides support to the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital, as well as Tayside Children's Hospital in Dundee and the Highland Children's Unit at Raigmore Hospital in Inverness, raised a total of £1,667,241 through fundraising events, donations and grants between 1 January and 31 December 2023, representing an increase of 12% on the previous year's total; notes that more than 50,000 children and young people visited one of the three hospitals supported by the foundation, and hopes that the foundation's fundraising efforts in 2024 are similarly successful.

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***[S6M-12760](#) Kevin Stewart: CFINE Zero Waste Cooking Day**—That the Parliament congratulates Community Food Initiatives North East (CFINE) on its recent Zero Waste Cooking Day, hosted in partnership with Granite City Good Food; understands that the interactive community cooking event, which was held on 20 March 2024 during Climate Week North East, gave participants the opportunity to test their skills in pickling, pancake-baking and soup-making, with a clear focus on minimising food waste; recognises that, as well as promoting a sustainable and fair food system, the event was able to give participants a boost in confidence in their culinary skills; believes that events such as these can play an important part in addressing food waste by giving people the tools to make better use of raw ingredients and leftovers, and wishes CFINE well in its continued mission to improve health, tackle poverty and build resilience for low-income individuals and families in north east Scotland.

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***[S6M-12759](#) Colin Beattie: LASC Childcare Services Ltd** —That the Parliament congratulates LASC Childcare Services Ltd on receiving a £77,582 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that this funding will enable it to continue with the post of the link community hub manager; understands that LASC will continue to work with Edinburgh College to provide an 18-week employability course for young adults; believes that LASC services have a positive impact on young people and their families in the community; commends the work of LASC Childcare Services Ltd, and thanks all the staff for their continued hard work and dedication.

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***[S6M-12758](#) Colin Beattie: One Dalkeith Receives £132,839 National Lottery Grant**—That the Parliament congratulates One Dalkeith on receiving a £132,839 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that the funding will be used to provide a three-year project delivering learning and leisure activities to the Dalkeith community; understands that the project will support approximately 172 people each week with 50 volunteers; believes that One Dalkeith provides a great service to the community, with its focus on addressing the economic, social, environmental and cultural needs of the local area; commends the work of One Dalkeith, and thanks all the staff and volunteers for their continued hard work and dedication.

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***[S6M-12757](#) Colin Beattie: Roslin Village Group Receives £1,935 Grant**—That the Parliament congratulates Roslin Village Group on receiving a £1,935 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that this funding will support up to 20 volunteers in the Roslin Community; understands that this one-year project will also encourage children, aged from six to eight years old, to improve small garden spaces around Roslin Primary School; believes that the residents will benefit from this funding and that it will enrich the community; commends the work of all volunteers in Roslin, and thanks them all for their continued hard work and dedication.

***[S6M-12756](#) Colin Beattie: Bill Russell Woodburn Youth Project Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates the Bill Russell Woodburn Youth Project on its award of £18,114 from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that this one-year project will support up to 20 children and young people, aged between eight and 14 years old, with two drop-in sessions on Saturday afternoons; understands that the children and young people will come from the areas of Woodburn and Dalkeith, and that the project provides a warm and friendly place for young people

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to meet with their peers and engage with experienced youth workers; welcomes the project, which, it believes, achieves its purpose by providing a welcoming environment in which to encourage social and computer skills, develop social responsibility and enhance self esteem, and thanks all the staff for their continued hard work and dedication.

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***S6M-12755 Colin Beattie: Horizons Recovery Café**—That the Parliament congratulates Horizons Recovery Café SCIO on its award of £20,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that this project supports up to 200 people from Dalkeith who are recovering from problematic substance use; further notes that Horizon is Midlothian's first Recovery Café, and that it has been running for nearly 10 years; understands that it is a safe and substance-free space that aims to strengthen recovery in a recovery-focused environment, and that all people of a similar mind are welcome; welcomes the café's programme of activities, ranging from arts and crafts to acupuncture, and thanks all involved for their continued hard work and dedication.

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***S6M-12754 Colin Beattie: Queen Margaret University to Set Up a Young Persons Advisory Group**—That the Parliament congratulates Queen Margaret University on receiving a £5,760 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that this funding will be used to set up a Young Persons Advisory Group in Lothian, consisting of 12 young people, aged between eight and 18 years old, which will provide views, opinions and advocacy as a Patient Public Involvement group, working with the NHS; understands that this will ensure that young people's voices are heard by the NHS to improve services; commends the work of Queen Margaret University, and thanks all the staff for their continued hard work and dedication.

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***S6M-12753 Colin Beattie: Fisherrow Harbour and Seafront Association National Lottery Community Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates Fisherrow Harbour and Seafront Association on receiving a £4,030 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that the grant will fund the fourth Fisherrow Harbour Festival, to bring people together; understands that local businesses and residents will benefit from the cultural and economic contributions that the festival brings; commends the work of the Fisherrow Harbour and Seafront Association, and thanks all the staff for their continued hard work and dedication.

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***S6M-12752 Gillian Mackay: Celebrating Central Scotland's First Aid Champions at the 2024 Scottish First Aid Awards** —That the Scottish Parliament commends Currys Uddingston employee and first aid volunteer, Allan Walker, on being awarded Community First Aid Champion at the prestigious Scottish First Aid Awards Ceremony, which was held on 29 March 2024; notes that the annual event, organised by St Andrew's First Aid (SAFA), saw Allan celebrated for his ongoing efforts in raising awareness about the importance of first aid, as well as his achievement in fundraising over £3,700 through training 74 members of the public how to perform CPR and use a defibrillator; further notes that this contribution provided Currys Uddingston with a public-access defibrillator and funded two of SAFA's vital Ready for Life first aid programmes; understands that SAFA's Ready for Life programme consists of a two-day course, which provides participants with

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qualifications and life skills in emergency first aid at work (SCQF Level 6) and first aid for mental health awareness (SCQF Level 4), and has been successfully piloted in over 15 local authorities; acknowledges that it is SAFA's ambition to see the national roll-out of this programme across schools in Scotland in order to ensure that young people are equipped with life-saving skills from an early age, and applauds the hard work and dedication of all those involved in promoting first aid knowledge and practice in central Scotland, including SAFA's East Kilbride company, which was nominated in the Corps Company of the Year category at the awards ceremony.

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***S6M-12751 Kevin Stewart: CLAN Cancer Support 2025 Sculpture Trail**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that CLAN Cancer Support will be delivering a new sculpture trail in 2025, in partnership with Wild In Art; notes that this will be the third trail project of its kind after Light The North in 2021 and The Big Hop Trail in 2023, which raised a combined total of over £520,000 for CLAN services; understands that the 2025 trail will see giant BookBench sculptures appearing across the north east, Moray, Orkney and Shetland between July and September 2025, each decorated with an individual design from invited artists; further understands that the BookBench sculpture, which is 1.4m wide and can seat two adults, was chosen because of the lifeline listening support service provided by CLAN, which enables anyone impacted by a cancer diagnosis to open up and tell their story, and hopes that the project is as successful in raising funds as the previous two trails.

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***S6M-12750 Bob Doris: Maryhill Activity Directory Celebrates 21st Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates all those who have supported the development and launch of the 10th edition of the Maryhill Activity Directory (MAD), which took place on 22 March 2024 at a special event in the Mackintosh Halls on Shakespeare Street in the Maryhill area of Glasgow; notes that the launch represents the 21st anniversary year of the Maryhill Activity Directory; recognises that the directory, which began as a single sheet of paper containing a short list of events in 2003, has grown to become a full colour, 42-page A5 brochure, with over 700 listings and contact details for a wide range of groups, churches, sports organisations, voluntary services, elected representatives and much more, across Maryhill and the north of Glasgow; welcomes that, in addition to the printed directory, a regularly updated website and companion app has also been launched in recent times; appreciates in particular the central role of Deacon Jim Hamilton, of Maryhill Parish Church, in the development of the directory throughout its growth from the directory's initial inception to the comprehensive directory that exists today; pays tribute to Jim and a small team, including various volunteers who have helped to make the directory such a success; notes regrettably the passing of Jim Brymner, whose contribution in expanding the directory over the years deserves particular thanks and recognition; extends its gratitude to the many individuals, groups and organisations, whose commitment and service to the communities covered by MAD enable the Maryhill Activity Directory team to compile such a fulsome and complete range of services and activities, and believes that this is testament to the efforts of both the team the Maryhill Activity Directory, and so many within Maryhill and beyond, who contribute to making their communities a vibrant and welcoming place to stay.

