Thursday 11 January 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-11518 Rhoda Grant: Bank of Scotland Ending Mobile Branch Services across Scotland

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Public Service Values

followed by Business Motions

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5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

8:45am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9:00am Public Audit Committee

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security Committee

1:00pm Criminal Justice Committee

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11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- **1. Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government what work it is undertaking to reduce the rates of male suicide in Scotland, in light of the issues raised in the Equality and Human Rights Commission's *Equality and Human Rights Monitor* report for 2023. (S6O-02950)
- **2. Kaukab Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to support the roll-out of electric buses across the Glasgow City Region. (S6O-02951)
- **3. Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support businesses across the Highlands and Islands region. (S6O-02952)
- 4. Jackie Baillie: [Not Lodged] (S6O-02953)
- **5. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to address the cost of living crisis. (S6O-02954)
- **6. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government how its Budget will support household incomes in the Rutherglen constituency. (S6O-02955)
- **7. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether its proposed budget spend increase of £0.1 million for alcohol and drugs policy, which is reportedly a real-terms reduction, is sufficient to address the challenges faced in this area. (S6O-02956)
- **8. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the new medical centre for Lochgelly. (S60-02957)

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Douglas Ross: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-02687)
- 2. Anas Sarwar: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-02688)
- 3. Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. (S6F-02695)
- **4. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's position is regarding any implications for its net zero ambitions of the UK Government's Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill, which seeks changes to the licensing regime, including how regularly licensing rounds are held. (S6F-02700)
- **5. Roz McCall:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that The Promise is not on track to deliver effective change for Scotland's care experienced people. (S6F-02708)
- **6. Paul Sweeney:** To ask the First Minister what urgent steps are being taken to address reports of a mental health crisis with an increase in calls to the NHS 24 Mental Health Hub. (S6F-02713)

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S6M-11518 Rhoda Grant: Bank of Scotland Ending Mobile Branch Services across

Scotland—That the Parliament regrets the recently announced end of mobile branch services from the Bank of Scotland to several towns and villages across Scotland, including several in the Highlands and Islands region; understands that the end of these services will take effect in May 2024; further understands that, although the Bank of Scotland notes that there has been low use of its banking vans, some rural residents will be left without local banking services and will have to travel several miles to reach such services; believes that this will disproportionately affect elderly people and disabled people who potentially cannot travel or access mobile banking services, and notes the calls for the Bank of Scotland to reconsider these plans or implement alternative plans so that everyone can access suitable bank services easily.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

- **1. Stephanie Callaghan:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to encourage the uptake of Education Maintenance Allowance among eligible pupils. (<u>\$60-02942</u>)
- **2. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has evaluated the extent to which swimming lessons are a part of the school curriculum for primary school-aged pupils. (S60-02943)
- **3. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with universities and colleges to address the reported skills gap across the economy. (S6O-02944)
- 4. Christine Grahame: [Not Lodged] (S6O-02945)
- 5. Annie Wells: [Not Lodged] (S6O-02946)
- **6. Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to tackle violence in schools and the impact that this is having on both pupils and staff. (\$60-02947)
- **7. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to address any challenges in relation to the accessibility of traditional skills programmes to ensure that young people have access to the same career opportunities. (\$60-02948)
- **8. Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that teachers are fully equipped to safeguard the wellbeing of pupils. (S6O-02949)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Public Service Values

S6M-11831 Shona Robison: Scotland's Public Service Values—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's continued investment in delivering public services for Scotland's people and communities; notes, however, the economic damage of Brexit, which means up to £3.7 billion of potential funding for these services has been lost; recognises the Scottish Government's legacy of successful public service reform in recent years that has improved outcomes for people and communities, including health and social care partnerships and Social Security Scotland; further recognises the valuable role that public sector workers play in delivering precious public services; supports the Scottish Government's ambitious public service reform projects in the education, justice and health and social care sectors, which will deliver further reforms over the next decade,

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including by focusing on prevention and early intervention, involving people and communities in the design of public services and embracing the power of digital technologies; believes that further reform to public services will be necessary to ensure that public services remain fiscally sustainable and continue to improve outcomes for Scotland's people and communities, and welcomes, therefore, constructive contributions from partners across the public sector, third sector and business community, as all stakeholders work to protect and reform Scotland's public services together.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

<u>S6M-11831.2</u> Sandesh Gulhane: Scotland's Public Service Values—As an amendment to motion S6M-11831 in the name of Shona Robison (Scotland's Public Service Values), leave out from first "welcomes" to end and insert "recognises the valuable role that public sector workers play in delivering vital public services in Scotland; further recognises the urgent need for reform within the public sector for the reasons set out by the Finance and Public Administration Committee; believes that the principles of the Christie Commission remain important, but that the delivery of these principles has been undermined by the economic mismanagement of successive Scottish National Party administrations and the failure to properly support local government, which is on the front line of so many public services, and urges the Scottish Government to implement a comprehensive re-organisation of the Scottish public sector to prioritise efficiency, preventative care and productivity."

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Committee Meetings

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 1st Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

 Budget Scrutiny 2024-25: The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from— Lori Anderson, Director, Culture Counts;

Shona McCarthy, Chief Executive, Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society;

Francesca Hegyi OBE, Chief Exectuive, Edinburgh International Festival;

Simon Hunt, Director of Finance, Scottish Opera;

Anne Lyden, Director-General, National Galleries of Scotland;

Fiona Sturgeon Shea, Chief Executive Officer, Federation of Scottish Theatre;

Leonie Bell, Director, V&A Dundee;

Sam Dunkley, Acting Regional Organiser, Musicians' Union;

and then from-

lain Munro, Chief Executive, and Alastair Evans, Director of Strategy and Planning, Creative Scotland.

