

Wednesday 7 February 2024

# Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions  
Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy  
Finance and Parliamentary Business

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate:  
Delivering Record Social Security Investment  
in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis  
and Inequality

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-  
11700 Rona Mackay: Definition of  
Deafblindness

### Committee Meetings

**8:30am** Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

**9:30am** Citizen Participation and Public  
Petitions Committee

**9:30am** Criminal Justice Committee

**9:30am** Economy and Fair Work Committee

**9:30am** Education, Children and Young  
People Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Finance and Parliamentary Business – Questions 1 and 8.**

### Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy

- 1. Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it will take in the next financial year to boost the confidence of those operating in the business sector and to promote entrepreneurship. ([S6O-03054](#))
- 2. Foysol Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding actions that can be taken to preserve energy networks following periods of bad weather. ([S6O-03055](#))
- 3. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government how its cities strategy supports town centres within cities to be vibrant destinations, which offer a range of services and amenities to support the community. ([S6O-03056](#))
- 4. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has held with South of Scotland Enterprise regarding any preliminary analysis of the outcome of its recently implemented four-day working week pilot. ([S6O-03057](#))
- 5. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the growth of international exports. ([S6O-03058](#))
- 6. Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether, as part of the implementation of the recommendations of the City Centre Recovery Taskforce report, the role of larger retail stores in city centres is being considered. ([S6O-03059](#))
- 7. Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of the reduction in funding for Highlands and Islands Enterprise on women in business. ([S6O-03060](#))
- 8. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress against the five fair work benchmarks in the National Strategy for Economic Transformation. ([S6O-03061](#))

### Finance and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has allocated to local authorities from its 2024-25 Budget. ([S6O-03062](#))
- 2. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what dialogue it has had with Inverclyde Council regarding the Scottish Budget for 2024-25. ([S6O-03063](#))
- 3. Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has made of the potential impact on its Medium-Term Financial Strategy and future Scottish Budgets of reports that the cost of a National Care Service could rise to £2 billion. ([S6O-03064](#)) R
- 4. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government what its latest engagement has been with the UK Government regarding cost of living support. ([S6O-03065](#))

- 5. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government how its Budget for 2024-25 will support the delivery of local services in the Mid Scotland and Fife region. ([S6O-03066](#))
- 6. Ivan McKee:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of how much money it expects to be able to reallocate from back office costs to front line services in the Scottish Budget, as a result of its work on public service reform. ([S6O-03067](#))
- 7. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is, regarding any potential impact on Scotland's public finances, to reports that the Chancellor of the Exchequer is considering reducing taxes in the UK Budget in March. ([S6O-03068](#))
- 8. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration is being given to increasing the funding settlement for local authorities. ([S6O-03069](#))

### followed by Scottish Government Debate: Delivering Record Social Security Investment in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis and Inequality

[S6M-12079](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Delivering Record Social Security Investment in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis and Inequality—That the Parliament believes that social security plays a vital role in tackling poverty and reducing economic and social inequalities, and that the Scottish social security system must have dignity, fairness and respect at its heart; welcomes the Scottish Government's record investment of £6.3 billion in social security expenditure in 2024-25 and that the Scottish Fiscal Commission has forecast that this is an investment of £1.1 billion more than the funding received from the UK Government through the social security block grant; notes that this investment includes the Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods, as well as the landmark, and extended, Scottish Child Payment, which is estimated to lift 50,000 children out of relative poverty in 2024; recognises that £614 million of Scotland-only benefits are being delivered in 2024-25, which is support that is unparalleled across the UK; further recognises the substantial difference that Social Security Scotland is making through improved disability and carers benefits; notes that Scottish Government support is being delivered despite continued UK Government block grant cuts and continued UK Government austerity, and calls on the UK Government to drop planned Work Capability Assessment changes, introduce an essentials guarantee and immediately scrap the two-child cap and the associated so-called rape clause.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-12079.2](#) Jeremy Balfour: Delivering Record Social Security Investment in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis and Inequality—As an amendment to motion S6M-12079 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Delivering Record Social Security Investment in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis and Inequality), leave out from "; welcomes" to end and insert ", but notes with extreme concern that the Scottish Fiscal Commission reports that, by 2027-28, the Scottish Government will need to find an additional £1.3 billion in spending from within the Scottish Budget for these demand-led payments; understands that the Social Security Scotland agency is set to cost taxpayers in Scotland £322 million in operational costs in 2024-25, which is 130% higher than spending in 2020-21; acknowledges that these benefits were first promised to be fully devolved to Scottish control by 2020, but that the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has recently had to agree to extend the agency agreements to continue to assist and support the Scottish Government until 2026 as Social Security Scotland is, to date, unable to handle the full caseload; notes that these devolved benefits have not been significantly changed from the DWP criteria and that the promised review of adult disability payments may not be published until

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**S6M-12079.1 Paul O'Kane: Delivering Record Social Security Investment in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis and Inequality**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12079 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Delivering Record Social Security Investment in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis and Inequality), leave out from "Government's" to end and insert "Child Payment; notes the stubbornly high waiting times for Child Disability Payment, where the median processing time was 106 days, and for Adult Disability Payment, where the median processing time was 83 days, according to the latest statistical releases; is concerned by the Scottish Government's failure to sufficiently and swiftly address these long processing times, which are driving some people to rely on foodbanks, according to reports from third sector organisations; is further concerned by the rise of in-work poverty in Scotland, with over one in 10 workers locked in persistent low pay according to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, and agrees that a UK Labour administration will implement a New Deal for Working People that will end in-work poverty and implement a fundamental reform of the Universal Credit system to provide a real safety net for those who need it."