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***[S6M-12749](#) Gordon MacDonald: Edinburgh Pentlands Groups Receive Over £750,000 in National Lottery Community Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates seven organisations across the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency on securing £752,175 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that Oxfams-based Best Bib N Tucker CIC received £150,000 to continue to support people who are isolated and lonely through a programme of activity that encourages people of all ages to enhance their skills, build friendships and make local connections; notes that the Community Wellbeing Collective secured £125,000 to deliver a community wellbeing programme from its space in Wester Hailes, that Oxfams Neighbourhood Centre SCIO received a £149,045 grant to continue its programme of community activities, and that Starcatchers Productions Limited secured £124,890 to continue to deliver a creative arts programme for babies and young children in Wester Hailes; further notes that the Health Agency received a £75,000 grant to support people who have cancer in Wester Hailes and across the city of Edinburgh, that Wester Hailes Community Trust will use its £118,240 funding to continue implementing the projects that have been identified as part of the Wester Hailes Local Place Plan, which is the first of its kind in Scotland, and that Buckstone-based St Fillan's Church secured a £10,000 grant to redecorate and insulate its church hall, which is used as a community hub; commends staff, volunteers and participants of all the groups in securing these funds, and believes that this is testament to the success of the work that they do in the local community for the local community.

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***[S6M-12748](#) Pam Gosal: Wishing a Happy Vaisakhi to All Sikhs in Scotland, the UK and Around the World**—That the Parliament extends its warmest wishes to Sikhs in Scotland, the UK, and across the globe on Vaisakhi 2024, the largest festival in the Sikh calendar, to be celebrated on 13 April 2024; recognises the vibrant festivities that are set to take place in Gurdwaras across Scotland, which will be accompanied by flag-raising ceremonies; appreciates the dedication of all those involved in the Nagar Kirtan procession, which took place on 7 April 2024 in Glasgow; acknowledges what it regards as the profound contributions of Sikhi and that of the Khalsa order, created by Guru Gobind Singh Ji in 1699; welcomes the teachings and the sacred tradition of langar, which refers to community kitchen, that are provided by Gurdwaras year-round and are supported by dedicated volunteers who serve hot meals to countless individuals irrespective of background, and understands that Vaisakhi is a time to recognise the core values at the heart of Sikhism, which are equality, community, generosity, honesty, and seva, which means selfless service to others, and to create positive harmony and rejoicing in the spirit of unity and devotion.

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***[S6M-12747](#) Rona Mackay: Strathkelvin and Bearsden Groups Benefit from National Lottery Community Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates two organisations based in the Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency on securing support through the National Lottery Community Fund in the most recent round of awards; understands that a total of £11,900 was

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received following successful applications from Bearsden in Bloom and East Dunbartonshire Befriending Service; commends Bearsden in Bloom, which it believes is a fantastic community group that works tirelessly to help clear litter from the area, to plant and maintain flowers and shrubs for all to enjoy, and to improve and instil pride in the local environment; understands that the group received a £4,900 grant to help complete a two-year gardening project to landscape a local space and create a large, oval flower bed; commends East Dunbartonshire Befriending Service, which received a £7,000 grant to run a series of events for its befriending network to help connect participants and support wellbeing; applauds the service's efforts in challenging loneliness and social isolation to improve the quality of life of vulnerable constituents throughout the area, aged 18 years and over, and sends its very best wishes and thanks to all who give their time, energy and experience to support these groups to improve life for residents in Strathkelvin and Bearsden.

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***[S6M-12746](#) Annie Wells: Memorial Tree Planted at Gartnavel General Hospital, Glasgow—**

That the Parliament congratulates the charity, Doctors in Distress, for planting a rowan tree, which, it understands, is native to Scotland and represents life and protection, in Gartnavel General Hospital in the city's West End to commemorate NHS medics who have taken their own lives; understands that it will be the first memorial tree dedicated to health workers in Scotland; further understands that it comes after recent statistics have reportedly shown that in the UK, one doctor takes their own life every three weeks and one nurse takes their own life every week; believes that having the tree right outside the main hospital on Gartnavel campus will hopefully give staff a place where, even for a short time, they can pause for reflection; understands that Doctors in Distress was founded specifically to eliminate what it sees as stigma surrounding suicide and to provide support to NHS workers in order for them to continue the amazing work that they do; further understands that the charity would like every hospital in the country to support its National Memorial Tree Campaign and plant a memorial tree, which will highlight its commitment to protecting the mental health and wellbeing of its staff.

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***[S6M-12745](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow's Mother India Supports Maggie's Charity Quiz Night—**

That the Parliament congratulates Mother India, in Glasgow, for providing free curries to attendees at Maggie's Glasgow's quiz night, which was held at the charity's base on the grounds of Gartnavel General Hospital; notes that the charity is known for providing professional support to people with a cancer diagnosis in the family, which includes support for individuals who have cancer and support for their family and friends; understands that the restaurant owner, Monir Muhammed, and his brother, Bashir, have helped Maggie's with its quiz event curry on two occasions as they recognised that bringing people together for a fun event like a curry and quiz night gives those who use the centre the opportunity to bring their friends and family along to experience Maggie's; further understands that Maggie's is grateful for the support of the team at Mother India and that every penny raised on the night will go directly to the running of Maggie's Glasgow; believes that this will help it to support many more people to live their lives as fully as possible, and acknowledges that the quiz night raised a total of £3,200 to support people with cancer and their families.

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Motions Gluasadan				

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***[S6M-12744](#) Kevin Stewart: Happy 50th to Aberdeen Science Centre's "Pooping Sheep"—** That the Parliament understands that 2024 is the 50th anniversary of Aberdeen Science Centre's infamous "pooping sheep"; understands that the sheep, which allows visitors to follow the journey of food as it travels through the digestive system, is the oldest science exhibit in Scotland, even predating the Science Centre itself, having started off life at the Rowett Institute; further understands that the Science Centre, which first opened as Satrosphere in Justice Mill Lane in 1988, has been educating and entertaining children and adults alike through interactive, hands-on exhibits for over 35 years, providing memorable experiences of live science for schoolchildren across Aberdeen, and hopes that the sheep has no plans to retire anytime soon and will keep playing a part in making science fun and accessible in Aberdeen for many years to come.

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***[S6M-12742](#) Meghan Gallacher: UK Government Funding to Support Hundreds of Edinburgh Festival Fringe Acts—** That the Parliament welcomes the £1 million that the UK Government has agreed to award to a new Keep it Fringe fund; understands that the fund, which was launched in 2023 by *Fleabag* star, Phoebe Waller-Bridge, as president of the Fringe Society, is intended to nurture the next generation of British artists; further understands that the new funding will be targeted towards any UK-based acts or companies who do not currently have a high profile and may face barriers participating in the arts, and will help them to meet the costs involved in taking a show to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2024 and 2025; believes that this latest funding could level the playing field as it removes some of the financial challenges faced by many artists accessing the arts festival, and welcomes what it sees as this recognition of the cultural importance of the Fringe and the golden opportunity it provides for emerging talent.

***[S6M-12741](#) Annie Wells: Easterhouse Restaurant Wee Betty's Combatting Loneliness —** That the Parliament congratulates Wee Betty's, which is a family-owned restaurant in Easterhouse's shopping centre, on hosting a Chatter and Natter table; notes that the table creates a space for people to talk, whether it is for five minutes while you drink a brew, or an hour of good conversation to combat loneliness; understands that, although the aims of the scheme are to reduce loneliness and get people chatting, the word loneliness is not used on any of the publicity displayed in the cafe, and that it instead focuses on bringing people of all ages and from all walks of life together; further understands that the sisters who run the Glasgow restaurant decided to get involved in the Chatty Café scheme after they lost their mother and saw how the loneliness affected their father, and that they make sure that they have volunteers for anyone who needs to chat; acknowledges that Wee Betty's has partnered in the past with the Easterhouse Community Church to host a Boxing Day dinner, to help tackle loneliness within the community, and understands that the family-run business is always full of fun and laughter and also runs events on Saturday evenings to help customers to meet new friends and combat loneliness.