Public Audit Committee 1st 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 items 3 and 4 in private.
- 2. Scotland's colleges 2023: The Committee will take evidence from—

Neil Rennick, Director-General Education and Justice, and Stuart Greig, Head of Reform Division, Scottish Government;

Karen Watt, Chief Executive, and Lynne Raeside, Deputy Director of External Affairs, Scottish Funding Council.

3. **Scotland's colleges 2023:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, Tricia Meldrum, Senior Manager, and Douglas Black, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

4. **Scotland's colleges 2023:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 1st Meeting, 2024

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. **Budget Scrutiny 2024-25:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2024-25 from—

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Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, Michael Davidson, Head of Social Security and Devolved Taxes, and Professor David Ulph, Commissioner, Scottish Fiscal Commission.

3. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Criminal Justice Committee 2nd Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 1.00 pm in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Management of transgender prisoners in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, David Doris, Prisons Policy Team Leader, and Jamie MacQueen, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government;

Teresa Medhurst, Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service.

2. Subordinate legislation: Russell Findlay to move—

S6M-11817—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Gender Recognition (Disclosure of Information) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/364) be annulled.

S6M-11816—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2023 (SSI 2023/366) be annulled.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/369)

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Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 10 January 2024

Tuesday 16 January 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

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followed by Members' Business — S6M-11589 Kevin Stewart: Languages at the University of Aberdeen

Wednesday 17 January 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy

Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

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followed by Members' Business — S6M-11199 Brian Whittle: Recognising the Success of HMP Kilmarnock

Thursday 18 January 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-11509 Ruth Maguire: International Insights, A Model for Scotland

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

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followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Rural and Islands Youth Parliament

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Tuesday 23 January 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

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followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 24 January 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 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 25 January 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 Scottish Government Business

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Motions for Debate

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Supported by: Michael Matheson, George Adam, Joe FitzPatrick, Tom Arthur

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Supported by: Alex Rowley*, Paul Sweeney*, Carol Mochan*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*S6M-11813 Roz McCall: David C Watt Awarded OBE—That the Parliament congratulates David C Watt, the chairman of the Board of Governors at Fife College, on being appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in The King's New Year Honours List; notes that David was honoured for his services to the economy, sport and education, recognising his long and distinguished career across a variety of sectors; understands that his career includes a long spell as executive director at the Institute of Directors in Scotland, as well as serving on the boards of Scottish and British Gymnastics, Basketball Scotland and the Fife Sport and Leisure Trust; further understands that David was the first non-military person to be awarded the title of Honorary Colonel of the Royal Marines Reserves; acknowledges that David has served on a wide range of government advisory boards and taskforces over the years, as well as being a regular contributor to parliamentary committees, and wishes David all the very best for the future.

*S6M-11812 Keith Brown: Alloa Firm Named Best Start-up Company at Scottish Cyber Awards—That the Parliament congratulates Alloa-based cyber security consultancy, CyberLock, on receiving the award for best start-up company at the Scottish Cyber Awards 2023; understands that, now in its seventh year, the Scottish Cyber Awards has become the go-to event in the Scottish cyber industry calendar, which honours what it sees as the outstanding talent in the business in Scotland; believes that this prestigious award caps a very successful first year for CyberLock, which, it understands, has carried out over 100 certifications for clients in the UK, Europe, the USA and Australasia, and wishes the company continued success for the future.

Supported by: Kaukab Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Alexander Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kenneth Gibson*, Audrey Nicoll*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Ben

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Macpherson*, Emma Harper*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Murdo Fraser*, Jackie Dunbar*

*S6M-11809 Pam Duncan-Glancy: Congratulating Govan Pantry on Winning the SURF Award for Community Led Regeneration —That the Parliament congratulates the Govan Pantry on winning the SURF Award for Community Led Regeneration; believes that the Govan Pantry does invaluable work supporting people who are experiencing food poverty in and around Govan, in Glasgow; understands that the Govan Pantry is part of the Govan Home and Education Link Project's (Govan HELP) most recent development, which initially began as a foodbank in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and that the Govan Pantry is a community subsidised shop, offering food and hygiene products for a weekly membership fee of £3; believes that this supports people in food poverty by alleviating the impact of being unable to afford basic essential items; understands that, since being launched, 2,834 members have registered to use the pantry from the G51 area of Glasgow, which represents more than 10% of the population of Govan; recognises that Govan HELP has also developed the project to have a training and volunteering focus, and to provide access to opportunities for local parents who want to learn new skills and gain experience through its Pantry Training Programme; understands that the Govan Pantry has helped to reduce social isolation and loneliness by bringing the community together, and congratulates all the volunteers and everybody at Govan HELP for what it sees as their invaluable work.

*S6M-11808 Marie McNair: Linnvale Primary School Receives Seventh Green Flag Award—
That the Parliament congratulates the pupils and staff of Linnvale Primary School, in Clydebank, on being awarded its seventh Green Flag Award; understands that the school received very positive feedback from the Eco Schools team at Keep Scotland Beautiful for its "amazing commitment to climate action"; further understands that the school was commended on the school grounds part of the award, which saw playground developments to increase biodiversity, and led to Linnvale being one of the first schools to achieve a LEAF Award, and thanks Linnvale staff for inspiring young minds and teaching pupils to be respectful of their environment.

