

Tuesday 5 March 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Avril McNeill, Headteacher, Glenrothes High School

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Place in the World

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-12285 Emma Harper: Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2024

Committee Meetings

9:15am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:00am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

10:30am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

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- 1. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the announcement by Aberdeen City Council that residents of approximately 500 homes in Torry face relocation as a result of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete. ([S6T-01837](#))
- 2. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported claims by the director of Shelter Scotland that it is "gaslighting" the country on housing when its budget "condemns 10,000 children to lives trapped in the homelessness system". ([S6T-01835](#))
- 3. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to resolve industrial action in the further education sector. ([S6T-01838](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Place in the World

[S6M-12372](#) Angus Robertson: Scotland's Place in the World—That the Parliament believes that Scotland should be able to take its place in the world as a sovereign nation that acts based on its values and principles, working towards peace, sustainability and security as a good global citizen, and in the interests of its people.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-12372.1](#) Alexander Stewart: Scotland's Place in the World—As an amendment to motion S6M-12372 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's Place in the World), leave out from "Scotland" to end and insert "the Scottish Government should accept the will of the people of Scotland as expressed in the clear and decisive result of the 2014 independence referendum, and calls on the Scottish Government to focus on Scotland's real priorities, such as growing the economy, reducing NHS waiting times and violent crime, and improving education standards and public services."

[S6M-12372.2](#) Neil Bibby: Scotland's Place in the World—As an amendment to motion S6M-12372 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's Place in the World), leave out from "should" to end and insert "benefits from the defence, diplomatic and economic connections that it shares with the rest of the UK; highlights the massive amount of capacity building that would be required of an independent Scotland in areas such as defence and procurement, intelligence and cyber security, and diplomatic presence and expertise just to replicate the benefits that Scotland currently enjoys as part of the UK; encourages the Scottish and UK governments to work more closely together to ensure that Brand Scotland's unique contributions and innovations are better sold across the world, and understands that, in an increasingly turbulent geopolitical situation, the interests and security of Scotland are significantly better served under the umbrella of its existing membership of

NATO, as part of the UK, than by severing those connections and seeking to build them from scratch."

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Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-12285](#) Emma Harper: Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2024—That the Parliament recognises that the week of 26 February to 3 March is Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2024, and that the theme for 2024 is avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder (ARFID); understands that eating disorders affect one in 50 people across Scotland and the wider UK, and that more people lose their lives due to eating disorders than any other mental health condition; further understands that ARFID is a largely unknown and misunderstood eating disorder, which can have serious consequences for health if left untreated; considers that the number of people affected by ARFID is unknown, and that treatment is not currently available nationwide, with many people with ARFID, or those who suspect they may have the condition, reporting difficulty in accessing treatment and support both in Scotland and across the whole of the UK; welcomes the work of Beat Eating Disorders, a UK-wide charity working to support those living with eating disorders, and their families; understands that, in 2023 alone, Beat provided more support in Scotland than ever before thanks to what it sees as generous funding from the Scottish Government, but that demand has been so high that Beat reports that it has had to pause sign-ups to many of its programmes; welcomes the Scottish Government's funding of £120 million in 2022 for the Mental Health Recovery and Renewal Fund, with a focus on additional support for mental health in primary care settings and enhanced community support; notes the calls for the Scottish Government to provide an update on its current work to support all those impacted by an eating disorder, and to set out how it will ensure that crucial eating disorder services are protected within what it considers to be the challenging fiscal landscape, and further notes that anyone in Scotland with concerns about an eating disorder can seek support either from their GP surgery, which can point them to the most appropriate healthcare provider, or from Beat, which can be contacted seven days a week on 0808 801 0432 or through its helpful website, beateatingdisorders.org.uk.