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***[S6M-12739](#) Tess White: University of Aberdeen Paves Way to End Female Genital**

Mutilation with World's First University Course—That the Parliament recognises the University of Aberdeen as the only university in the world that educates learners exclusively on female genital mutilation (FGM); understands that more than 1,000 students have already completed the four-week online course, covering all aspects of FGM, from the physiological and psychological consequences of FGM, to the legal aspects of health and social care; notes that the course is open to health and social care professionals, educators, police and anyone with an interest in women and girls' health and ending FGM; understands that the FutureLearn course was developed following a University of Aberdeen survey of UK medical schools, which suggested that graduating medical students felt underprepared to deal with FGM in a professional capacity; recognises that female genital mutilation was made illegal in the UK in 1985, but that it is thought that more than 100,000 women and girls live with the effects in the UK today, and congratulates the University of Aberdeen on leading the way with what it sees as this ground-breaking course.

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***[S6M-12738](#) Fulton MacGregor: Oscar Donnelly Named World Irish Dancing Champion**—

That the Parliament congratulates 12-year-old Oscar Donnelly on being named World Irish Dancing Champion in his division at the Oireachtas Rince na hÉireann 2024, which was held in Glasgow in March; understands that this is the third successive year that Oscar has been named world champion; notes that Oscar, who grew up in Coatbridge, trains with the Sharon Taylor Irish Dance Academy in Bellshill; understands that Oscar trains five times a week regularly, and every day in the lead up to championships; commends Oscar's work ethic and commitment to Irish dancing, which he has been doing since he was three years old; praises Oscar for placing ahead of 20 other competitors; understands that competitors from 17 countries entered the championship; wishes Oscar continued success into the future, and congratulates all other competitors who took part in the competition.

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***[S6M-12737](#) Fulton MacGregor: St Patrick's Day 2024**—That the Parliament notes the celebration of St Patrick's Day on 17 March; understands that 2024's theme was "Ireland's Future in the World", which focused on young Irish people, Ireland's diaspora, and their perspectives about the world of the future and Ireland's place in it; recognises Coatbridge's long-standing place as a home for the Irish diaspora in Scotland, with, it understands, more than double the amount of Irish-born residents living there, compared with the rest of Scotland; congratulates the organising committee of the 2024 St Patrick's day festival in Coatbridge; appreciates that the festival programme included street fairs, quizzes, music, ceilidhs, food, drink and more entertainment; understands that the St Patrick's Primary School choir opened the St Patrick's Day festival with a performance for the community and the Consul General of Ireland in Edinburgh; wishes the festival continued success into the future; notes the close links that Scotland has had with its Irish neighbours across the North Channel in the previous millennia, and anticipates continued close Hiberno-Caledonian links and friendship for millennia to come.

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***[S6M-12696](#) Foyso! Choudhury: The Great British Curry Festival**—That the Parliament notes that the inaugural Great British Curry Festival will be held in Bangladesh on 23 May 2024; understands that adjacent Curry Festivals will be held in London on 23 April, Lisbon on 7 May and Azerbaijan on 12 June; commends the founder, Tommy Miah MBE, for his work in setting up the Great British Curry Festival and promoting the curry industry in Scotland since the 1980s, including through the International Indian Chef of the Year Competition and Hospitality Awards, since its launch in 1991; understands that Tommy Miah has been promoting British curries around the world, and has chosen to launch the Great British Curry Festival in Scotland in recognition of Scotland's proud curry heritage; acknowledges what it sees as the positive impact of the curry industry in Scotland, in supporting cultural diversity, culinary excellence, tourism, local businesses and the economy; believes that, for many, the curry industry is now a vital part of Scottish and British identity; congratulates British South Asian chefs for what it deems to be their vital contribution to cultural and culinary diversity; notes the belief that more support must be given to the curry industry to help it tackle the numerous challenges that it has faced in recent years, due to COVID-19 and staff shortages; welcomes what it sees as the positive impact of the Great British Curry Festival, and wishes all participants the best for the future. **R**

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-12736](#) Audrey Nicoll: Laura Ripley of Portlethen Wins the Self-employed Award at the Celebrating Small Business Awards (lodged on 05 April 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-12735](#) Annie Wells: Life in 1970s Maryhill Displayed at New Glasgow Exhibition (lodged on 05 April 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jamie Greene*, Alexander Stewart*, Russell Findlay*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Pam Gosal*, Bill Kidd*, Edward Mountain*, Sue Webber*, Jackson Carlaw*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Tess White*, Liam Kerr*, Sharon Dowey*, Brian Whittle*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-12733](#) Jackson Carlaw: UK Government Funding Award for Crookfur House in Newton Mearns (lodged on 05 April 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Annie Wells*, Ariane Burgess*, Sandesh Gulhane* **R**, Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jamie Greene*, Russell Findlay*, Sue Webber*, Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-12732](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank's Happy Leaf Makes Impressive Strides in Plant Care (lodged on 05 April 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Audrey Nicoll*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-12730](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Musical Society's Performance of Legally Blonde (lodged on 05 April 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S6M-12729](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Tannochside Miners Welfare Club, Finalists at PubAid Community Pub Hero Awards (lodged on 04 April 2024)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S6M-12728](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Woman Crowned Mastermind Champion (lodged on 05 April 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Paul Sweeney*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackson Carlaw*, Pam Gosal*, Liam Kerr*, Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-12727](#) Liam Kerr: The Need for New Railway Stations North of the Central Belt (lodged on 04 April 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Ariane Burgess*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sharon Dowey*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-12726](#) Christine Grahame: 15 Years of Gala Life (lodged on 04 April 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-12725](#) Gillian Mackay: Unbeaten Falkirk Crowned League One Champions (lodged on 04 April 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Maggie Chapman*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-12721](#) Willie Coffey: Hillhead Primary Wins Gold Award (lodged on 04 April 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Jackie Dunbar*, Audrey Nicoll*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-12719](#) Jackie Dunbar: BP Student Tutoring Scheme Celebrates 30 Years of Inspiring Pupils (lodged on 04 April 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-12716](#) Roz McCall: Bob and Blether Swims for International Women's Day (lodged on 03 April 2024)

New Support: Liz Smith*, Alexander Stewart*, Edward Mountain*, Pam Gosal*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Murdo Fraser*, Meghan Gallacher*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Craig Hoy*, Douglas Ross*, Jeremy Balfour*, Russell Findlay*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Liam Kerr*, Sue Webber*, Jackson Carlaw*, Tess White*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-12715](#) Kevin Stewart: Alcohol and Drugs Action (lodged on 03 April 2024)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Ben Macpherson*