*S6M-11806 Alexander Stewart: Dalgety Bay Defibrillator Campaign by That Place in the Bay—That the Parliament welcomes the news that a community hub based in Dalgety Bay has launched a campaign to install five defibrillators in the town, the first of which has now been installed; understands that the first of the defibrillator units is placed just outside the entrance to That Place in the Bay, which uses arts and crafts as a way of relaxing and provides a friendly place for people to learn new skills; commends the creator and all fundraisers from That Place in the Bay who have looked at the layout of the town and felt that another five units would provide a good level of accessibility for the majority of the town, believing that everyone should be within three minutes of a fully automated defibrillator unit; further commends those members of the local business community who have already donated significant amounts, and looks forward to news of further installations and training sessions as they happen. R

*S6M-11799 Ash Regan: Justice for Sub-Postmasters and Sub-Postmistresses and Accountability of UK Government Ministers —That the Parliament understands that, between 2000 and 2014, more than 700 sub-postmasters and sub-postmistresses across the UK were convicted based on information from the reportedly faulty accounting system, Horizon; further understands that 93 convictions have been overturned and more than £23 million has been paid in compensation; notes reports that the scandal has been described as one of the "biggest miscarriages of justice in British history"; expresses condolences following reports that four postmasters are believed to have taken their own lives after being harassed for cash that was

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never missing and that, sadly, postmasters have died without ever receiving justice; understands that the then Postal Affairs Minister, Sir Ed Davey, and other ministers, were reportedly repeatedly warned about accounting problems and issues with the software; calls, therefore, on the ongoing public inquiry into the reported Horizon IT scandal to summon Sir Ed Davey to account for the ministerial decisions that he made, which, it understands, have been described as "wicked" by postmasters, and further calls on Sir Ed Davey to issue an unreserved apology to all victims of the reported Horizon scandal.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Ruth Maguire*, Michelle Thomson*, Christine Grahame*, Ivan McKee*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*

*S6M-11797 Roz McCall: Dunfermline Businessman Awarded OBE in King's New Year Honours List—That the Parliament congratulates Ewan Venters, the global Chief Executive Officer at the international art gallery, Hauser & Wirth, on being appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire by His Majesty King Charles; notes that Ewan Venters has been recognised for services to international trade; understands that Ewan is also the Chief Executive Officer of Artfarm, the independent hospitality company that is behind the award-winning Fife Arms, in Braemar; acknowledges that Mr Venters grew up in the Garvock area of Dunfermline and began to show an entrepreneurial flare from a young age, and wishes Mr Venters all the very best for his future endeayours.

Supported by: Pam Gosal*, Craig Hoy*, Rachael Hamilton*, Meghan Gallacher*, Douglas Ross*, Alexander Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Murdo Fraser*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*, Colin Beattie*, Sue Webber*, Donald Cameron*

*S6M-11752 Jeremy Balfour: Commending 11-year-old Seb Jellema on His Ambition to Break the World Record for Running on Consecutive Days—That the Parliament commends 11-year-old Seb Jellema on his ambition to break the world record for running on consecutive days; understands that the current record is held by the late Ron Hill, who ran every day for 52 years and 39 days, and that this inspired Seb to take on this herculean feat; further understands that Seb has run, despite being in challenging conditions, including the snowy Alps, the hot French summer, and even while he was ill; understands that Seb has already raised £1,600 for charity; congratulates Seb on his success this far, and wishes him well as he continues on his over 50 years journey.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Meghan Gallacher*, Kevin Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Pam Gosal*, Bill Kidd*, Ash Regan*, Annie Wells*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

<u>S6M-11805</u> Michelle Thomson: Falkirk Distillery Celebrates Release of Single Malt Whisky (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Paul Sweeney*, Graham Simpson*

<u>S6M-11804</u> Michelle Thomson: Stenhousemuir's "Kandy Kid", Aaron Clark, Donates to Community Foodbank (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Paul Sweeney*, Kevin Stewart*

<u>S6M-11803.2</u> Paul O'Kane: The Impact of UK Government Asylum Policy and Legislation in Scotland (lodged on 09 January 2024)

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New Support: Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-11802</u> Beatrice Wishart: Shetland Combined Police and Fire Youth Volunteer Scheme Completes Pilot Phase (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-11796</u> Clare Adamson: Jay Barrett, Peter Vardy Carz Apprentice of the Year 2024 (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Roz McCall*

<u>S6M-11795</u> Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Council Chief Executive Appointed an MBE (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Dunbar*, Edward Mountain*, Bill Kidd*, Neil Bibby*, Pam Gosal*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Roz McCall*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-11794 Stuart McMillan: Longest Serving Member of Inverclyde Women's Aid Retires (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-11793</u> Stuart McMillan: Greenock Wanderers Rugby Football Club Celebrates 150 Years (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-11792</u> Stuart McMillan: Lynsey Callaghan is a Queen's Nurse (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sue Webber*, Roz McCall*

<u>S6M-11791</u> Pam Gosal: Cameron House Hotel Named One of the Best Hotels to Visit in the UK by Red Magazine (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Craig Hoy*, Brian Whittle*, Sue Webber*, Roz McCall*

<u>S6M-11790</u> Roz McCall: Dunfermline Named the Best City in the UK for Quality of Life in **2024** (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Meghan Gallacher*, Kenneth Gibson*, Annie Wells*, Craig Hoy*, Douglas Ross*, Alexander Stewart*, Murdo Fraser*, Liz Smith*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Rachael Hamilton*, Edward Mountain*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Pam Gosal*, Russell Findlay*, Stuart McMillan*, Brian Whittle*, Sue Webber*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Donald Cameron*