Committee Meetings

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 7th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence at Stage 1 on the impact of the Bill for those providing abortion services from—
 Professor Sharon Cameron, Consultant in Gynaecology and Sexual and Reproductive Health, Chalmers sexual health service, NHS Lothian;
 Linda Hodges, Director of Clinical Services, Circle Health Group, representing Private Hospital Abortion Service Managers;
 Colin Poolman, Director, Royal College of Nursing Scotland;
 Dr Chris Provan, Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland;
 and then on the impact of the Bill for those who will be responsible for enforcement, and management, of safe access zones from—
 Simon Brown, Vice-President, Scottish Solicitors Bar Association;
 Superintendent Gerry Corrigan, Specialist Operations, G Division, Police Scotland;
 Eddie Follan, Chief Officer, Health and Social Care, COSLA;
 Lesley Sharkey, Director of Midwifery, NHS Tayside;
 Sarah Wallage, Lead clinician for abortion, NHS Grampian.
 ;.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[National Health Service \(Optical Charges and Payments and General Ophthalmic Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#)
[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#)
[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#)
[Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland \(Cancellation of Registration and Relevant Requirements\) Order 2024](#)
3. **Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 1.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 9th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Graham Simpson will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024](#) [draft] from—
 Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, and Dorothy Cohen, Lawyer, Scottish Government;
 Gary McIntyre, Economic Adviser, and Bettina Sizeland, Director of Bus, Accessibility and Active Travel, Transport Scotland.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Jim Fairlie (Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity) to move—
[S6M-11994](#)—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the

National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

5. **Environmental governance in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Richard Dixon, Deputy Chair, and Mark Roberts, Chief Executive, Environmental Standards Scotland.
6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Road Works \(Scottish Road Works Register Fees and Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2024](#) (2024/23)
7. **Environmental governance in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 5.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 9th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
2. **Declaration of interests:** Gillian Mackay will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] from—
Tom Arthur, Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance, Scott Mackay, Head of Finance Co-ordination, and Craig Maidment, Senior Finance Manager, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Tom Arthur (Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance) to move—
S6M-12053—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/60) from—
Tom Arthur, Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance, and Robert Souter, Senior Tax Policy Adviser, Scottish Government.
6. **Subordinate legislation:** Tom Arthur (Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance) to move—
S6M-12277—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/60) be approved.
7. **Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Jonathan Sharma, Policy Manager - Local Government Finance, COSLA;
Alan Doak, Director, Mineral Products Association (Scotland);
Dougie Neill, Group General Manager, NWH Group, Scottish Environmental Services Association.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 8th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.

2. **Instruments subject to made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/60)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Packaging Waste \(Data Reporting\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/42)
[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/43)
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Islands and Remote Areas Hospitality Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/55)
[Regulation of Care \(Social Service Workers\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/56)
[Discretionary Financial Assistance \(Scotland\) Revocation Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/58)
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/59)
[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) Order 2024](#) (SI 2024/192)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Social Security \(Scotland\) Act 2018 \(Commencement No. 10 and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/57 (C.5))
[Social Security \(Gibraltar\) \(Iceland\) \(Liechtenstein\) \(Norway\) \(Further provision in respect of Scotland\) Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/62)
[Charities \(Regulation and Administration\) \(Scotland\) Act 2023 \(Commencement No. 1, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/63 (C.6))
5. **Scottish Languages Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Criminal Justice Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence conferred on UK Ministers in the Bill. The Committee will consider a Legislative Consent Memorandum and a Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum lodged in relation to the Bill.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 8th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 8 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the following regulations—
Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Expiry of Section 10: Extension) Regulations 2024
The Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Saving Provisions) Regulations 2024
The Rent Adjudication (Temporary Modification) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 from—
Patrick Harvie, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights ,
Yvonne Gavan, Team Leader, Housing Services and Rented Sector Reform Unit,
Adam Krawczyk, Head of Housing, Homelessness & Regeneration Analysis, Poppy