[S6M-12714](#) Jackie Dunbar: Intergenerational Work Project Between Bridge of Don and District Men's Shed and Forehill Primary School (lodged on 03 April 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-12712](#) Foyso Choudhury: Bihar Diwas 2024 (lodged on 03 April 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Stuart McMillan*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-12711](#) Foysol Choudhury: Eid Mubarak (lodged on 03 April 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Stuart McMillan*, Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12709](#) Emma Harper: Graham Watson BEM Raises Funds for the My Name's 5 Daddie Foundation (lodged on 02 April 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12708](#) Emma Harper: Dumfries Veterans Nominated for Top Awards (lodged on 02 April 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12707](#) Emma Harper: World Asthma Day 2024 (lodged on 03 April 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Stuart McMillan*, Pam Gosal*, Ben Macpherson*, Gillian Mackay*, Sharon Dowey*, Alasdair Allan*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-12705](#) Pam Gosal: Celebrating Eid ul-Fitr 2024 (lodged on 02 April 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S6M-12704](#) Kenneth Gibson: Scotland to Host Bio-Hermes Biomarker Data Challenge 2024 (lodged on 02 April 2024)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12700](#) Beatrice Wishart: DWP Maladministration and the WASPI Women (lodged on 03 April 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-12695](#) Maggie Chapman: Celebrating Workers and Trade Unions on May Day (lodged on 03 April 2024)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S6M-12692](#) Paul Sweeney: Congratulating Bernard Ponsonby on his Retirement from Political Broadcasting (lodged on 28 March 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-12681](#) Jackie Dunbar: Apache North Sea Becomes first £1 Million-plus Donor to Maggie's Aberdeen (lodged on 27 March 2024)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S6M-12676](#) Sandesh Gulhane: University of Glasgow Awards Honorary Degree to World Health Organization Director-General (lodged on 27 March 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liam Kerr*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackson Carlaw*, Tess White*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-12656](#) Rachael Hamilton: Berwickshire Students Win Borders Company of the Year (lodged on 27 March 2024)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-12655](#) Ivan McKee: Commending the Work of RE-Tune SCIO (lodged on 03 April 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-12648](#) John Mason: World Water Day (lodged on 26 March 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-12647](#) John Mason: World Tuberculosis Day (lodged on 26 March 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-12638](#) Kevin Stewart: Calling on the UK Government to Compensate the WASPI Women (lodged on 25 March 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-12635](#) Annabelle Ewing: The Cookie Jar Foundation Awarded Asda Foundation Grant (lodged on 25 March 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12634](#) Annabelle Ewing: Food Shack Fife CIC Awarded Asda Foundation Grant (lodged on 25 March 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12631](#) Christine Grahame: Justice for Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) (lodged on 25 March 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-12627](#) Michelle Thomson: CVS Falkirk Celebrates 10th Anniversary at Falkirk Funders Fayre 2024 (lodged on 25 March 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12622](#) Jackie Baillie: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Scotland Report, Worried and Waiting: A Review of Paediatric Waiting Times in Scotland (lodged on 26 March 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12608](#) Jackie Dunbar: Impact of Thatcherism (lodged on 03 April 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Alasdair Allan*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-12607](#) Elena Whitham: Sir James MacMillan Awarded the Ivors Academy Fellowship (lodged on 22 March 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12598](#) Ross Greer: Hong Kong Article 23 (lodged on 26 March 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-12594](#) Martin Whitfield: Haddington Athletic FC Youth Section Autistic and Neurodiverse Team Wins National Championship (lodged on 21 March 2024)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-12593](#) Claire Baker: Raith Rovers' Lewis Vaughan Awarded Testimonial Match (lodged on 21 March 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-12590](#) Michael Marra: Abertay University Dundee, Top International Games Design School (lodged on 20 March 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12589](#) Michelle Thomson: Home2Hospital Initiative Helps Cancer Patients in Falkirk East (lodged on 20 March 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12588](#) Michelle Thomson: Falkirk East's Table Tennis Superstar, Lara Stirling, Wins Second Senior Doubles Title (lodged on 20 March 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12587](#) Roz McCall: Fife Alcohol Support Service Receives £20,000 National Lottery Grant (lodged on 20 March 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-12586](#) Jackie Dunbar: Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month (lodged on 22 March 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-12584](#) Alasdair Allan: Celebrating 10 Years of The Shed Project (lodged on 03 April 2024)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-12583](#) Alasdair Allan: Commending the Work of the Western Isles Rape Crisis Centre (lodged on 20 March 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-12579](#) Sarah Boyack: Celebrating 30 Years of the Scottish Indian Arts Forum (lodged on 20 March 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-12578](#) Sarah Boyack: Recognising South Asian Stories at National Museums Scotland (lodged on 20 March 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-12564](#) Finlay Carson: Dumfries and Galloway Woodlands Gains Lottery Funding (lodged on 20 March 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-12542](#) Craig Hoy: East Lothian Triumphs in The Sunday Times Best Place to Live Guide (lodged on 19 March 2024)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12541](#) Ariane Burgess: Recognising World Rewilding Day 2024 (lodged on 19 March 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-12540](#) Richard Leonard: Supporting the Further Education Workforce (lodged on 19 March 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth*, Pauline McNeill*, Sarah Boyack*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Foyso Choudhury*

[S6M-12534](#) Jackson Carlaw: Holocaust Survivor Henry Wuga's Sad Passing (lodged on 19 March 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12529](#) Tess White: Raising Awareness of Endometriosis Action Month in March 2024 (lodged on 18 March 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-12524](#) Clare Adamson: No Falls Week 2024 (lodged on 18 March 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-12519](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney RFC Wins Community Club of the Season (lodged on 18 March 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-12509](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Art Exhibition, 10 Years in the Baking (lodged on 15 March 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12486](#) Michelle Thomson: Celebrating the 112th Birthday of Scotland's Oldest Cinema (lodged on 13 March 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-12467](#) Russell Findlay: The Murder of Emma Caldwell (lodged on 28 March 2024)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-12427](#) Tess White: Scotland Can't Wait: Parkinson's Support (lodged on 18 March 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-12364](#) Gordon MacDonald: Wester Hailes Station to be Adopted (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12356](#) Ruth Maguire: Scottish Sports Futures Youth Worker of Year Award (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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[S6M-12338](#) Neil Bibby: Celebrating A Play, A Pie and A Pint's 20th Anniversary (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12334](#) Evelyn Tweed: Stirling Success at Fourth Scottish Cafe and Bakery Awards 2024 (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12330](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Winners and Participants of the 42nd Fife Festival of Music 2024 (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12329](#) Claire Baker: Recognising the Achievements of Mid Scotland and Fife Region Winners of the Scottish Sports Futures Awards 2024 (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12327](#) Christine Grahame: Wishing Ralph Roberts, Chief Executive of NHS Borders, Well on his Upcoming Retirement (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12314](#) Alasdair Allan: Celebrating the Heritage Work of John MacDonald (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12296](#) Keith Brown: Congratulations to Connect on its Fifth Anniversary (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12288](#) Karen Adam: Fraserburgh Enterprise Hub (lodged on 27 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12287](#) Karen Adam: Elgin Academy Receives Gold Reading School Award (lodged on 27 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12284](#) Karen Adam: Scottish Fishermen's Federation Pride in the Seas (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12279](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Commending the Work of North Edinburgh Drug and Alcohol Centre (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12273](#) Kenneth Gibson: 80th Anniversary of Barmill Jolly Beggars Club (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Pam Gosal*