### **followed by Business Motions**

**S6M-12085 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 February 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Working Towards a Tobacco-free Scotland by 2034 and Tackling Youth Vaping

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Building a New Scotland - Social Security in an Independent Scotland

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 21 February 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 Liberal Democrats Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 22 February 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Grangemouth Refinery

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Income Tax Rate Resolution 2024-25

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 February 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 February 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*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 29 February 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 1 Debate: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 19 February 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

**[S6M-12086](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Extension**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be extended to 23 February 2024.

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-12087](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Meeting**

**Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament following Decision Time on Wednesday 21 February 2024.

**followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)**

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business**

**Debate on the subject of—**

**[S6M-11700](#) Rona Mackay: Definition of Deafblindness**—That the Parliament notes the process towards formal recognition in Scotland of deafblindness as a distinct disability; commends the work of the Cross-Party Group (CPG) on Deafness, whose members have been working tirelessly towards the definition of deafblindness becoming adopted in Scotland, which, it understands, is

already the case elsewhere in the UK and within the European Parliament; notes the view that this is a crucial step towards identifying, diagnosing and supporting people with dual sensory loss who live in Scotland, including in the Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency, and enabling the unique challenges that they face to be addressed; further notes what it sees as the valuable recommendations of Deafblind Scotland, having worked with partners in the CPG to develop a Declaration on Deafblindness; notes the calls from the group for the Scottish Parliament to recognise this low-incidence but high-impact disability in Scotland, and the formal adoption of the Nordic definition of deafblindness; understands that the World Health Organization (WHO) is one of several organisations that has already adopted the definition of deafblindness, and applauds Deafblind Scotland, in Lenzie, and its members, staff and volunteers, for working to ensure that lived experience plays an integral part in informing policy, including the formal recognition of the term deafblindness and its definition.



## Committee Meetings

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

### Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 4th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (1 day of 2).

### Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 2nd Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Inquiry into A9 Dualling Project:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Màiri McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition, Scottish Government;  
Lawrence Shackman, Director, Major Projects, Jo Blewett, Head of Sustainable Transport Projects, and Rob Galbraith, Head of Project Delivery, Transport Scotland.
3. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petition—  
PE1979: Establish an independent inquiry and an independent national whistleblowing officer to investigate concerns about the alleged mishandling of child safeguarding enquiries by public bodies, taking evidence from—  
Neil McLennan, Petitioner  
Alison Dickie, Petitioner  
Bill Cook, Petitioner  
Brendan Barnett, Whistleblower  
and then consider—  
PE1930: Ensure customers are always given information on cheapest possible fare in new Scotrail contract;  
PE1945: Ban the extraction and use of peat for horticulture and all growing media by 2023;  
PE1946: To call on the Scottish Government to pay all charges for homeless temporary accommodation;  
PE2006: Review and simplify the legislation in relation to dismissal of property factors;  
and  
PE2008: Provide funding for a separate mental health A&E for children.
4. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—  
PE2060: Review existing legislation and legal remedies against trespassers; and  
PE2062: Introduce a National Screening Programme for Prostate Cancer.
5. **Evidence session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda items 2 and 3.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.



## Criminal Justice Committee 7th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Andrew Baird, Policy Officer, Criminal Justice Reform Unit, Alastair Bowden, Policy Officer, Criminal Justice Reform Unit, Jeff Gibbons, Unit Head, Violence Against Women and Girls Unit, Nicola Guild, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Linsay Mackay, Policy Officer, Criminal Law, Practice and Licensing Unit, Lisa McCloy, Unit Head, Criminal Justice Reform Unit, and Heather Tully, Policy Officer, Criminal Justice Reform Unit, Scottish Government.
2. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
3. **Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

## Economy and Fair Work Committee 5th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Consumer Scotland Act 2020 (Relevant Public Authorities) Regulations 2024 [draft] from—  
Tom Arthur, Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance, Heather Galbraith, Solicitor, and Neal Rafferty, Head of Heat Strategy and Consumer Policy Unit, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Tom Arthur (Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance) to move—  
S6M-11828—That the Economy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Consumer Scotland Act 2020 (Relevant Public Authorities) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.
4. **Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Joanne Davidson, Scottish Chambers of Commerce Network, Scottish Chambers of Commerce;  
Stacey Dingwall, Head of Policy and External Affairs (Scotland), Federation of Small Businesses;  
Colin Smith, Chief Executive, Scottish Wholesale Association.
5. **Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 4.
6. **Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
7. **Correspondence (in private):** The Committee will consider correspondence from Consumer Scotland.