S6M-11789 Paul O'Kane: Holocaust Memorial Day 2024 (lodged on 08 January 2024)

New Support: John Mason*, Ben Macpherson*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Brian Whittle*, Karen Adam*, Michael Marra*

<u>S6M-11787</u> Ivan McKee: Celebrating Scotland's Iconic Scotch Whisky Industry (lodged on 08 January 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, John Mason*, Ben Macpherson*, Paul Sweeney*, Roz McCall*, Karen Adam*

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<u>S6M-11786</u> Tess White: Undertreatment for Heart Disease Leading to Rise in Mortality Rate in Women (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Paul Sweeney*, Brian Whittle*, Roz McCall*

<u>S6M-11785</u> Alexander Stewart: Karolina Pavlikova from Dollar: Duke of Edinburgh Awards' Youth Ambassador (lodged on 08 January 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

<u>S6M-11783</u> Paul O'Kane: East Renfrewshire Baby Bank Successfully Collects for Young People and Children for Second Year in a Row (lodged on 08 January 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

S6M-11780 Richard Leonard: Keeping the Guard on ScotRail (lodged on 05 January 2024)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*, Mark Ruskell*, Ariane Burgess*, Gillian Mackay*

<u>S6M-11778</u> Christine Grahame: Banning XL Bully Dogs is not the Answer (lodged on 08 January 2024)

New Support: John Mason*, Karen Adam*, Ash Regan*

<u>S6M-11771</u> Pam Gosal: Bishopbriggs Professor Awarded OBE in King's New Year Honours List 2024 (lodged on 09 January 2024)

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

<u>S6M-11768</u> Clare Adamson: Simon Community Safe Place Appeal (lodged on 04 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S6M-11754</u> Marie McNair: Clydebank Salvation Army Celebrates 130 years of Charity in the Community (lodged on 04 January 2024)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*

S6M-11749 John Mason: Paths for All 2023 Attitudes Survey (lodged on 08 January 2024)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

<u>S6M-11747</u> Jamie Greene: Celebrating Academic Links Between Scotland and Taiwan (lodged on 08 January 2024)

New Support: David Torrance*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Alexander Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Edward Mountain*, Kenneth Gibson*, Brian Whittle*, Miles Briggs*, Pam Gosal*, Sue Webber*, Douglas Ross*, Bill Kidd*, Murdo Fraser*, Annie Wells*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-11728</u> Ariane Burgess: Celebrating Scotland's National Native Woodlands (lodged on 22 December 2023)

New Support: John Mason*, Karen Adam*, Mark Ruskell*

S6M-11711 Stephen Kerr: Newmarket Street, Falkirk (lodged on 20 December 2023)

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New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Alexander Stewart*, Craig Hoy*, Annie Wells*, Russell Findlay*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, Pam Gosal*, Colin Beattie*, Sue Webber*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Murdo Fraser*

S6M-11710 Stephen Kerr: Falkirk Forgotten Villages (lodged on 20 December 2023)

New Support: Craig Hoy*, Annie Wells*, Alexander Stewart*, Murdo Fraser*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*, Pam Gosal*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Sue Webber*

S6M-11709 Stephen Kerr: St James' Research Centre (lodged on 20 December 2023)

New Support: Alexander Stewart*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Pam Gosal*, Douglas Ross*, Craig Hoy*, Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, Annie Wells*, Michelle Thomson*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*, Sue Webber*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*

<u>S6M-11708</u> Stephen Kerr: East Stirlingshire Eco Drive (lodged on 20 December 2023)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Craig Hoy*, Annie Wells*, Alexander Stewart*, Liz Smith*, Edward Mountain*, Murdo Fraser*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Pam Gosal*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*, Colin Beattie*, Sue Webber*, Bill Kidd*

<u>S6M-11707</u> Stephen Kerr: Sustainable Thinking Scotland (lodged on 20 December 2023)

New Support: Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Meghan Gallacher*, Murdo Fraser*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Douglas Ross*, Craig Hoy*, Pam Gosal*, Annie Wells*, Edward Mountain*, Michelle Thomson*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*, Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*, Sue Webber*, Bill Kidd*

<u>S6M-11679</u> Michelle Thomson: Grangemouth's Malcolm Finlayson Raises Over £10,000 for Strathcarron Hospice (lodged on 18 December 2023)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Pam Gosal*, Kenneth Gibson*, Emma Harper*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jackie Dunbar*, Christine Grahame*

<u>S6M-11664</u> Collette Stevenson: Protecting FCDO Jobs in East Kilbride (lodged on 15 December 2023)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

<u>S6M-11518</u> Rhoda Grant: Bank of Scotland Ending Mobile Branch Services across Scotland (lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*

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

New Support: Keith Brown*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 17 January 2024

Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy

- **1. Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the announcement by EDF that its ambition is to extend the life of Torness power station. (\$60-02958)
- **2. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on future funding for South of Scotland Enterprise. (S60-02959)
- **3. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government how its Budget for 2024-25 will help to develop the offshore wind supply chain to ensure that Scotland benefits from the reported global expansion of wind energy. **(S6O-02960)**
- **4. Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to review the consultation process for energy infrastructure projects. (S60-02961)
- **5. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the latest expression of interest in buying Glasgow Prestwick Airport. (S6O-02962)
- **6. Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact its Budget will have on city centre recovery and small businesses. **(S60-02963)**
- **7. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures in its proposed Budget will support economic growth in North Ayrshire. (S60-02964)
- **8. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to make Scotland a Fair Work Nation by 2025. **(S6O-02965)**