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[S6M-12271](#) Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Council Employee Recognised at Scottish Social Services Awards (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12270](#) Stuart McMillan: Aulds Bakers' Success at 2024 World Championship Scotch Pie Awards (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12269](#) Stuart McMillan: Ocean Youth Trust Scotland Receives Top Volunteering Award (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12268](#) Annabelle Ewing: Double Awards Success for Nardone's Academy of Performing Arts (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-12262](#) Sarah Boyack: Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) 2024 Wee Box Appeal (lodged on 27 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12246](#) Clare Haughey: New Restaurant Raising Funds for Cambuslang and Rutherglen Charities (lodged on 22 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12242](#) Clare Adamson: The Wee Box 2024 Campaign Launch (lodged on 22 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12241](#) Clare Adamson: Parksprings Care Home Lifesaving Fundraiser (lodged on 22 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12238](#) Clare Adamson: Millie Frod: Strange Horizons (lodged on 22 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12188](#) Bob Doris: Every Moment Matters for Babies Born with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (lodged on 19 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12185](#) Foysoyl Choudhury: MILAN Senior Welfare Organisation Secures Electrical Safety Funding (lodged on 19 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12171](#) Michelle Thomson: Peter Moses Selected for Cricket Over-60s World Cup 2024 (lodged on 15 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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[S6M-12170](#) Michelle Thomson: Carrongrange Challenge for My Name's5 Daddie Foundation
(lodged on 15 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12160](#) Karen Adam: Celebrating Scotland and Banffshire and Buchan Coast as Premier Locations for Film and TV Production (lodged on 22 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12158](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Congratulating Taylor High School on Raising £4,200 for St Andrews Hospice (lodged on 15 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12157](#) Karen Adam: Senior Leadership Group, Buckie Community High School (lodged on 15 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12155](#) Karen Adam: Celebrating Scotland's Wedding Industry (lodged on 14 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12151](#) Ivan McKee: National Day of Reflection 2024 (lodged on 15 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12148](#) Bob Doris: Congratulating St Cuthbert's Primary School on its Educational Success (lodged on 13 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12147](#) Willie Rennie: Victims' Awareness Week (lodged on 13 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12143](#) David Torrance: #LoveScotlandsColleges (lodged on 13 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12139](#) Gillian Mackay: 100 years of Dalziel Rugby Club (lodged on 12 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12134](#) David Torrance: Fundraising Efforts of Local Business, Kirkcaldy (lodged on 12 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12133](#) David Torrance: Made for Maggie's (lodged on 12 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12131](#) Clare Adamson: Craigneuk Lifelong Learning awarded £10,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 12 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-12128](#) Clare Adamson: North Lanarkshire Neighbourhood Networks Fundraiser
(lodged on 12 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12127](#) Clare Adamson: 20th Motherwell Boys' Brigade Clyde Climate Forest (lodged on 12 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12105](#) Marie McNair: Old Kilpatrick Food Parcels Begin New Era (lodged on 09 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12101](#) Bob Doris: In Memory of Melanie Wilson - Melanie's Gift of Stationery (lodged on 12 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12100](#) Bob Doris: The George Ward Collection – Exploring 1970s Maryhill (lodged on 08 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12088](#) Claire Baker: Celebrating 30 Years' Service of Senior Coordinator Eleanor Thomson at Homestart Kirkcaldy (lodged on 08 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12074](#) Neil Bibby: Lawn Tennis Association Invests Over £300,000 in Renfrewshire Tennis Courts (lodged on 07 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12073](#) Neil Bibby: 3 Bears Nursery Fundraising for Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity (lodged on 07 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12072](#) Martin Whitfield: Preston Lodge RFC Crowned National League Division Three Champions (lodged on 07 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12064](#) Marie McNair: Hillview Care Home Teams Up with Adopt a Grandparent Scheme (lodged on 06 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12063](#) Marie McNair: A Tribute to the Late Hope Robertson of the Clydebank Asbestos Group (lodged on 06 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12062](#) Evelyn Tweed: Stirling Businesses Success at the Best of British Getaways Awards 2023 (lodged on 06 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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[S6M-12058](#) Audrey Nicoll: Robert Gordon University Academics Win Scottish Institute for Policing Research Impact Award (lodged on 06 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12056](#) Audrey Nicoll: National Subsea Centre, Robert Gordon University, University of Strathclyde and Net Zero Technology Centre Establish the Centre for Doctoral Training (lodged on 06 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12050](#) Clare Adamson: Asda Foundation's Donation to Newmains Bowling Club (lodged on 05 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12047](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Mid Scotland and Fife-based Bakeries on Winning Accolades at the 2024 World Championship Scotch Pie Awards (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12044](#) Foysoyl Choudhury: Scotland's Lascar Heritage: Investigating the Lives of South Asian Mariners (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12042](#) Gillian Mackay: Bo'ness Pupils Launch Campaign to Stop Owners Allowing Dogs to Foul in School Playground (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12037](#) Evelyn Tweed: Stirling Businesses Success at Confetti Awards 2024 (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12031](#) Beatrice Wishart: Shetland Business Owner Awarded Scottish EDGE Funding (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12029](#) Michelle Thomson: Yvonne Manning, Falkirk Council's Principal Librarian Named Librarian of the Year (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12028](#) Michelle Thomson: In Memoriam of Arthur Midwinter (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12019](#) Stephanie Callaghan: VIP Arts & Sports Academy Awarded £39,998 for its Everyone Together Indoors and Outdoors Project (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12013](#) Evelyn Tweed: Congratulates Stirling Based Dr Caroline Steele on Scottish Aesthetics Awards Win (lodged on 01 February 2024)

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New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 17 April 2024

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- 1. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what new financial support will be available to farmers and land managers to manage water, including to prevent flooding of homes. ([S6O-03292](#))
- 2. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take to reiterate the harms caused to both livestock and farmers by livestock worrying. ([S6O-03293](#))
- 3. Foyso! Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its Land Reform (Scotland) Bill will help protect communities from development on land of public importance. ([S6O-03294](#))
- 4. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government how its work on wildlife management can help address the reported threats to nature and biodiversity restoration posed by American mink. ([S6O-03295](#))
- 5. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land since it launched on 1 April 2022. ([S6O-03296](#))
- 6. Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the number of cases of livestock worrying. ([S6O-03297](#))
- 7. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent engagement it has had with the UK Government regarding Scotland's agricultural funding post-2025. ([S6O-03298](#))
- 8. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government how Crown Estate Scotland supports marine tourism in coastal communities. ([S6O-03299](#))

NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

- 1. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government when the health secretary last met with the chief executives of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and NHS Ayrshire and Arran, and what was discussed. ([S6O-03300](#))
- 2. Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review the current model of care for children with gender dysphoria. ([S6O-03301](#))
- 3. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making in implementing its Diabetes Improvement Plan. ([S6O-03302](#))
- 4. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of recent reports that one in 10 planned operations in the NHS were cancelled this January, what steps it is taking to reduce the rate of cancelled operations. ([S6O-03303](#))
- 5. Keith Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the location of the headquarters of the proposed National Care Service. ([S6O-03304](#))
- 6. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the health secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the plans for health infrastructure investment in its revised Infrastructure Investment Plan, including the likely publication date of any such plans. ([S6O-03305](#))

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7. Karen Adam: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its Remote and Rural Workforce Strategy and its work to ensure that the health and social care needs of people who live in remote and rural communities are met. ([S6O-03306](#))

8. Maurice Golden: [Not Lodged]

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 18 April 2024

Social Justice

1. Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what the average waiting time is for a determination on Adult and Child Disability Payments in Mid-Scotland and Fife. ([S6O-03308](#))

2. Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment the Ministerial Taskforce on Population has made of the potential impact of the centralisation of services on the sustainability of rural communities. ([S6O-03309](#))

3. Elena Whitham: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the housing minister has had with ministerial colleagues regarding any potential impact on rural community housing of its decision not to allow the use of fossil and biofuel heating systems in new-build construction. ([S6O-03310](#))

4. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the work undertaken by the staff and officials of Social Security Scotland to complete the move to have all payments for disabled children being paid directly by Social Security Scotland, and subject to the scrutiny of the Scottish Parliament. ([S6O-03311](#))

5. Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what impact the 2024-25 Scottish Budget will have on its targets for reducing child poverty. ([S6O-03312](#))

6. Stephanie Callaghan: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Child Poverty Action Group's recent analysis of official data showing that 4.3 million children were in relative poverty across the UK, up from 3.6 million in 2010-11. ([S6O-03313](#))

7. Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what work it is undertaking to give greater representation to older people. ([S6O-03314](#))

8. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to figures showing that there has been a decrease in the number of new homes started in 2023 compared with 2022. ([S6O-03315](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 18 April 2024

1. Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy meant by her reported comments to the Ferguson Marine workforce on 9 April 2024, that the Scottish Government will "stand with you long into the future". ([S6O-03316](#))

2. Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its recent consultations with local authorities about community access to the school estate, including sports facilities. ([S6O-03317](#))

3. Marie McNair: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support childcare groups that provide afterschool care and care outwith school term times. ([S6O-03318](#))

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4. Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it reportedly delayed the approval of the budget for Skills Development Scotland, which, according to the National Union of Students Scotland and the National Society of Apprentices, led to unnecessary distress and disruption for thousands of apprentices. ([S6O-03319](#)) R

5. Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with ScotRail regarding the potential for operating publicly-run services in the timetable slots vacated by the Jacobite service suspension. ([S6O-03320](#))

6. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to progress the recommendations contained in its Fair Fares Review. ([S6O-03321](#))

7. Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to promote and improve rail services in Dumfries and Galloway. ([S6O-03322](#))

8. Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government what its response it to the latest report on childcare costs by Pregnant Then Screwed. ([S6O-03323](#))

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged from 08 April 2024 to 12 April 2024

[S6W-23452](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what evaluation there has been of the CAVForth project, and how any lessons learned from any such evaluation will be cascaded across Scotland's transport authorities.

[S6W-26169](#) Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to reshape the Self-Build Loan Fund to better tailor it to the areas and people utilising it most, and to extend it beyond its current completion date.

[S6W-26170](#) Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to increase the £6 million that is currently available through the Self-Build Loan Fund.

[S6W-26171](#) Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider expanding the Self-Build Loan Fund to all applicants in rural areas, other than just those who are unable to access standard bank lending, to help increase the number of homes that are available in non-urban settings.

[S6W-26172](#) Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government how many applications for the Self-Build Loan Fund have been (a) received and (b) successful in obtaining funding since the Fund was established, and how much money it has allocated from the £6 million available.

[S6W-26173](#) Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government by when loan payments from the Self-Build Loan Fund are required to be repaid.

[S6W-26477](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-25336 by Maree Todd on 4 March 2024, in relation to those who attended their first appointment for assessment in the last five years, how many people experienced each of the three main outcomes that were listed in the previous answer.

[S6W-26488](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Secretary of State for Health and Social Care regarding using the *2024 Voluntary Scheme for Branded Medicines Pricing, Access and Growth* as an incentive for the pharmaceutical industry to improve the sustainability of current products in Scotland.