Prior, Solicitor, and Yvette Sheppard, Head of Housing Services and Rented Sector Reform Unit, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights to move—S6M-11978— That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Expiry of Section 10: Extension) Regulations 2024 be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights to move—S6M-11979—That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the Rent Adjudication (Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2024](#)
6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 from—
Tom Arthur, Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance, Elanor Davies, Head of Local Authority Accounting, and Susan Robb, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
7. **Subordinate legislation:** Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance to move—S6M-12003— That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 be approved.
8. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting under items 2 and 6.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 7th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
2. **Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
3. **Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 28 February 2024

Wednesday 6 March 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy

Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Ending Violence in Scottish Schools

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-12000 Keith Brown: Congratulating the University of Stirling on the Launch of its Winning Students 100 Programme

Thursday 7 March 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-11697 Mark Ruskell: Site-specific Just Transition for Mossmorran

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Transport

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day: Global Perspective

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 12 March 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 13 March 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 Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 14 March 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 Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Addressing Child Poverty Through Parental Employment

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>

Economy and Fair Work Committee

6 March 2024

8th Meeting, 2024

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

- 1. Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Craig Fergusson, Head of Finance (Transactions), South Lanarkshire Council;
Melanie Mackenzie, Strategic Commercial Manager, Aberdeenshire Council and Aberdeen City Council;
Lynette Robertson, Head of Commercial and Procurement Services, City of Edinburgh Council;
and then from—
Gordon Beattie, Director of National Procurement, NHS National Services Scotland;
Stephen Connor, Senior Procurement Manager, Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges;
Rob Mustard, Director of Capital Investment, and Joe Rowan, General Manager of Procurement, Scottish Water.
- 2. Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 1
- 3. Just Transition for the North East and Moray:** The Committee will further consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

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

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

6 March 2024

7th Meeting, 2024

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

- 1. Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

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

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

6 March 2024

4th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - PE2035: Recognise legal control of generalist predators as a conservation act, taking evidence from—
Alex Hogg, Petitioner
and then consider—
 - PE1900: Access to prescribed medication for detainees in police custody;
 - PE1947: Address Scotland's culture of youth violence;
 - PE1952: Specialist services for patients with autonomic dysfunction;
 - PE1967: Protect Loch Lomond's Atlantic oakwood shoreline by implementing the High road option for the A82 upgrade between Tarbet and Inverarnan;
 - 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;
 - PE2009: Ensure fair access to Scottish universities for all residents in Scotland and the UK;
 - PE2012: Remove need for follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) blood tests before prescribing Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT); and
 - PE2014: Revert to the appeals system used in 2022 for SQA exams.
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 - PE2056: Introduce legislation allowing Scottish Ministers to intervene on the hire of public land;
 - PE2064: Ensure that under 16s charged with rape are treated as adults in the criminal justice system;
 - PE2065: Improve and prioritise pedestrian safety; and
 - PE2069: Ensure accuracy of statements informing Child Welfare Reports.
4. **Decision on publication of submission:** The Committee will decide whether to accept a request to provide an anonymous submission for 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.
5. **Consideration of Evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

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

Criminal Justice Committee

6 March 2024

10th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Criminal Justice Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandums lodged by Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (LCM(S6)43) and (LCM(S6)43a).
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Firefighters' Pension Schemes \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/26)
[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Prescribed Police Stations\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/30)
3. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee

6 March 2024

8th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2024](#)
2. **Additional Support for Learning Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
May Dunsmuir, President of the Health and Education Chamber of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland, First-tier Tribunal for Scotland.
3. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

7 March 2024

6th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Review of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ed Barker, Head of Policy and External Affairs, Agricultural Industries Confederation Scotland;
Jonnie Hall, Director of Policy, National Farmers Union Scotland;
Sarah Millar, Chief Executive, Quality Meat Scotland.