## Education, Children and Young People Committee 5th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3).
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft] from—  
Natalie Don, Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise, and Joanna Mackenzie, Team Leader, Targeted Children and Family Wellbeing, Scottish Government;  
Nico McKenzie-Juetten, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Natalie Don (Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise) to move—S6M-11977—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 31 January 2024

### Thursday 8 February 2024

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-11396 Stephen Kerr: The Future of the Grangemouth Oil Refinery

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions

Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Minimum Unit Pricing of Alcohol

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Tuesday 20 February 2024

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### Wednesday 21 February 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** Opposition Debate: Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

**5:10 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

**Thursday 22 February 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: Social Justice

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Financial Resolution: Regulation of Legal Services (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>

### Public Audit Committee

8 February 2024

5th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to consider any future draft reports on Adult mental health in private at future meetings.
3. **The 2022/23 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Carole Grant, Audit Director, and Richard Smith, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **The 2022/23 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Carole Grant, Audit Director, and Richard Smith, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
5. **The 2022/23 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
6. **Adult mental health:** The Committee will consider a draft report on Adult mental health.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lynn Russell at [Lynn.Russell@parliament.scot](mailto:Lynn.Russell@parliament.scot)

### Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

8 February 2024

5th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Review of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement:** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from the Scottish Advisory Forum on Europe (SAFE)—  
Irene Oldfather, Chair, SAFE;  
Rachel Le Noan, Policy and Public Affairs Officer, SCVO;  
Agnes Tolmie, Chair, the Scottish Women's Convention;  
Dr Adam Marks, International Policy Executive, Law Society of Scotland;  
Alastair Sim, Director, Universities Scotland;  
Tom Sallis, Director of Global Partnerships, Scotch Whisky Association;  
Lloyd Austin, Convener of the Governance Group, Scottish Environment LINK;

Robert Smith, Head of International Policy, Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI).

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at [james.johnston@parliament.scot](mailto:james.johnston@parliament.scot)

### **Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee**

**8 February 2024**

**3rd 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 item 4 in private.
2. **SPPA Committee:** The Committee will consider an annual update on Cross-Party Groups' compliance with the Code of Conduct.
3. **'A Parliament for All': Report of the Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit -** The Committee will give further consideration of recommendations in the Gender Sensitive Audit report.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at [catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot](mailto:catherine.fergusson@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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The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

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

## Motions for Debate

**\*[S6M-12096](#) Shona Robison: Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill.

Supported by: George Adam\*, Joe FitzPatrick\*, Humza Yousaf\*, Tom Arthur\*

**\*[S6M-12093](#) Shona Robison: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

**[S6M-12079](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Delivering Record Social Security Investment in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis and Inequality**—That the Parliament believes that social security plays a vital role in tackling poverty and reducing economic and social inequalities, and that the Scottish social security system must have dignity, fairness and respect at its heart; welcomes the Scottish Government's record investment of £6.3 billion in social security expenditure in 2024-25 and that the Scottish Fiscal Commission has forecast that this is an investment of £1.1 billion more than the funding received from the UK Government through the social security block grant; notes that this investment includes the Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods, as well as the landmark, and extended, Scottish Child Payment, which is estimated to lift 50,000 children out of relative poverty in 2024; recognises that £614 million of Scotland-only benefits are being delivered in 2024-25, which is support that is unparalleled across the UK; further recognises the substantial difference that Social Security Scotland is making through improved disability and carers benefits; notes that Scottish Government support is being delivered despite continued UK Government block grant cuts and continued UK Government austerity, and calls on the UK Government to drop planned Work Capability Assessment changes, introduce an essentials guarantee and immediately scrap the two-child cap and the associated so-called rape clause.

Supported by: Patrick Harvie, Paul McLennan, Emma Roddick

**\*[S6M-12079.2](#) Jeremy Balfour: Delivering Record Social Security Investment in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis and Inequality**—As an amendment to motion [S6M-12079](#) in the



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**\*[S6M-12079.1](#) Paul O'Kane: Delivering Record Social Security Investment in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis and Inequality**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12079 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Delivering Record Social Security Investment in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis and Inequality), leave out from "Government's" to end and insert "Child Payment; notes the stubbornly high waiting times for Child Disability Payment, where the median processing time was 106 days, and for Adult Disability Payment, where the median processing time was 83 days, according to the latest statistical releases; is concerned by the Scottish Government's failure to sufficiently and swiftly address these long processing times, which are driving some people to rely on foodbanks, according to reports from third sector organisations; is further concerned by the rise of in-work poverty in Scotland, with over one in 10 workers locked in persistent low pay according to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, and agrees that a UK Labour administration will implement a New Deal for Working People that will end in-work poverty and implement a fundamental reform of the Universal Credit system to provide a real safety net for those who need it."

### Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

**\*[S6M-12066](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Brain Tumour Awareness Month**—That the Parliament notes that March 2024 is Brain Tumour Awareness Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness of what it sees as the importance of brain tumour research and shining a light on the patient population across Scotland; understands that one in three people know someone affected by what it considers to be this devastating disease; further understands that, unlike in many other cancers, brain tumour survival statistics have changed little in over a generation, and notes the belief that brain tumours must be treated as a clinical and strategic priority by government, and that, as brain tumours are recognised as a "cancer of unmet need", money must be ring fenced to support the discovery science that, it understands, could transform patient outcomes in the field.

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## Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S6M-12087](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament following Decision Time on Wednesday 21 February 2024.

**\*[S6M-12086](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Extension**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be extended to 23 February 2024.

**\*[S6M-12085](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 February 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Working Towards a Tobacco-free Scotland by 2034 and Tackling Youth Vaping

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Building a New Scotland - Social Security in an Independent Scotland

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 21 February 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 Liberal Democrats Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 22 February 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

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*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Grangemouth Refinery

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Income Tax Rate Resolution 2024-25

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 February 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 February 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*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 29 February 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

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*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 19 February 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

**\*S6M-12069 Kevin Stewart: Chinese New Year in Aberdeen** —That the Parliament congratulates the Great Western Community Trust, the Confucius Institute and Ashley and Broomhill Community Council on holding what it considers was an extremely successful Chinese New Year event in the Holburn West Church building on 4 February 2024; applauds the organisers, the many performers and the caterers for all of their efforts, and wishes the Chinese community in Aberdeen, across Scotland and around the globe a very happy year of the dragon when it comes.