[S6W-26490](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-25624 by Angela Constance on 18 March 2024, whether it will provide an update on its discussions with the UK Government regarding a possible UK-wide Bill, and when it expects to bring forward any Scottish legislation if such an approach is required.

[S6W-26498](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Police Scotland's decision not to investigate every crime, what its response is to reported comments by Police Scotland that criminals could be handed a "tactical advantage" if police guidance on what crimes will no longer be investigated by officers is published.

[S6W-26590](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government how many staff work within the Scottish Ambulance Service's Integrated Clinical Hub service, broken down by (a) each hub and (b) profession.

[S6W-26591](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government how many vacancies currently exist within Scottish Ambulance Service's Integrated Clinical Hub service, broken down by each hub.

[S6W-26592](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what work it is doing to assess the impact of the Scottish Ambulance Service's Integrated Clinical Hub service on the demand for ambulances, including on waiting times at accident and emergency departments.

[S6W-26629](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the concerns raised by stakeholders in the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee evidence session on 16 January 2024 regarding the effectiveness of environmental governance, and to the

recommendation made by the Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland proposing the establishment of a specialist committee or working group to revisit the question of an environmental court or tribunal.

[S6W-26654 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government what powers it has to amend the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 to reduce or amend the distances from home to school before free school transport is provided.

[S6W-26670 Sarah Boyack](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has provided to each NHS board in each of the last three years to support an increase in the provision of insulin pumps and continuous glucose monitors.

[S6W-26729 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much money would have been allocated to GPs through the GP Premises Sustainability Fund over the current financial year that will now not be allocated.

[S6W-26730 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its reported decision to suspend the GP Premises Sustainability Fund, how many applications for such loans to GPs have been processed since the scheme was introduced in 2018, and how many applications remain outstanding.

[S6W-26731 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether NHS Scotland is participating in the UK Government scheme to donate surplus medical supplies to Ukraine, or any other such scheme.

[S6W-26732 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government what immediate action it is taking to improve certainty for investors in the build-to-rent sector.

[S6W-26733 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting planning authorities to streamline their planning processes.

[S6W-26734 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to revising planning policies and/or regulations to facilitate faster decision making on certain types of applications, such as the delivery of affordable homes.

[S6W-26735 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting local authorities to ensure that there is sufficient staff to invest in a significant scaling up of the prevention of homelessness activity.

[S6W-26736 Jackson Carlaw](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-26211 by Neil Gray on 2 April 2024, whether the total of 19 positions that have reportedly been advertised on the recruitment portal, Oriel, for August 2024, is the maximum number of radiology training places for 2024, and, if this is the case, for what reason the number of training places is not higher.

[S6W-26737 Carol Mochan](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-08992 by Humza Yousaf on 17 June 2022, what it has done to support NHS boards to test the introduction of models of care for long COVID, and how this has benefitted the management of other long-term and complex conditions, including Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME).

[S6W-26738 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards provide 24/7 end of life care at home for children.

[S6W-26739 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported concerns that inflationary costs for hospices and recent Agenda for Change pay awards have resulted in current funding levels being insufficient for hospices to operate sustainably.

[S6W-26740 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many community children's nurses are employed by NHS Scotland, broken down by NHS board.

[S6W-26741 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide funding to fill any gaps in NHS Scotland's provision for community children's nursing posts.

[S6W-26742 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will support the development of a Specialist Practitioner Qualification, at Masters level, for community children's nursing in Scotland.

[S6W-26743 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to sustainably fund Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) for the long-term, to ensure that it can provide lifeline care and support to children and families in light of the reported rising costs and increased need for its services.

[S6W-26744 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made to ensure that the new national strategy for palliative and end of life care addresses the needs of children.

[S6W-26745 Kenneth Gibson](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) passengers, (b) cars, (c) lorries and (d) coaches were carried on the Ardrossan to Brodick ferry route in each of the last 20 years for which figures are available.

[S6W-26746 Kenneth Gibson](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) passengers, (b) cars, (c) lorries and (d) coaches were carried on the Lochranza to Claonaig and Tarbert ferry route in each of the last 20 years for which figures are available.

[S6W-26747 Kenneth Gibson](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) passengers, (b) cars, (c) lorries and (d) coaches were carried on the Largs to Cumbrae ferry route in each of the last 20 years for which figures are available.

[S6W-26748 Fergus Ewing](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much the "hate monster" public information campaign has cost.

[S6W-26750 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to protect NHS patient data from cyber attacks.

[S6W-26751 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will detail the cyber attacks that have taken place in the NHS in Scotland in the last ten years.

[S6W-26752 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many people are currently in receipt of an Independent Living Fund payment.

[S6W-26753 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many more people are expected to receive an Independent Living Fund payment in 2024-25.

[S6W-26754 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much funding has been provided for the Independent Living Fund in the last five years; what the fund's budget will be for 2024-25, and what it anticipates that the fund's budget will be for 2025-26.

[S6W-26755 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to continue with the fee structure for optometrists, which has been aligned to the dentistry fee structure for the past three years.

[S6W-26756 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many ophthalmology training places have been provided at universities for Scottish domiciled students in each of the last five academic years, and how many places are planned for the current academic year.

[S6W-26757 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what additional services could be provided by high street ophthalmologists that could alleviate the reported current pressure on hospital and GP services.

[S6W-26758 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Independent Review of Audiology Services in Scotland, whether it will provide an update on the establishment of the National Implementation Group; whether the group has held any meetings, and what the membership of the group is.

[S6W-26759 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to deliver a primary care community audiology service during the current parliamentary session.

[S6W-26760 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has undertaken an assessment of any current unmet need for people with hearing loss.

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[S6W-26761 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many people are currently waiting for an initial assessment of hearing loss in each NHS board area, also broken down by what the (a) average and (b) longest waiting time for such an assessment is in each NHS board.

[S6W-26762 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what community audiology services are currently available.

[S6W-26763 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans for community audiology services to be able to make direct referrals to ear, nose and throat (ENT) consultants without going through a GP.

[S6W-26764 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans for community audiology services to be able to prescribe and fit hearing aids.

[S6W-26765 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has provided to Sistema Scotland in the financial years (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25.

[S6W-26768 Rachael Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to introduce wheat intolerance as a criteria for access to gluten-free foods on prescription.

[S6W-26769 Rachael Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £500 million, which was originally allocated to the Bus Partnership Fund, has been spent.

[S6W-26770 Rachael Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government where the reported unspent money, which was originally allocated to the Bus Partnership Fund, will be spent.

[S6W-26772 Tim Eagle](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much funding (a) it and (b) NHS Scotland has allocated to promote public awareness to (i) improve the understanding of and (ii) reduce the stigma associated with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in each year since 2016.

[S6W-26773 Tim Eagle](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether NHS Scotland has given any consideration to establishing an attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) taskforce, in light of NHS England's announcement of the formation of such a taskforce.

[S6W-26774 Tim Eagle](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce waiting times for the (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

[S6W-26775 Tim Eagle](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to enhance training for healthcare professionals to improve the quality of care and support for people living with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

[S6W-26776 Tim Eagle](#): To ask the Scottish Government in what ways (a) it and (b) NHS Scotland promotes public awareness to (i) improve the understanding of and (ii) reduce any stigma associated with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

[S6W-26777 Ross Greer](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential impact of the UK Government's Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill on the ability of Scottish Enterprise and other public bodies in Scotland to conduct human rights reputational risk management and other similar checks on prospective recipients of grants and other support.

[S6W-26778 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has reduced the average spending per pupil with additional support needs by £1,934 since 2012-13.

[S6W-26779 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address concerns raised at the meeting of the National Transitions to Adulthood Strategy External Strategic Working Group on 29 February 2024 that "families are struggling to secure a social worker and, in turn, access support for transitions".

[S6W-26780 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its consideration of combining the workstreams of the Strategic Board for Teacher Education and the Headteacher Recruitment and Retention working group.

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[S6W-26781 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had regarding the possible removal of the requirement for headteachers to undertake the Into Headship programme, and whether it will set out any conclusions arising from any such discussions.

[S6W-26782 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much funding has been allocated to the Into Headship programme in each of the last five years.

[S6W-26783 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the reported fall in the number of French teachers of 43% between 2008 and 2023.

[S6W-26784 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the reported failure to recruit target numbers of student teachers in languages.