Finance and Parliamentary Business

- **1. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government what its provisional revenue allocation is for local authorities for 2024-25. **(S60-02966)**
- 2. David Torrance: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work it is undertaking to deliver its commitments on participatory and deliberative democracy. (S60-02967)
- **3. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the potential future devolution of Vehicle Excise Duty. (\$60-02968)
- **4. Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the finance secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the potential impact of the reduction in the funding allocation for Scottish universities in its proposed Budget on graduate skills development and employability. (S6O-02969)
- **5. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recommendations outlined in the final report of the Economy 2030 Inquiry, *Ending Stagnation: A New Economic Strategy for Britain*, as they relate to public finances in Scotland, including those relating to taxes and local government investment. (S60-02970)
- **6. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the finance secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the allocation of funding for the development of a national funding framework for adult and child hospices in Scotland. (S6O-02971)

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- **7. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the potential impact on Scotland's exchequer and public finances of the measures referred to in the speech by the First Minister on 8 January. (S60-02972)
- **8. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government how its fiscal policies support the development and growth of the rural economy. (S60-02973)

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Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

- **1. Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its policy is for the maintenance and rebuilding of road infrastructure. **(S6O-02974)**
- **2. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to encourage more people to use bus and rail services in the Rutherglen constituency. (S60-02975)
- **3. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government how much has been invested in the trunk road network in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency since Amey took over management of the network. (S6O-02976)
- **4. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to realise any potential of National Nature Reserves to help achieve net zero through a large-scale impact on nature recovery and biodiversity. (S6O-02977)
- **5. Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has made any assessment of the potential impact of its Budget on its net zero ambitions. (S60-02978)
- **6. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to make rail travel more affordable and attractive for passengers in the Mid Scotland and Fife region. (S6O-02979)
- **7. Jim Fairlie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential impact on the proposed Shinafoot junction on the A9 at Auchterarder of the announcement that Stewart Milne Homes has gone into administration. (S6O-02980)
- **8. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to whether there is a need for regulatory oversight of companies that install low emissions heating systems and upgrade homes to be more energy efficient. (S6O-02981)

General Questions selected for answer on 18 January 2024

- **1. Stephanie Callaghan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any recent discussions it has had with the UK Government on streamlining the transfer of benefits from the Department for Work and Pensions to Social Security Scotland. (S6O-02982)
- **2. Foysol Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what safeguarding training NHS boards are required to provide to non-clinical staff who are handling interactions with members of the public. (S6O-02983)
- **3. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact on agricultural communities that would result from the proposed reduction in the total spend on pillar 1 payments in its Budget 2024-25. (S6O-02984)
- 4. Douglas Lumsden: [Not Lodged]

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- **5. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve lifelong learning in Scotland. (S6O-02986)
- **6. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to attract and retain staff in colleges. (S60-02987)
- **7. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with the City of Edinburgh Council to discuss its housing emergency declaration. (S6O-02988)
- **8. Paul O'Kane:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to discuss out-of-hours GP services in Inverclyde. (S6O-02989)

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 10 January 2024

<u>S6W-24011</u> Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government how many applications for a licence under the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023 for (a) preventing serious damage to livestock, woodlands or crops and (b) environmental benefit have been rejected.

<u>S6W-24013</u> Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government how many applications for a licence under the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023 for (a) preventing serious damage to livestock, woodlands or crops and (b) environmental benefit have been granted.

<u>S6W-24015</u> **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what economic impact assessment it has undertaken regarding the introduction of grouse shoot licensing on land in the (a) Aberdeenshire, (b) Angus, (c) Dumfries and Galloway, (d) Highland, (e) Perth and Kinross, (f) Stirling and (g) Scottish Borders Council area.

<u>S6W-24020</u> **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many civil servants have worked on the Highly Protected Marine Areas proposal and subsequent consultation, broken down by pay band, and (b) what the total cost of civil service resources for work on the proposal and consultation has been, in each month since it was proposed.

<u>S6W-24389</u> **Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what reporting arrangements have been put in place regarding the role of the Deputy First Minister in co-ordinating cross government delivery, as referred to in the cabinet secretary mandate letters for the financial year 2023-24.

<u>S6W-24397</u> **Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23865 by Jenni Minto on 21 December 2023, when the policy to distribute condoms in the women's prison estate was introduced, and whether sanitary products are available in the men's prison estate, and, if so, when this policy was introduced.

<u>S6W-24405</u> **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason its reported forthcoming review of the target to deliver 110,000 affordable homes by 2032, with a focus on the delivery timeline, has not been announced to the Parliament and referenced in its Budget 2024-25.

R

<u>S6W-24406</u> Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what the scope is of its reported forthcoming review of the target to deliver 110,000 affordable homes by 2032, with a focus on the delivery timeline.

R

<u>S6W-24407</u> **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether its reported forthcoming review of the target to deliver 110,000 affordable homes by 2032, with a focus on the delivery timeline, could result in the timeline being extended, and, if so, what options would be considered for the length of any such extension. **R**

<u>S6W-24408</u> Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has reportedly brought forward the date of its review of the target to deliver 110,000 affordable homes by 2032, with a focus on the delivery timeline. **R**

<u>S6W-24409</u> Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government which organisations will have a role in contributing to the reported forthcoming review of its target to deliver 110,000 affordable homes by 2032, with a focus on the delivery timeline.