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**\*S6M-12068 Kaukab Stewart: Glasgow Women’s Library Displays Suffragette Hunger Strike Medal**—That the Parliament congratulates the Glasgow Women’s Library on its latest display, showcasing a suffragette hunger strike medal; understands that the exhibition, named *We Deserve a Medal: Militant Suffrage Activism*, will showcase the medal awarded to the first suffragette to go on hunger strike in Scotland; further understands that the museum successfully bid for Maud Joachim’s medal, which hangs on a length of ribbon in the colours of the Women’s Social and Political Union (WSPU), after more than 500 people donated to a crowdfunding appeal that raised £28,500; notes that Maud was arrested in Dundee in October 1909, along with Adela Pankhurst, daughter of Emmeline Pankhurst, and four others for interrupting a meeting led by Winston Churchill; understands that this exhibition will also include medals awarded to Glasgow sisters, Frances and Margaret McPhun, who were jailed for smashing windows in London in 1912 as part of the suffrage movement; further understands that the exhibition opened on 1 February 2024, and will run at the Glasgow Women’s Library until 31 May 2024, and wishes it all the best with this exhibition.

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**\*S6M-12067 Marie McNair: NHS Golden Jubilee Research Paper Gains International Recognition** —That the Parliament congratulates Golden Jubilee University National Hospital, in Clydebank, on a medical paper gaining international recognition; understands that the research paper was co-authored by orthopaedic specialists at NHS Golden Jubilee in collaboration with the University of Strathclyde; further understands that the paper investigated the prospect of 3D printing hip and knee joint replacements, mixed with a patient’s own biological cells, into the body; understands that the paper, entitled *3D bioactive composite scaffolds for bone tissue engineering*, was published in the influential medical journal, *Bioactive Materials*, in 2017, and has been awarded Best Paper by KeAi as part of the publisher’s 10-year anniversary celebrations; believes that the paper has received more than 1,100 citations by other orthopaedic specialists and

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researchers, making it a landmark paper in its field, and commends the collaborative partnership for aiming to assist in the recovery and remobilisation of NHS Scotland through innovation in health care practice, as well as building the Clinical Research Fellowship programme to produce more cutting-edge research in the future.

**\*S6M-12065 Stephanie Callaghan: NHS Lanarkshire Launches Children and Young People Mental Health Directory of Services and Resources**—That the Parliament congratulates NHS Lanarkshire on the launch of the Children and Young People Mental Health Directory of Services and Resources; understands that the directory will help Lanarkshire's young people and their families access the mental health services and support that they feel suit them and their circumstances best, including online workshops, websites and helplines; notes that the directory was developed by University Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire, and is a result of extensive engagement with children and young people across Lanarkshire and a range of stakeholders; understands that the directory is hosted on the NHS Lanarkshire website and encourages parents, children and young people of North and South Lanarkshire to use what it sees as this invaluable resource; applauds NHS Lanarkshire for what it considers to be its extensive and continuous efforts in providing high-quality care and support to the residents of Lanarkshire, and wishes everyone involved in developing and implementing the new service all the best in the future.

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**\*S6M-12064 Marie McNair: Hillview Care Home Teams Up with Adopt a Grandparent Scheme**—That the Parliament recognises Hillview Care Home, in Dalmuir, for recently teaming up with the Adopt a Grandparent (AAG) scheme; understands that the charity-run scheme aims to help combat loneliness by pairing volunteers with older people through video call or in person; notes that it is believed to be the first care facility in Scotland to have joined the programme, and thanks the Dalmuir care home for taking part to ensure that residents get the best care and can forge meaningful connections with others to help reduce social isolation.

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**\*S6M-12063 Marie McNair: A Tribute to the Late Hope Robertson of the Clydebank Asbestos Group**—That the Parliament notes with sadness the passing of Hope Robertson, former Secretary for the Clydebank Asbestos Group, on 27 January 2024; believes that she will be remembered for her immense commitment to and dedication in the fight for truth and justice for asbestos victims; understands that, having lost her husband to mesothelioma, a condition caused by asbestos exposure, she worked tirelessly to help others in a similar situation; recognises and celebrates her voluntary work for the group, which it understands has been vital in getting it to where it is now; thanks Hope for her dedication and passion for helping others, and extends its deepest sympathies to her family and loved ones.

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**\*S6M-12062 Evelyn Tweed: Stirling Businesses Success at the Best of British Getaways Awards 2023**—That the Parliament congratulates Stirling businesses on being recognised at the



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Best of British Getaways Awards 2023 by SME News; praises Ardeonaig Hotel Restaurant on winning Most Accommodating Hotel and Restaurant - Central Scotland, Brea - Scottish Restaurant in Stirling on winning Best Contemporary Seafood Restaurant - Central Scotland, Loch Ard Adventure Centre in Kinlochard on winning Best Outdoor Activities Centre - Central Scotland and Wester Auchraw Croft, B&B in Lochearnhead on winning Best Holistic B&B - UK, and understands that the Best of British Getaways Awards recognises excellence in hospitality and highlights the top getaways, activities, and vacation destinations across the British Isles.