[S6W-26785 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the reported fall in the number of secondary school teachers in (a) computing studies, (b) ASN: behavioural support, (c) maths, (d) technical education, (e) religious education, (f) geography, (g) German, (h) physics, (i) home economics and (j) English between 2008 and 2023.

[S6W-26786 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported concerns that, in 2023, the number of teachers in permanent, full-time employment fell to its lowest level since 2012, while the school role increased.

[S6W-26787 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of recent reports that its student teacher intake target was missed in 19 out of 20 subjects, and that 10 out of 20 subjects were unable to attract 50% of their target numbers.

[S6W-26788 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to address the reported failure to reach target student teacher intake numbers in 19 out of 20 subjects.

[S6W-26790 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on how often patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) should have their condition and treatment reviewed, and what percentage of patients living with COPD had their condition and treatment reviewed in 2022-23.

[S6W-26791 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government what additional resources have been made available to improve patient outcomes for people living with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) since the publication of its Respiratory Care Action Plan.

[S6W-26792 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government how the 12 commitments in the Respiratory Care Action Plan have been prioritised, and which commitments have been achieved.

[S6W-26793 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether there has been an increase in the number of patients accessing appropriate diagnostic tests, such as spirometry testing, for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), since the publication of the Respiratory Care Action Plan.

[S6W-26794 Edward Mountain](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that users of hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) are exempt from any charges under the Low Emission Zones (LEZ) that are being set up across Scotland.

[S6W-26795 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-26225 by Fiona Hyslop on 8 April 2024, what the estimated capital expenditure on the M8 Woodside Viaduct project is expected to be during the 2024-25 financial year.

[S6W-26796 Ivan McKee](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many applications for Waterborne Freight Grants have been received in the past five financial years, including 2023-24.

[S6W-26797 Ivan McKee](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many Waterborne Freight Grants have been awarded in the past five financial years, including 2023-24; which organisations or businesses were successful in receiving funding, and how much each recipient received in each year.

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S6W-26798 Foysoil Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government what funding it is currently providing for anti-racism education, and what organisations it is funding that carry out anti-racism education.

S6W-26799 Sharon Dowey: To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of new planting has been of (a) productive and (b) native species, in each year since the beginning of the current parliamentary session.

S6W-26800 Sharon Dowey: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of not meeting its target of creating 18,000 hectares of new woodland in 2024-25.

S6W-26801 Sharon Dowey: To ask the Scottish Government how many hectares of new planting has been of a productive species in each year since the beginning of the current parliamentary session.

S6W-26802 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide an update on when it (a) last met and (b) will next meet with the UK Minister of State for Energy Security and Net Zero regarding Grangemouth refinery. **R**

S6W-26803 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide an update on its engagement with the UK Government regarding any implications for Scotland of the Harrington Review of Foreign Direct Investment.

S6W-26804 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide an update on its work to make Scotland "a leading Fair Work Nation by 2025". **R**

S6W-26805 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide an update on its work in expanding collective bargaining in Scotland. **R**

S6W-26806 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide an update on its work in reviewing the Good Practice Principles for community benefits from onshore renewable energy developments.

S6W-26807 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide an update on its engagement with Vestas regarding potential investment in Scotland.

S6W-26808 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has reportedly excluded (a) Africa, (b) South America and (c) Oceania from the Offshore Wind Directorate's International Engagement Strategy's designated priority regions.

S6W-26809 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23975 by Mairi McAllan on 18 January 2024, whether it can detail any work that it has undertaken in relation to exploring joining the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance (BOGA) as a core member, and whether it will provide an update on its position on BOGA membership ahead of the publication of the Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan.

S6W-26810 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the potential implications of the announced closure of the Grangemouth refinery as part of its work on the forthcoming Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan.

S6W-26811 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether its final response to the Review of the Effectiveness of Environmental Governance will incorporate evidence recently submitted to the Scottish Parliament's Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee by Environmental Standards Scotland, the Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland and the Law Society of Scotland, specifically regarding whether an environmental court could enhance governance arrangements.

S6W-26812 Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is the case that, from 1 April 2024, fossil fuel and biofuel heating systems will not be permitted in newbuild construction; whether, in addition to oil and gas heating systems, (a) log boilers and (b) solid fuel and woodburning stoves have been banned, and, if so, what assessment it has made of any impact

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that this may have on (i) rural economies, (ii) resilience for properties during periods of power cuts and (iii) energy costs for properties.

[S6W-26817 Alex Rowley](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its policy is regarding mandatory rotation of Ukrainian refugees around hotels in Fife.

[S6W-26818 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to ensure that alcohol treatment initiatives, such as the Primary Care Alcohol Nurse Outreach Service (PCANOS), are maintained as key services in addressing Scotland's reportedly rising alcohol harms.

[S6W-26819 Miles Briggs](#): To ask to the Scottish Government for what reason social landlords reportedly have access to grants and additional time to support Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) compliance, in light of reports that many private landlords, who are struggling with rising mortgage costs and subject to rent control measures, limiting the ability to recoup any associated costs, do not have access to the same level of support.

[S6W-26820 Miles Briggs](#): To ask to the Scottish Government what incentives there will be for landlords to comply with the new Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) regulations, in light of the reported current lack of enforcement by local authorities.

[S6W-26821 Miles Briggs](#): To ask to the Scottish Government what progress has been made towards reviewing the operational arrangements of Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs), as committed to in its consultation on reforms to EPCs.

[S6W-26822 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to conserve and protect the earthworm population in Scotland.

[S6W-26823 Marie McNair](#): To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with COSLA regarding the presence of asbestos in schools and other public buildings.

[S6W-26824 Sharon Dowey](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many inmates with Order for Lifelong Restriction (OLR) sentences have not had an updated risk assessment within the last year.

[S6W-26825 Sharon Dowey](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it is taking any action to ensure that prisoners with an Order for Lifelong Restriction (OLR) sentence are provided with courses that will help them reform their behaviour.

[S6W-26826 Sharon Dowey](#): To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on how many current inmates have Order for Lifelong Restriction (OLR) sentences, and whether that figure has risen in the past five years.

[S6W-26827 Sue Webber](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S6W-23717 and S6W-23718 by Jenni Minto on 19 December 2023, whether it is aware of any specialist services for children and young people with myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) in Scotland, and, if it is the case that it is not aware of any such services, what plans it has to address this.

[S6W-26828 Oliver Mundell](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many out-of-hours doctors have been on call in NHS Dumfries and Galloway on each of the last 30 days, also broken down by the location at which they have been based.

[S6W-26829 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide a timeline for the potential implementation of motorway bus lanes around Glasgow.

[S6W-26830 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide an update on Transport Scotland's work in potentially establishing motorway bus lanes around Glasgow.

[S6W-26831 Foyso Choudhury](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many firefighters attended the Breadalbane Street fire in Edinburgh on 14 March 2024, broken down by how many underwent (a) full, (b) partial and (c) no decontamination following the fire.

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[S6W-26832](#) Foysol Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment was made of the potential risk to firefighter health, safety and wellbeing resulting from any fire contaminants at the Breadalbane Street fire in Edinburgh on 14 March 2024.

[S6W-26833](#) Foysol Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government what decontamination procedures were carried out by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service personnel (a) during and (b) after the Breadalbane Street fire in Edinburgh on 14 March 2024.

[S6W-26834](#) Foysol Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) infrastructure and (b) equipment, including materials, kit and PPE, was provided to firefighters to support and ensure full decontamination following their attendance at the Breadalbane Street fire in Edinburgh on 14 March 2024.

[S6W-26835](#) Foysol Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government whether the initial fire crews that attended the Breadalbane Street fire in Edinburgh on 14 March 2024 were relieved from the incident in order to decontaminate, and, if it is the case that they were not relieved, what the duration of their attendance was.

[S6W-26836](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the importance of MCR Pathways coordinators in delivering the MCR mentoring programme in schools.

[S6W-26837](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government what role mentors provided by MCR Pathways play in improving outcomes for children and young people, including pupils from a care setting.

[S6W-26838](#) Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a list of all funding streams that are being used, or could be used, to fund anti-racist education initiatives.

[S6W-26839](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason short-term let operators reportedly benefit from the Small Business Bonus Scheme to the extent that 80% of those paying non-domestic rates pay nothing towards local services.

[S6W-26841](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-09549 by Shona Robison on 19 July 2022, whether it will provide an update on (a) how many and (b) what value of Scotland Self-Build Loan Fund loans it has issued in each year of operation, and how many homes have been completed, broken down by local authority, since June 2022.