Proposed future business

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

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

7 March 2024

7th 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 items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Erica Young, Policy Officer (Social Justice), Citizens Advice Scotland;
Jon Shaw, Welfare Rights Worker, Child Poverty Action Group Scotland;
Richard Gass, Welfare Rights and Money Advice Manager, Rights Advice Scotland;
Michael Clancy OBE, Director of Law Reform, Law Society of Scotland;
Diane Connock, Advice Services and Welfare Reform Team Leader, Stirling Council.
3. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Public Audit Committee

7 March 2024

8th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 4 and 5 in private.
3. **Investing in Scotland's infrastructure:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Alyson Stafford, Director-General Scottish Exchequer, Morag Angus, Chief Surveyor,
Dr Alison Cumming, Director of Budget and Public Spending, and Alan Morrison,
Deputy Director Health Infrastructure, Investment and PPE, Scottish Government;
Alison Irvine, Chief Executive, Transport Scotland;
Peter Reekie, Chief Executive, Scottish Futures Trust.
4. **Investing in Scotland's infrastructure:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Dharshi Santhakumaran, Senior Manager, and Ashleigh Madjitey, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
5. **Investing in Scotland's infrastructure:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Proposed future business

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

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Glusadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
Motions Glusadan				

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.

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Motions for Debate

***[S6M-12389](#) Liam Kerr: Ending Violence in Scottish Schools**—That the Parliament believes that no pupil, teacher or member of school staff should suffer physical or verbal abuse and that every child and young person has the right to an uninterrupted school day, free from violence and disruption; notes the impact that the current escalation of violence in schools has had on the teaching profession, especially in relation to retention and mental health; further notes, with concern, the alarming reports of instances of violence and disruption, and calls on the Scottish Government to support parents, teachers and staff, assisting them in promoting acceptable behaviour and tackling instances of violence and disruption; calls on the Scottish Government to support children and young people impacted by violence and disruption in schools and to facilitate an environment in which all young people are safe to learn, develop and grow, and further calls on all Members of the Scottish Parliament to work together in tackling the seriousness of this issue, diligently and without delay.

***[S6M-12388](#) Douglas Lumsden: Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector**—That the Parliament recognises the vital role that oil and gas plays in Scotland's energy mix and in supporting tens of thousands of Scottish jobs, particularly in the north east, and in providing vital energy security; condemns the Scottish Government's "presumption against new exploration for oil and gas" as stated in its draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan, as well as the Scottish National Party administration's failure to welcome new oil and gas developments such as Rosebank, which will boost UK energy security and the economy with a direct investment of over £8 billion as well as providing nearly 1,600 jobs; further condemns the Labour Party's intention to block any new oil and gas licences and its proposed extended windfall tax, which the OEUK has warned will lead to "42,000 job losses" and £26 billion of economic value being wiped out; acknowledges that there is a climate emergency and, therefore, welcomes that the UK has become the first major economy to halve emissions from their peak; notes that a just transition is needed to meet net zero targets, but believes that this must not leave any industry or community behind and cannot be achieved without the investment, innovation and skills from the oil and gas sector, and calls on the Scottish Government and the Labour Party to end their reckless assault on North Sea oil and gas workers and Scotland's economy.

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Gluasadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
Motions Gluasadan				

***[S6M-12386](#) Shona Robison: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

***[S6M-12372](#) Angus Robertson: Scotland's Place in the World**—That the Parliament believes that Scotland should be able to take its place in the world as a sovereign nation that acts based on its values and principles, working towards peace, sustainability and security as a good global citizen, and in the interests of its people.

Supported by: Jamie Hepburn*, Kaukab Stewart*

***[S6M-12372.2](#) Neil Bibby: Scotland's Place in the World**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12372 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's Place in the World), leave out from "should" to end and insert "benefits from the defence, diplomatic and economic connections that it shares with the rest of the UK; highlights the massive amount of capacity building that would be required of an independent Scotland in areas such as defence and procurement, intelligence and cyber security, and diplomatic presence and expertise just to replicate the benefits that Scotland currently enjoys as part of the UK; encourages the Scottish and UK governments to work more closely together to ensure that Brand Scotland's unique contributions and innovations are better sold across the world, and understands that, in an increasingly turbulent geopolitical situation, the interests and security of Scotland are significantly better served under the umbrella of its existing membership of NATO, as part of the UK, than by severing those connections and seeking to build them from scratch."