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**\*S6M-12059 Christine Grahame: Thondwe Community Partnership**—That the Parliament recognises the charitable efforts of the Parish of Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn through its Thondwe Community Partnership; notes that this partnership has existed for 15 years, with the parish being twinned with the Church of Central African Presbyterian in Thondwe, Malawi, to foster a relationship between the congregations and provide funds for a range of projects in Malawi, including, it understands, cyclone damage repairs such as food to those impacted and the rebuilding of a bridge that 1,000 children use to get to school, installation of lighting in homes, livestock, washable kit for menstrual needs and school supplies; understands that links now also exist between local primary schools and health centres in the respective areas; believes that this partnership represents a good example of local charitable initiatives than can make a real difference, and congratulates all involved on their efforts.

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**\*S6M-12058 Audrey Nicoll: Robert Gordon University Academics Win Scottish Institute for Policing Research Impact Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Professor Sarah Pederson, Dr Natascha Mueller-Hirth and Leia Miller, of Robert Gordon University, on winning the Scottish Institute for Policing Research (SIPR) Impact Award, awarded in relation to their research into the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on partnerships between the police and third sector gender-based violence service providers in remote parts of Scotland; understands that the recommendations made in the study include the need for more female police officers in rural areas, the importance of the use of digital and telephone communication, and more specialist training for officers in less-populated areas; notes the funding and research support provided by SIPR; commends the efforts of the researchers in producing what it sees as this important work, and passes on its best wishes for future research opportunities in this field.

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**\*S6M-12057 Pam Gosal: Milngavie Clock Undergoes Repair**—That the Parliament welcomes that the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) will fund the restoration of the historic Milngavie Precinct clock; understands that this funding comes out of East Dunbartonshire Council's £3.5 million allocation of funds from the UKSPF; further understands that the clock was originally housed on an elevated fourth floor turret of a department store on Sauchiehall Street called Copland and Lye, which was described as "one of the most extensive, architecturally elegant and the most perfectly-equipped drapery emporiums in the kingdom"; acknowledges that the iconic clock was reinstalled in the Milngavie Precinct in 1981 to mark the pedestrianisation of the area; further acknowledges that the historic clock recently stopped functioning, much to the dismay of

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the locals; expresses gratitude that the historic clock is being transported for repairs, and notes that, in just 12 short weeks, the iconic clock should return to what it considers to be its proper location at the heart of the community.

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**\*S6M-12056 Audrey Nicoll: National Subsea Centre, Robert Gordon University, University of Strathclyde and Net Zero Technology Centre Establish the Centre for Doctoral Training—**

That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that the National Subsea Centre, in collaboration with Robert Gordon University (RGU), the University of Strathclyde (UoS) and the Net Zero Technology Centre (NZTC), has established the Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) in Net Zero Technologies; understands that the CDT was established for students planning to undertake research to assist in the global transition to net zero whilst continuing a career in industry; notes that the CDT will provide teaching and mentorship for students, enabling them to spend approximately 75% of their time developing important skills, while both working full-time with a company and carrying out PhD-level research projects with taught modules; understands that students completing the programme will achieve an Engineering Doctorate, which is equivalent in academic standing to a conventional PhD, but is achieved through a research and innovation method that is more industrially focused; believes that the CDT is part of a five-year Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between UoS and RGU to collaborate in research and technology development, and that it is open to students with expertise across a range of disciplines, including engineering, computing and IT, science and technology, physics and mathematics; commends the universities, the National Subsea Centre and the NZTC for the creation of the CDT; congratulates the first cohort of students who will undertake the programme, and passes on its best wishes for future success in the CDT's contributions to achieving net zero.

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**\*S6M-12055 Kevin Stewart: Federation of Small Businesses Submission on Electricity Standing Charges—**

That the Parliament notes the recent submission to Ofgem's consultation on energy standing charges by the Federation of Small Businesses, which reportedly highlights what it sees as the differential impact of high standing charges on small businesses; understands that small businesses have seen energy standing charges skyrocket, including reports of one small Scottish tech firm that has seen its electricity standing charge increase from 32 pence to £7.50 per day, adding £2,500 to its annual electricity bill before it even turns its lights on; further understands that the situation for domestic customers is similar, with electricity standing charges increasing to 62.08 pence per day in southern Scotland, and 59.38 pence per day in northern Scotland for domestic customers, and calls on the UK Government to fix an energy standing charge system that, it believes, currently punishes small businesses and domestic users and favours big business.

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**\*S6M-12033 Annabelle Ewing: New MSYPs Elected in Cowdenbeath Constituency —**That the Parliament congratulates Daisy Hood, from Lochgelly, and Jordanna Rae, from Rosyth, on their election as the new Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYP) for Cowdenbeath; understands that both successful candidates will now represent the area from February 2024 until



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the next election in November 2025; welcomes the opportunities that the Scottish Youth Parliament, and its partner agencies, provide to young people across Scotland to experience and participate in democracy whilst building their skills; recognises the valuable work that it believes is done by the MSYPs in representing the views and interests of local young people, and wishes them, and the wider Scottish Youth Parliament, all the very best for their forthcoming term.