R

<u>S6W-24411</u> Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government whether local authorities have the flexibility to allow three-year-olds to take up a place at a local authority nursery after the term has started.

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<u>S6W-24412</u> Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what steps have been taken since the publication, in November 2018, of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee's 9th Report, 2018 (Session 5), *Salmon farming in Scotland* (SP Paper 432), to address the issues raised in the Committee's report.

<u>S6W-24413</u> Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to regulate the salmon farming industry since 2018.

<u>S6W-24415</u> **Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with the UK Government to improve environmental standards in Scotland's salmon farming industry.

<u>S6W-24416</u> **Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans for a single accreditation scheme to be introduced in the salmon farming industry.

<u>S6W-24421</u> Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government how many escapes of farmed salmon have occurred in each year since 2018, broken down by location, and whether it can provide the total number of individual fish that have escaped.

<u>S6W-24423</u> **Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government which regulatory body is responsible for the potential impact of escaped farmed salmon on Scotland's wild salmon stocks.

<u>S6W-24425</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23979 by Jenny Gilruth on 8 January 2024, whether it will provide the information requested, particularly in light of the actions proposed in its Budget 2024-25, regarding what it anticipates the cost will be of (a) consulting on, (b) establishing, (c) launching and (d) the ongoing running of the Centre of Teaching Excellence (CTE), and, if it is the case that it has not considered what these costs might be and is yet to establish them, whether it will confirm that.

<u>S6W-24426</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what procurement procedure was followed by the Scottish Housing Regulator to determine its statutory managers list.

<u>S6W-24427</u> Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government when the Finfish Aquaculture Advisory Panel (a) last met and (b) will meet next.

<u>S6W-24428</u> Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what the Finfish Aquaculture Advisory Panel has achieved since its inception.

<u>S6W-24429</u> **Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the regulatory system for finfish aquaculture is fit for purpose.

<u>S6W-24430</u> Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what it has done to address the reported institutional and personal mistrust between the finfish industry, regulators, parts of government and stakeholders.

<u>S6W-24431</u> Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government how many social contracts exist between finfish aquaculture companies and the communities within which they operate; what any such contracts deliver, and what the monetary value/equivalent is of each.

<u>S6W-24432</u> Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government which independent body reviews the science relating to finfish aquaculture in Scotland.

<u>S6W-24433</u> **Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government when the finfish aquaculture framework will be reviewed.

<u>S6W-24434</u> Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on how many finfish aquaculture sites have (a) been closed, (b) had their licence withdrawn and (c) surrendered their licence since 2018, and for what reason.

<u>S6W-24435</u> Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government whether there is a central evidence base relating to the aquaculture industry, and, if there is, how stakeholders can gain access to it. <u>S6W-24436</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the Scottish Housing Regulator's (SHR) appointment of any individuals to its statutory managers list who may also be regularly appointed as independent transfer advisors to housing associations that are subject to SHR statutory intervention could create a potential conflict of interest.

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<u>S6W-24437</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any concerns that the Scottish Housing Regulator does not publish any background information or register of interests for individuals whom it appoints to its statutory managers list.

<u>S6W-24438</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider enhancing statutory protection of community-controlled housing associations and co-operatives in its proposed Housing Bill, in light of the number of takeovers or transfers of engagements that have occurred since 2010, which has reportedly caused a decline in community-ownership of housing assets in Scotland.

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 10 January 2024

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 1

Edward Mountain

- 4 In section 1, page 1, line 13, at end insert—
 - <() Subsection (1) or (2) does not apply if the glue trap is used under, and in accordance with the terms of, a glue trap licence (see section *Glue trap licences*).>

Section 2

Edward Mountain

- 5 In section 2, page 2, line 8, after <where> insert—
 - <() the glue trap is purchased (or otherwise acquired) for use in accordance with the terms of a glue trap licence, or

()>

After section 2

Edward Mountain

6 After section 2, insert—

<Glue trap licences

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may grant a licence under this section (a "glue trap licence") authorising a pest controller specified or described in the licence to engage in conduct for the purpose of preserving public health or public safety which would otherwise amount to an offence under section 1 or 2.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may not grant a glue trap licence for a purpose mentioned in subsection (1), unless the Scottish Ministers are satisfied that, as regards that purpose, there is no other satisfactory solution.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may not grant a glue trap licence under subsection (1) unless the pest controller or controllers to be specified in the licence have completed an approved training course in respect of glue traps (see section *Glue trap licences: approved training courses*).
- (4) A glue trap licence—
 - (a) may be general or specific,
 - (b) may be subject to any conditions specified in the licence,
 - (c) may be modified or revoked at any time by the Scottish Ministers (whether or not on an application from the pest controller or controllers authorised by the licence),
 - (d) may be for a specified period of time.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may require an application for the grant or modification of a glue trap

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licence, or of a glue trap licence of a particular description, to be made in such form, and to be accompanied by such documentation or information, as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.