Supported by: Foysol Choudhury*

***[S6M-12372.1](#) Alexander Stewart: Scotland's Place in the World**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12372 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's Place in the World), leave out from "Scotland" to end and insert "the Scottish Government should accept the will of the people of Scotland as expressed in the clear and decisive result of the 2014 independence referendum, and calls on the Scottish Government to focus on Scotland's real priorities, such as growing the economy, reducing NHS waiting times and violent crime, and improving education standards and public services."

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S6M-12371](#) Sandesh Gulhane: International Long Covid Awareness Day 2024**—That the Parliament recognises that 15 March 2024 is International Long Covid Awareness Day; understands that it is estimated that around 187,000 people have long COVID in Scotland, an estimated 10,000 of which are children; notes that long COVID can cause a myriad of debilitating and often life-altering symptoms; considers that a lack of awareness of long COVID exists among the public, employers, medical professionals and policy makers, and that there is often a stigma that negatively affects the mental health and wellbeing of people with long COVID; notes the view that current Scottish Government funding for initiatives does not go far enough in addressing any need for more effective treatment services and support for people with long COVID; further notes, with regret, the view that there has been a lack of progress in addressing consistency of access to

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diagnosis and treatment services, that there is a continuing postcode lottery for long COVID support, and that there remains little data for monitoring the current prevalence of long COVID in Scotland to inform the scale of required care; notes the belief that there is a need for clear referral pathways across all NHS boards, including access to multidisciplinary teams of specialists; highlights, with particular concern, reports that there are no specific services aimed at children or young people with long COVID in Scotland, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to fully implement, without delay, the recommendations in the COVID-19 Recovery Committee report, *Long COVID*. R

Supported by: Craig Hoy*, Alexander Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Brian Whittle*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Murdo Fraser*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jackson Carlaw*, Meghan Gallacher*, Pam Gosal*, Alexander Burnett*, Sue Webber*, Jamie Greene*

***S6M-12369 Fulton MacGregor: Fostering a Discussion on a Kindergarten Stage in Scotland**—That the Parliament acknowledges the body of international evidence on the reported benefits of play-based early years education; believes that active, social play is a natural learning drive that helps develop physical fitness, social skills, cognitive capacities and personal qualities; understands that Scotland and the rest of the UK are outliers in Europe in starting formal education at four or five years of age; considers that, since the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) comparisons began, countries with later school starting ages have performed better than those with earlier starts; understands that the UN defines early childhood as being from birth to eight years of age, and that Scottish research has established that there are significant differences in children's levels of development at age five; commends the work of organisations such as Upstart Scotland in promoting the needs of children in early years education based on relationship-centred, child-led, play-based environments, with a greater focus on outdoor learning; notes the belief that a universal play-based kindergarten stage, with a raised formal school starting age, could contribute to closing the attainment gap and be a significant anti-poverty measure, and that it would help provide a true level playing field for all of Scotland's children, including those in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency, giving every child time to develop the skills and capacities that underpin educational success, improving long-term outcomes and giving every child the best start in life, and further notes the belief that there is a need for a national conversation on early years education to consider a later school starting age preceded by a relationship-centred, play-based kindergarten stage to support optimal development during early childhood and ensure secure foundations, and that such a conversation should be open to all who wish to contribute, including early years practitioners, parents, teachers, academics and children, as well as policy makers.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S6M-12376 Jeremy Balfour: 250th Anniversary of St Patrick's Church in Cowgate**—That the Parliament congratulates St Patrick's Church, in Cowgate, Edinburgh, on its 250th anniversary as a Christian church on 9 October 2024; notes what it sees as the rich history that the church has, having been built between 1771 and 1774 for the Scottish Episcopal Church (St Paul's), then being sold to a Presbyterian congregation (the Scottish Relief Church) in 1818, and later being sold to the Roman Catholic Church in 1856; understands that the church was bought by Bishop Gillis in 1856 to serve the growing number of Irish immigrants who had moved to the Cowgate area, with the church paying half of the price and the congregation sacrificially giving the other half so that they could have a church building to call their own; further understands that the Venerable Margaret Sinclair, one of St Patrick's former parishioners, is on her way to being declared a saint

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of the Catholic Church, and commends the church for its work in making its building a peaceful place for any soul visiting the busy city centre.