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### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**S6M-12076 Alexander Stewart: The Return of Central Safe Drive, Stay Alive for 2024** (lodged on 05 February 2024)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Edward Mountain\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Tess White\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Russell Findlay\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Brian Whittle\*, Sue Webber\*, Roz McCall\*

**S6M-12054 Liz Smith: Henry Cheape Completes World's Hardest Row** (lodged on 05 February 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Annie Wells\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Jamie Greene\*, Edward Mountain\*, Bill Kidd\*, Miles Briggs\*, Craig Hoy\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Liam Kerr\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Douglas Ross\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Brian Whittle\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Tess White\*, Sue Webber\*, Roz McCall\*

**S6M-12051 Clare Adamson: New College Lanarkshire Partnership with Skyora** (lodged on 05 February 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Bill Kidd\*, Miles Briggs\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Marie McNair\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Sue Webber\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Bill Kidd\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Miles Briggs\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Marie McNair\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

**S6M-12049 Clare Adamson: Drones in Construction Sessions for North Lanarkshire Pupils** (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Marie McNair\*

**S6M-12048 Clare Adamson: James Chapman (Butchers) Ltd Success at the 2024 World Championship Scotch Pie Awards** (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Marie McNair\*

**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: Paul Sweeney\*

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**[S6M-12046](#) Rachael Hamilton: NHS Borders Opens New Bereavement Room** (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Christine Grahame\*, Colin Beattie\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Liam Kerr\*, Brian Whittle\*, Sue Webber\*, Roz McCall\*

**[S6M-12045](#) Pam Gosal: Celebrating Chinese New Year 2024 - Year of the Dragon** (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Roz McCall\*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-12043](#) Foysol Choudhury: International Mother Language Day 2024** (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[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: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-12041](#) Pam Gosal: Milngavie Cricket Club Women's Team Wins the Wee Bash Tournament in Edinburgh** (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*, Roz McCall\*

**[S6M-12040](#) Pam Gosal: Helensburgh Tennis Star Wins Milestone Sixth Australian Open Doubles Title** (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Brian Whittle\*, Roz McCall\*

**[S6M-12039](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Children's Mental Health Week 2024** (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Pauline McNeill\*, Roz McCall\*

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

New Support: Marie McNair\*

**[S6M-12036](#) Finlay Carson: Great Britain Mixed Curling Team Strike Gold at Youth Olympics** (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*, Roz McCall\*

**[S6M-12034](#) Ruth Maguire: Congratulating Redburn Community Centre and Irvine Neighbourhood Youth Forum** (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Marie McNair\*

**[S6M-12032](#) Christine Grahame: Borders College Receives Glowing Report** (lodged on 01 February 2024)

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New Support: Marie McNair\*

**[S6M-12030](#) Murdo Fraser: Perthshire Named Most Welcoming Region in the World by Travel Website** (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

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

New Support: Marie McNair\*

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

New Support: Marie McNair\*

**[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: Marie McNair\*

**[S6M-12018](#) Alexander Burnett: Aberdeen and North East Rotary Clubs Raise Over £30,000 for Charities** (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*, Roz McCall\*

**[S6M-12017](#) Christine Grahame: Legacy of PC Sean Wright** (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Marie McNair\*

**[S6M-12015](#) Kaukab Stewart: Nami Surgical Ltd Receives a Scottish EDGE Award of £80,000** (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Marie McNair\*

**[S6M-12014](#) Jackie Dunbar: Subsea Expo Awards 2024** (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Marie McNair\*

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

New Support: Marie McNair\*

**[S6M-12012](#) Michelle Thomson: Two Musicians Selected to Represent Scotland at European Youth Brass Band** (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Marie McNair\*

**[S6M-11999](#) Kaukab Stewart: National Conversation on a Kindergarten Stage in Scotland** (lodged on 30 January 2024)

New Support: Marie McNair\*

**[S6M-11985](#) Alexander Burnett: Aberdeenshire West Businesses Awarded Scottish EDGE Funding** (lodged on 26 January 2024)

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## Written Questions

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### Written questions lodged on 06 February 2024

**[S6W-25026](#) Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported comments by a former health secretary that aspects of the NHS are not fit for purpose and are in need of "radical reform".

**[S6W-25194](#) Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the commitment set out in its *Scottish Connections Framework*, what work it is undertaking to "engage with key heritage events around the world such as New York Tartan Week to promote tourism", broken down by country.

**[S6W-25210](#) Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government when (a) officials and (b) ministers first became aware of any concerns regarding the Post Office's Horizon IT system.

**[S6W-25211](#) Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is planning to take regarding reviewing the Crown Office's prosecution of sub-postmasters in Scotland in relation to issues with the Post Office's Horizon IT system.

**[S6W-25253](#) Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government how many prison officer vacancies there were on (a) 31 January 2023 and (b) 31 January 2024.

**[S6W-25254](#) Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessments it has made of future prison constructions to ensure that they are built (a) on time and (b) within budget.

**[S6W-25255](#) Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government what (a) B, (b) single track and (c) unclassified road upgrades it has planned for 2024 in the Highlands and Islands region, and whether it can confirm the (i) projected date of completion and (ii) total budget for each project.

**[S6W-25256](#) Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government whether Transport Scotland has had any discussions with Scotland's Railway delivery partners regarding plans to upgrade rail infrastructure in the Highlands and Islands region in 2024, and, if so, whether it can publish details of such plans.

**[S6W-25257](#) Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on how many leisure centres have closed over the last five years, broken down by (a) local authority area and (b) year of closure.

**[S6W-25258](#) Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any steps that are being taken to support farmers in using the methane-suppressing feed additive, Bovaer. **R**

**[S6W-25259](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how much has been spent on safety improvements on the A96 between Inverness and Aberdeen in each of the last three financial years.

**[S6W-25260](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how much has been spent on improvements on the A96 between Aberdeen and Nairn in the last 12 months.