- (6) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations—
 - (a) make provision about the display of the glue trap licence number on the glue trap,
 - (b) make provision about the evidence to be provided by a licence holder when purchasing (or otherwise acquiring) a glue trap,
 - (c) make provision for the charging of fees or other charges in relation to an application for the grant or modification of a glue trap licence (and such fees or other charges may be set by reference to any costs incurred, or expected to be incurred, by the Scottish Ministers in connection with this section),
 - (d) make provision for, or in connection with, appeals in respect of—
 - (i) a decision to refuse an application for the grant or modification of a glue trap licence,
 - (ii) a decision to modify or revoke a glue trap licence,
 - (e) make provision for offences in connection with an application for a glue trap licence.
- (7) Regulations under subsection (6) may, in particular, make provision about—
 - (a) the grounds upon which an appeal may be made,
 - (b) when an appeal may be made,
 - (c) the court, tribunal or other person who is to determine the appeal,
 - (d) the procedure for making, or determining, an appeal.
- (8) Regulations under subsection (6) are subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (9) In this section, "pest controller" means a person—
 - (a) who—
 - (i) in the course of a business, provides a service which consists of, or involves, pest control, or
 - (ii) is employed by a public authority to carry out pest control, and
 - (b) is licensed to carry out pest control.
- (10) For the purposes of this section, a public authority is a person who carries out functions of a public nature.>

Edward Mountain

7 After section 2, insert—

<Glue trap licences: approved training courses

- (1) The Scottish Ministers are to approve training courses in respect of glue traps.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers may—
 - (a) determine training requirements, such as—
 - (i) the form and content of courses,
 - (ii) requiring a person providing training to meet certain criteria (such as having relevant experience or holding a particular qualification),
 - (b) accredit courses and the persons providing courses,

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- (c) determine the minimum criteria for successful completion of courses, and
- (d) determine how successful completion of such courses is to be recorded.>

Section 4

Edward Mountain

- 8 In section 4, page 4, line 24, at end insert—
 - <(1B) The relevant authority may not, on receipt of an application under section 12B, grant or renew a wildlife trap licence if the relevant authority is satisfied that the applicant has committed a relevant offence.>

Edward Mountain

- 9 In section 4, page 4, line 24, at end insert—
 - <(1B) The relevant authority may not, on receipt of an application under section 12B, grant a wildlife trap licence if the relevant authority is satisfied that the applicant has, at any time, committed an offence under section 12A.>

Edward Mountain

- 10 In section 4, page 4, leave out lines 20 to 24 and insert—
 - <(1) Subject to subsection (1B), the relevant authority must, on receipt of an application under section 12B grant or renew a wildlife trap licence if the requirements in subsection (1A)(a) or (b) are met.
 - (1A) The requirements are that—
 - (a) the applicant has completed an approved training course (see section 12E), or
 - (b) the applicant—
 - (i) was born on or before 31st December 1983, and
 - (ii) has used the type of trap in question in a professional capacity for a period of at least 10 years consecutively.>

Edward Mountain

- In section 4, page 4, line 37, at end insert—
 - <(3A) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision about the evidence that may be required for the purposes of subsection (1A)(b)(ii).
 - (3B) Regulations under subsection (3A) are subject to the negative procedure.>

Edward Mountain

12 In section 4, page 5, line 6, at end insert—

<"relevant offence" means an offence under—

- (a) section 11 to 11C, 11E, 12A, 12F or 17 of this Act,
- (b) section 50 or 50A of the Agriculture (Scotland) Act 1948,

- (c) regulation 41 of The Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Regulations 1994 (S.I 1994/2716),
- (d) the Wild Mammals Protection Act 1996,
- (e) section 1 or 2 of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2023.>

Edward Mountain

In section 4, page 6, line 13, after <trap,> insert <including the maximum number of days that courses may last,>

Edward Mountain

- 14 In section 4, page 6, line 15, at end insert—
 - <(aa) determine fees that may be charged to a person attending a course, which must be reasonable and an amount no higher than £200,>

Edward Mountain

- 15 In section 4, page 6, line 19, at end insert—
 - <(2A) For the purposes of subsection (2)(a)(i), a course may last no more than a period of two days.>

Edward Mountain

- 16 In section 4, page 6, line 19, at end insert—
 - <(2B) Before approving training courses in respect of the traps to which section 12A applies, the relevant authority must consult such persons as the relevant authority considers likely to be interested in and affected by the form and content of the courses.>

Section 6

Edward Mountain

- 17 In section 6, page 9, line 7, at end insert—
 - <() In section 22 (power to vary schedules)—
 - (a) after subsection (2) insert—
 - "(2ZZA) If a bird is a game bird within the meaning of section 27, an order under subsection (1)(a) may only add that bird to Part 1B of Schedule 2 if the bird to be added is on the current United Kingdom Birds of Conservation Concern Red or Amber List.",
 - (b) after subsection (2A) insert—
 - "(2B) Before making an order under subsection (1)(a) to add a bird to Part 1B of Schedule 2, the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider likely to be interested in or affected by the proposed order, including land managers.".>

Section 7

Edward Mountain

18 In section 7, page 12, line 11, at end insert—

<(5A) Where—

- (a) a person appeals to the appropriate sheriff against a decision of a relevant authority to refuse to grant to the person a section 16AA licence, and
- (b) on determining the appeal, the sheriff directs the relevant authority to grant a section 16AA licence to the person,

the sheriff must make an award of expenses against the relevant authority.>

Edward Mountain

In section 7, page 13, line 4, leave out <appropriate> and insert < likely to be interested in or affected by the code of practice, including land managers>

Edward Mountain

- 20 In section 7, page 13, line 17, at end insert—
 - <(1A) A direction under this section must include a requirement that, before preparing, reviewing or revising the code of practice, Scottish Natural Heritage must consult such persons as it considers likely to be interested in or affected by the code of practice, including land managers.>

Section 8

Edward Mountain

21 Leave out section 8

Section 9

Edward Mountain

Leave out section 9

Section 10

Edward Mountain

- 23 In section 10, page 15, line 4, at end insert—
 - <() managing the habitats of moorland game or wildlife,>