Supported by: Pam Gosal*, Kenneth Gibson*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Liam Kerr*, Sandesh Gulhane*

***[S6M-12375](#) Marie McNair: Women Against State Pension Injustice (WASPI) Campaign—** That the Parliament regrets what it sees as the UK Government's inaction to end the injustice experienced by women affected by the changes to State Pension laws; welcomes the introduction of the State Pension Age (Compensation) Bill by the Scottish National Party in the UK Parliament under the Ten Minute Rule, which, it understands, would require the UK Government to publish compensation scheme proposals for the women affected by the State Pension age changes; understands that the Scottish Government does not have the power to rectify this situation, and calls, therefore, on the UK Government to act swiftly to provide compensation to these women.

***[S6M-12373](#) Willie Coffey: Kilmarnock Academy Gains STEM Recognition—** That the Parliament congratulates Kilmarnock Academy, and science teacher, Louise McAdam, on becoming the first school in Ayrshire to achieve the STEM Nation Award from Education Scotland; understands that Louise led Kilmarnock Academy's STEM submission, which demonstrated the exceptional work taking place within all five elements of the award; further understands that this work includes the delivery of science clubs during lunchtime and after school, including a Lego club, CAD/CAM club, train club and maths problem-solving club; commends the outstanding work that the science faculty and the school as a whole have carried out for the last three years, and congratulates Kilmarnock Academy once again on this fantastic achievement.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, David Torrance*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*

***[S6M-12370](#) Monica Lennon: Belgium Becomes First European Country to Recognise Ecocide as an International Crime—** That the Parliament welcomes the reports that Belgium has become the first country in Europe to recognise ecocide as a crime at both national and international levels; considers that, by revising its penal code, the Belgian Federal Parliament has put Belgium at the forefront of the global conversation around criminalising the most severe harms to nature; understands that the aim of the new ecocide crime is to prevent and punish the most severe cases of environmental degradation, and will apply to decision makers in the highest positions of decision-making power and corporations, with sanctions that include up to 20 years in prison; further understands that the definition of ecocide approved in Belgium is based on the consensus definition proposed in 2021 by the Independent Expert Panel convened by the Stop Ecocide Foundation; notes the reports that ecocide-level crimes were included in the EU's revised environmental crimes directive in November 2023; understands that domestic ecocide laws have been proposed or are progressing in the UK Parliament, Brazil, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands and Mexico, and considers that the proposed Ecocide (Prevention) (Scotland) Bill provides an opportunity for the Scottish Government to engage with MSPs and stakeholders on seeking to uphold its commitment to keep pace with EU environmental protections. **R**

Supported by: Bill Kidd*

***[S6M-12366](#) Beatrice Wishart: Shetland and Fair Isle Awarded Important Marine Mammal Area Status —** That the Parliament congratulates Shetland and Fair Isle on being recognised as an Important Marine Mammal Area (IMMA); understands that IMMAs, an initiative of the Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force, are defined as discrete portions of habitat, important to marine mammal species, that have the potential to be delineated and managed for conservation,

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and that they are identified in order to prioritise their consideration for conservation measures by governments, intergovernmental institutions, conservation groups and the general public; further understands that Shetland and Fair Isle are being recognised as an important area for the orca, harbour porpoise, minke whale and humpback whale, as well as supporting a huge diversity of other species; notes that Shetland and Fair Isle now join areas around the world with IMMA status, including Antarctica, Madagascar, Baja California and Patagonia; praises what it sees as the instrumental citizen science work from members of the public in collecting data to support the application for IMMA status, by submitting sightings records of marine mammals, particularly through the Shetland Orca Sightings Facebook Group; congratulates Karen Hall, Hugh Harrop, Rachel Shucksmith, Emma Steel, Debbie Russell and Peter Evans on compiling and submitting the citizen science data and other research in their successful application for Shetland and Fair Isle's IMMA status; celebrates the new designation as a recognition of the rich marine biodiversity in Shetland and Fair Isle, and thanks the dedicated members of the public who record their marine mammal observations and the team who applied for IMMA status for their hard work.