**[S6W-25261](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has done any modelling of any increase of HGV vehicles on the A96 between Inverness and Aberdeen, in light of Cromarty Firth being awarded freeport status.

**[S6W-25262](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it anticipates that all of the Class 43 High Speed Trains (HSTs) will be replaced.

**[S6W-25263](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government when the lease for the Class 43 High Speed Trains (HSTs) ends.

**[S6W-25264](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of money from the Just Transition Fund to date has gone to (a) businesses and (b) community groups.

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**[S6W-25265 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what the percentage change in the amount allocated to the Just Transition Fund is from financial year 2023-24 to 2024-25.

**[S6W-25266 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of spend from the Just Transition Fund in financial year 2022-23.

**[S6W-25267 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of spend from the Just Transition Fund in financial year 2023-24.

**[S6W-25268 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of planned spend from the Just Transition Fund in financial year 2024-25.

**[S6W-25269 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government when the final Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan will be published, in light of the draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan being published on 10 January 2023.

**[S6W-25270 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many oil and gas workers have been on reskilling courses supported by the Scottish Government in each financial year from 2020-21 to date.

**[S6W-25271 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what the gross value added (GVA) of the oil and gas industry in Scotland has been in each financial year from 2014-15 to date (a) in monetary terms and (b) as a percentage of Scotland's total GVA.

**[S6W-25272 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what the value of oil and gas exports, as a percentage of Scotland's total exports, has been in each financial year from 2014-15 to date.

**[S6W-25273 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many times the A90 from Dundee to Aberdeen has been closed due to a lack of adequate drainage in each financial year from 2019-20 to date.

**[S6W-25274 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how much has been spent on improving drainage on the A90 from Dundee to Aberdeen in each financial year from 2019-20 to date.

**[S6W-25285 Kenneth Gibson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what action is being taken to improve the accessibility of GP appointments.

**[S6W-25286 Maurice Golden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work that has been carried out to develop circular economy roadmaps for the sectors that are listed in its updated Climate Change Plan, alongside the development of a waste route map.

**[S6W-25287 Maurice Golden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government Office for the Internal Market (OIM) regarding the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill, and whether it has asked the OIM if the proposals in the Bill for (a) restricting the disposal of unsold goods and (b) charges for single-use items could affect the UK internal market.

**[S6W-25292 Liam McArthur:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the findings of the report, *Nothing to See Here*, which was published on 5 February 2024, and, in particular, the findings that (a) "official narratives" suggest that most deaths in custody are "regrettable but inevitable" and (b) "FAs are normalising the deaths of drug users as inevitable".

**[S6W-25294 Beatrice Wishart:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the medical provision that is available to those living with renal vascular compression, what treatments are available; how many consultants there are in Scotland who can treat this condition, and what the average timescale for treatment is.

**[S6W-25295 Stephen Kerr:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for any funding that it has provided to the Barbara Koerner Memorial Trust since 2019.

**[S6W-25296 Stephen Kerr:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for any funding that it has provided to the North East Edinburgh Counselling Service since 2019.

**[S6W-25297 Stephen Kerr:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for any funding that it has provided to LGBT Youth Scotland since 2019.



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**[S6W-25298](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for any funding that it has provided to Refugee Sanctuary Scotland since 2019.

**[S6W-25299](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for any funding that it has provided to Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community Project Limited since 2019.

**[S6W-25300](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for any funding that it provided to Alternatives West Dunbartonshire CDS since 2019.

**[S6W-25301](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for any funding that it provided to Inclusion Glasgow since 2019.

**[S6W-25302](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for any funding that it provided to the West of Scotland Regional Equality Council since 2019.

**[S6W-25303](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for any funding that it provided to Dornoch and District Christian Fellowship since 2019.

**[S6W-25304](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for any funding that it provided to Angus Independent Advocacy since 2019.

**[S6W-25305](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for any funding that it provided to Central Advocacy Partners since 2019.

**[S6W-25306](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for any funding that it provided to the Multi-Cultural Elderly Care Centre since 2019.

**[S6W-25307](#) Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government how the bathing water site designation process will be revised.

**[S6W-25308](#) Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-20147 by Fiona Hyslop on 10 August 2023, whether it can provide an update on Springburn railway station being nominated for Access for All scheme funding for Control Period 7 (2024-2029).

**[S6W-25309](#) Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it can instruct its enterprise agencies to engage with Gibson's Engineering Ltd, in light of its reported reopening of the St Rollox "Caley" Railway Works in Springburn.

**[S6W-25310](#) Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the objectives set out in policy priority mandate letter from the First Minister to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, what its position is on whether the the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice is making acceptable progress on the delivery of affordable homes towards its 2032 target of 110,000 affordable homes.