Edward Mountain

24 Leave out section 10

Section 11

Edward Mountain

25 In section 11, page 16, line 10, at beginning insert < Subject to subsection (2A),>

Edward Mountain

- 26 In section 11, page 16, line 11, at end insert—
 - <(2A) The Scottish Ministers may grant a licence under subsection (1) outwith the muirburn season only for the purposes of—
 - (a) conserving, restoring, enhancing or managing the natural environment,
 - (b) research, or
 - (c) public safety.>

Edward Mountain

27 Leave out section 11

Section 12

Edward Mountain

- 28 In section 12, page 16, line 26, after <effect> insert <, being—
 - () 10 years, or
 - () a period less than 10 years if the Scottish Ministers consider it necessary for environmental reasons>

Edward Mountain

29 Leave out section 12

Section 13

Edward Mountain

30 Leave out section 13

After section 13

Edward Mountain

31 After section 13, insert—

<13A Register of muirburn licences

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must establish and maintain a register containing information relating to muirburn licences and notices of muirburn activity.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision as to—
 - (a) information which the register is to contain, and
 - (b) the form and manner in which the register is to be kept.

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- (3) The Scottish Ministers must make the register available for public inspection at all reasonable times.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (2) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

Section 14

Edward Mountain

- 32 In section 14, page 18, line 8, at end insert—
 - <() The first Muirburn Code must be the Muirburn Code produced for the Scottish Government by Scotland's Moorland Forum and published on 22nd September 2017.>

Edward Mountain

In section 14, page 18, line 21, leave out <5> and insert <10>

Edward Mountain

In section 14, page 18, line 23, leave out <5> and insert <10>

Edward Mountain

35 Leave out section 14

Section 15

Edward Mountain

- 36 In section 15, page 18, leave out lines 36 and 37 and insert—
 - <() by placing a notice in the register established under section 13A, or>

Edward Mountain

In section 15, page 18, line 39, after <otherwise)> insert <having regard to the need for the cost of giving notice to be reasonable to a person who intends to make muirburn>

Edward Mountain

38 Leave out section 15

Section 16

Edward Mountain

- 39 In section 16, page 19, line 29, at end insert—
 - <() The period in subsection (1) can be extended to 30 April with the permission of the landowner.>

Edward Mountain

40 In section 16, page 19, line 38, at end insert—

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<() taking into account conditions in particular geographic areas.>

Edward Mountain

41 In section 16, page 20, line 8, after <muirburn> insert <, including land managers>

Edward Mountain

42 Leave out section 16

Section 17

Edward Mountain

- 43 In section 17, page 20, line 16, at end insert—
 - <() the establishment and maintenance of the register of muirburn licences under section 13A,>

Edward Mountain

44 Leave out section 17

Section 18

Edward Mountain

45 In section 18, page 20, line 38, leave out <40> and insert <60>

Edward Mountain

46 Leave out section 18

Section 19

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47 Leave out section 19

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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)), 28 November 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (77th Report, 2023)

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

Introduced, 14 November 2023

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 20 December 2023 Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 19 December 2023

Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 10 January 2024

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

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

Introduced, 21 December 2023

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Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 24 January 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 18 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 5 December 2023

Report – Finance and Public Administration Committee (10th Report, 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (64th 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)), 12 December 2023

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 19 December 2023

*Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (1st Report, 2024)

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 19 December 2023

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 12 December 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 12 December 2023 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (70th Report, 2023)

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Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 21 December 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (72nd Report, 2023)

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)), 9 November 2023

Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 20 December 2023

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

Approved at Reconsideration Stage, 7 December 2023

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 10 January 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (78th Report, 2023)

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 16 January 2024

Stage 1 Report - Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee (10th Report, 2023)

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 (65th Report, 2023)

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 24 January 2024

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

Lodged on 19 December 2023

Lead committee – Rural Affairs and Islands

Automated Vehicles Bill LCM-S6-42

Lodged on 20 December 2023

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

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Criminal Justice Bill LCM-S6-43

Lodged on 21 December 2023

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

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

Lead committee - Criminal Justice

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

Lodged on 22 November 2023

Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 14 January 2024

Wine (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) (20 November 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 28 January 2024

Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) (4 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 31 January 2024

Bus Services Improvement Partnerships (Objections) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) (7 December 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 6 February 2024

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<u>Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)</u> (13 December 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 26 February 2024

Consumer Scotland Act 2020 (Relevant Public Authorities) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)9 January 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 29 January 2024 Lead Committee report due by 22 January 2024

Gender Recognition (Disclosure of Information) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/364) (5 December 2023) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2023 (SSI 2023/366) (5 December 2023) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 31 January 2024 Lead Committee report due by 29 January 2024

Meat Preparations (Import Conditions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/367) (7 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

<u>Bus Services Improvement Partnerships and Local Services Franchises (Provision of Information)</u> (<u>Scotland</u>) <u>Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/368)</u> (*7 December 2023*) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Welfare Foods (Best Start Foods) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/371) (7 December 2023) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment 1 February 2024 Lead Committee report due by 29 January 2024

<u>Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/369)</u> (8 December 2023) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Bovine Semen (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/370) (8 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/372) (8 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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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)

Instruments / Documents subject to approval

Lead Committee report due by 28 January 2024

Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2023 (SG 2023/304) (4 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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<u>Draft Funeral Director Code of Practice (SG 2023/300)</u> (15 December 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 505)

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