[S6W-26842](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Self-Build Loan Fund, how many people have defaulted on their loan repayments in each financial year since it was launched.

[S6W-26843](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how it (a) is spending and (b) plans to spend any funds raised from the interest applied to the Self-Build Loan Fund.

[S6W-26844](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many farms have participated in the Monitor Farms Scotland programme in each year since it was established. **R**

[S6W-26845](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has allocated to the Monitor Farms Scotland programme in each year since it was established. **R**

[S6W-26846](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to gather the views of (a) scientists, (b) farmers, (c) food producers, (d) manufacturers and (e) consumers, in relation to reducing regulations on gene editing. **R**

[S6W-26847](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the regulatory approach to gene editing in Scotland, what its response is to reports that the European Parliament has voted to ease regulations in relation to gene editing. **R**

[S6W-26848](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported warning from industry leaders that the reported £32 million reduction to the forestry and woodland creation budget will lead to 10 million trees being burnt or destroyed in some other way, with the cost of the wastage amounting to losses of £4.5 million for the sector. **R**

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New accompanying documents printed on 10 April 2024

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)—A revised version of the Explanatory Notes has been printed. (SP Bill 28A-EN) (Government Bill)

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 8 April 2024

Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

After section 1

Graham Simpson

5 After section 1 insert—

<Register of owner or occupiers of buildings with external wall cladding systems

- (1) Once a building has been registered in the cladding assurance register, a register of the owners and occupiers of that building is to be created.
- (2) The purpose of the register under subsection (1) is to maintain up to date contact details for owners and occupiers in the event of—
 - (a) arranging work to be carried out to the building, or
 - (b) a fire so long as the building has not had remedial work carried out.
- (3) The register is to be maintained by either—
 - (a) the building's factor,
 - (b) a resident's committee responsible for the building,
 - (c) such other person as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.>

New amendments to Bills lodged on 9 April 2024

Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

After section 2

Graham Simpson

6 After section 2, insert—

<2A Annual Report

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each reporting period—
 - (a) prepare and publish a report on the results of single-building assessments, and
 - (b) lay the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (2) The report must include, in relation to the reporting period to which the report relates—
 - (a) the number of single-building assessments that were arranged,
 - (b) the results of single-building assessments broken down by reference to any work to be carried out (either under section 6 or otherwise) that is identified for—
 - (i) external wall cladding system,
 - (ii) other fire associated building construction issues,

- (iii) fundamental associated construction issues,
 - (iv) general health and safety works,
 - (v) maintaining building standards.
- (3) In this section, the “reporting period” is the period of one year beginning with the day on which this section comes into force and each subsequent period of one year.>

Section 10

Graham Simpson

7 In section 10, page 6, line 9, at end insert—

<() On an appeal under this section, the sheriff must—

- (a) nominate a panel of technical experts with the knowledge and expertise of remediation work, and
- (b) have regard to the views expressed by the panel in making their decision on an appeal.>

After section 24

Graham Simpson

8 After section 24, insert—

<PART

REINSURANCE SCHEME

Reinsurance scheme

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, provide a reinsurance scheme to promote affordability and availability of insurance for an owner or occupier of a premise with, or at risk from, an external wall cladding system.
- (2) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (3) In so far as any provision of this Act, or any provision made under it, would relate to a reserved matter, the provision is (to the extent it would so relate) of no effect.>

Section 31

Graham Simpson

9 In section 31, page 16, line 26, after <Part> insert <and section 2A>

Progress of Legislation

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

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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 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 19 March 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (77th Report, 2023)

Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Finance and Public Administration)), 19 March 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (17th Report, 2024)

Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 8 May 2024
All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 1 May with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 27 March 2024

Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 20 March 2024

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Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 24 & 25 April 2024

Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 17 April with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (25th Report, 2024)

Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee), 30 April 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 24 April with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 5 March 2024

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)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee), 30 April 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 24 April with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 23 April 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 17 April with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 16 April 2024

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 16 April 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (11th Report, 2024)

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 26 March 2024

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National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Before Stage 2 (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee), 26 March 2024

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
[*\(legislationteam@parliament.scot\)*](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 17 April 2024

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 26 March 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (75th Report, 2023)

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee), 14 May 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 8 May with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([*legislationteam@parliament.scot*](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 28 March 2024

Stage 1 (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 6 February 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (20th Report, 2024)

Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill (M)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 18 April 2024

Stage 1 report - Social Justice and Social Security Committee (1st Report, 2024)

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 16 April 2024

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 28 March 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (24th Report, 2024)

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 23 April 2024

Stage 1 report – Criminal Justice Committee (2nd Report, 2024)

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 12 March 2024

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 Report (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee) published, 5 March 2024

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 21 March 2024

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Legislative Consent Memorandums

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<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/legislative-consent-memorandums>

Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill LCM-S6-41

Lodged on 19 December 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 22 February 2024

Report – Lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands) (2nd Report, 2024)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (8th Report, 2024)

Automated Vehicles Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-42a

Lodged on 29 February 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 16 April 2024

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (6th Report, 2024)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (19th Report, 2024)

Criminal Justice Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-43a

Lodged on 13 February 2024

Meeting (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 6 March 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (15th Report, 2024)

Data Protection and Digital Information Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-36a

Lodged on 14 September 2023

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (7th Report, 2023)

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 of the Parliament, 20 March 2024

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (6th Report, 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)

Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill LCM-S6-40

Lodged on 15 December 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 14 March 2024

Report – Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (1st Report, 2024)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13th Report, 2024)

Tobacco and Vapes Bill LCM-S6-44

Lodged on 2 April 2024

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Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 27 March 2024

[National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board \(Public Services Reform\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (8 February 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 29 March 2024

[Plant Health \(Import Inspection Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (19 February 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Legal Aid \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (19 February 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Alcohol \(Minimum Pricing\) \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Continuation\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (19 February 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Alcohol \(Minimum Price per Unit\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (19 February 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 5 May 2024

[Registration of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in Care Services \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (11 March 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 16 May 2024

[Sea Fisheries \(Remote Electronic Monitoring and Regulation of Scallop Fishing\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (22 March 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 20 May 2024

[Transport Partnerships \(Transfer of Functions\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (26 March 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 24 May 2024

[International Organisations \(Immunities and Privileges\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024](#) (3 April 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 17 April 2024

Lead Committee report due by 15 April 2024

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Islands and Remote Areas Hospitality Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/55\)](#) (22 February 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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[Regulation of Care \(Social Service Workers\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/56\)](#) (22 February 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Discretionary Financial Assistance \(Scotland\) Revocation Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/58\)](#) (22 February 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/59\)](#) (22 February 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 18 April 2024
Lead Committee report due by 15 April 2024

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/192\)](#) (23 February 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 25 April 2024
Lead Committee report due by 22 April 2024

[Dangerous Dogs \(Compensation and Exemption Schemes\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/70\)](#) (1 March 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 5 May 2024
Lead Committee report due by 29 April 2024

[Scottish Social Services Council \(Appointments, Procedure and Access to the Register\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/74\)](#) (11 March 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 8 May 2024
Lead Committee report due by 6 May 2024

[Police Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/80\)](#) (14 March 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 9 May 2024
Lead Committee report due by 6 May 2024

[Meat Preparations \(Import Conditions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/81\)](#) (15 March 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment 15 May 2024
Lead Committee report due by 13 May 2024

[Plant Health \(Export Certification\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/86\)](#) (21 March 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment 20 May 2024
Lead Committee report due by 13 May 2024

[Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment \(Denmark\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/101\)](#) (26 March 2024) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

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Subject to annulment 22 May 2024
Lead Committee report due by 20 May 2024

[Town and Country Planning \(General Permitted Development\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/102\)](#) (28 March 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Petitions

The following petition was lodged by the Parliament on 10 April 2024:

PE2092: Change the law and prevent children aged 5 to 17 from drinking alcohol in their home or other private premises

PE2093: Review and update the Scottish Ministerial Code

PE2094: Review The Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 and expand the remit of First-tier Tribunal to include commercial properties

PE2095: Improve the public consultation processes for energy infrastructure projects

<https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions>

New Documents

Committee Reports

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Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 10 April 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

HMICS Frontline Focus – Wellbeing (HMICS/2024/03) laid before the Scottish Parliament by His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

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