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## Progress of Legislation

A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the Scottish Parliament 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 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 16 January 2024

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (77<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

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

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 30 January 2024

*Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration*

### **Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 31 January 2024

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 6 February 2024

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

### **Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 completed, 6 February 2024

*Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team*

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### **Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 8 February 2024

*Report – Lead committee (Finance and Public Administration) (1<sup>st</sup> Report, 2024)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (4<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

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

Stage 2 (Day 3) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 7 February 2024

### **Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 6 February 2024

*Report – Finance and Public Administration Committee (10<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (64<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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

### **Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 6 February 2024

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 6 February 2024

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (1<sup>st</sup> Report, 2024)*

### **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 6 February 2024

### **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 6 February 2024

Stage 1 (Finance and Public Administration Committee), 30 January 2024

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

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

*Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (11<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 7 February 2024

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (75<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

### **Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)**

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Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 22 February 2024

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 6 February 2024

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (70<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

### **Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 1 February 2024

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

### **Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill (M)**

Stage 1 Report (Social Justice and Social Security Committee) published, 11 January 2024

### **Scottish Languages Bill (G)**

Introduced, 29 November 2023

*Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People*

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 8 February 2024

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 6 February 2024

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 6 & 7 February 2024

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (78<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

### **Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 12 March 2024

*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 6 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

### **Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 22 November 2023

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (65<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

### **Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 7 February 2024

## **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

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

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

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

Lodged on 19 December 2023

*Report – Lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands) (2<sup>nd</sup> Report, 2024)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (8<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

### **Automated Vehicles Bill LCM-S6-42**

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Lodged on 20 December 2023

*Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport*

### **Criminal Justice Bill LCM-S6-43**

Lodged on 21 December 2023

*Lead committee – Criminal Justice*

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

Lodged on 14 September 2023

*Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (7<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (57<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

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

Lodged on 19 July 2023

*Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (6<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (58<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

*Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

### **Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill LCM-S6-40**

Lodged on 15 December 2023

*Lead committee – Criminal Justice*

### **Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill LCM-S6-39**

Lodged on 22 November 2023

Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 7 February 2024

## **Subordinate Legislation** (date of laying) (lead committee)

### **Affirmative instruments**

#### **Subject to approval by 26 February 2024**

[Consumer Scotland Act 2020 \(Relevant Public Authorities\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (withdrawn and re-laid on 17 January 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

#### **Subject to approval by 28 February 2024**

[Community Care \(Personal Care and Nursing Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (11 January 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

#### **Subject to approval by 6 March 2024**

[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (18 January 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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### Subject to approval by 7 March 2024

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (19 January 2024) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

### Subject to approval by 12 March 2024

[Provision of Early Learning and Childcare \(Specified Children\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (24 January 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Expiry of Section 10: Extension\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (24 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Rent Adjudication \(Temporary Modifications\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (24 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

### Subject to approval by 13 March 2024

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (25 January 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

### Subject to approval by 14 March 2024

[Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (26 January 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (26 January 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Local Authority \(Capital Finance and Accounting\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (26 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

### Subject to approval by 20 March 2024

[Scottish Food Commission \(Appointment\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (1 February 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (1 February 2024) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

### Negative instruments

#### Subject to annulment 7 February 2024

#### Lead Committee report due by 5 February 2024

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[Equality Act 2010 \(Specific Duties\) \(Use of Member Information\) \(Scotland\) Revocation Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/375\) \(14 December 2023\)](#) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

**Subject to annulment 28 February 2024**  
**Lead Committee report due by 26 February 2024**

[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/3\) \(11 January 2024\)](#) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/4\) \(11 January 2024\)](#) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/5\) \(11 January 2024\)](#) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Sea Fish \(Prohibition on Fishing\) \(Firth of Clyde\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/6\) \(11 January 2024\)](#) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

**Subject to annulment 29 February 2024**  
**Lead Committee report due by 26 February 2024**

[Council Tax \(Dwellings and Part Residential Subjects\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/10\) \(12 January 2024\)](#) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

**Subject to annulment 6 March 2024**  
**Lead Committee report due by 4 March 2024**

[Official Controls \(Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/12\) \(18 January 2024\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

**Subject to annulment 12 March 2024**  
**Lead Committee report due by 11 March 2024**

[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/19\) \(24 January 2024\)](#) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

**Subject to annulment 13 March 2024**  
**Lead Committee report due by 11 March 2024**

[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/21\) \(25 January 2024\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/22\) \(25 January 2024\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Road Works \(Scottish Road Works Register Fees and Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/23\) \(25 January 2024\)](#) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)



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**Subject to annulment 17 March 2024**

**Lead Committee report due by 11 March 2024**

[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/24\)](#) (29 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rating \(Valuation of Utilities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/25\)](#) (29 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Firefighters' Pension Schemes \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/26\)](#) (29 January 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

**Subject to annulment 19 March 2024**

**Lead Committee report due by 18 March 2024**

[Dangerous Dogs \(Designated Types\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/31\)](#) (31 January 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

**Subject to annulment 20 March 2024**

**Lead Committee report due by 18 March 2024**

[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Prescribed Police Stations\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/30\)](#) (1 February 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

**Subject to annulment 24 March 2024**

**Lead Committee report due by 18 March 2024**

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/35\)](#) (5 February 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Sandeel \(Prohibition of Fishing\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/36\)](#) (5 February 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)



## New Documents

### Committee Reports

The following report was published on 6 February 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 10th Report, 2024 (Session 6):  
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee  
on 6 February 2024 (SP Paper 521)

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

### Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 6 February 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Document summarising the representations made, and the Scottish Ministers consideration of those representations, on the Draft Annual Report on the Scottish Ministers exercise of the power in Section 1 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021, laid in draft in Parliament on 31 October 2023 (SG/2024/24)** laid under section 11(5) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

**Report by the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the power in section 1(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 for the reporting period 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023 and the intended future use of the power under section 1(1) in the upcoming reporting period 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024 (SG/2024/23)** laid under section 10(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

**The Statutory Review of the Debt and Fraud Powers of the Digital Economy Act (2017) (SG/2024/16)** laid under Part 5, Chapter 3, section 53 and Chapter 4, section 61 of the Digital Economy Act 2017

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