Supported by: Monica Lennon*

***[S6M-12362](#) Tess White: Brechin and Farnell Parish Church Welcomes New Minister, Reverend Adriaan van Tonder**—That the Parliament congratulates Brechin and Farnell Parish church on the induction of its new minister, Reverend Adriaan van Tonder; acknowledges that Brechin and Farnell Parish church united together earlier in 2024, having previously been known as the Gardner Memorial Church, which was built in 1897; recognises that Reverend Adriaan van Tonder was inducted to the charge on 13 February 2024 by the Presbytery of Perth in the Brechin church, having previously been Associate Minister in the Glenrothes cluster; understands that Rev Adriaan van Tonder studied for his degree in theology at the University of Pretoria in South Africa, before answering a call from the Church of Scotland for overseas ministers to come and serve in Scotland; acknowledges that the parish was without a permanent minister for a number of years, and wishes him, his wife, young family and the Brechin and Farnell congregation well.

***[S6M-12359](#) Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen International Airport Celebrates 90th Anniversary**—That the Parliament celebrates the 90th anniversary of Aberdeen International Airport; notes that Aberdeen International Airport was founded in 1934 by Eric Gander Dower and began operations in July 1934, being officially opened by Lord Arbuthnott; understands that, in recognition of its granite anniversary, Aberdeen International Airport has commissioned a 90th anniversary logo to use throughout 2024, and is looking for former colleagues and passengers to get in touch to share their stories throughout the years to better shape the celebration plans for later in the year; congratulates Aberdeen International Airport on reaching this impressive milestone, and wishes it all the best for the coming years ahead.

Supported by: Rona Mackay*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Murdo Fraser*, Audrey Nicoll*, Ivan McKee*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, David Torrance*

***[S6M-12343](#) Roz McCall: Poppyscotland Dunfermline Organiser Receives British Empire Medal**—That the Parliament congratulates Christine Evans from Poppyscotland Volunteers Dunfermline on receiving a British Empire Medal in His Majesty The King's Birthday Honours list; understands that Ms Evans has been the area organiser for Poppyscotland in Fife since 2013; notes that the award was given in recognition of the years of work that she has undertaken in support of the poppy appeal; recognises the significant contribution of all Poppyscotland volunteers across the country, including in Dunfermline, where it understands that £42,737 has

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been raised by Poppyscotland volunteers in the past year, and wishes both Christine Evans and all volunteers the best of success with 2024's fundraising activities.

Supported by: Meghan Gallacher*, Alexander Stewart*, Liam Kerr*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-12368 Colin Beattie: Recognition for Cherry Road Centre in Bonnyrigg (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-12367 Murdo Fraser: Gleneagles Hotel Named as Best Hotel in Scotland and the UK (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Alexander Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Liz Smith*, Craig Hoy*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Edward Mountain*, Meghan Gallacher*, Miles Briggs*, Tess White*, Douglas Ross*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Russell Findlay*, Audrey Nicoll*, Liam Kerr*, Kevin Stewart*, Jackie Dunbar*, Bill Kidd*, Brian Whittle*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jackson Carlaw*, Douglas Lumsden*, Sue Webber*, David Torrance*

S6M-12365 Emma Harper: Sanquhar Becomes the Latest Biosphere Town (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Smyth*, Douglas Lumsden*, Bill Kidd*

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

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Audrey Nicoll*, David Torrance*, Kevin Stewart*, Sue Webber*, Jackie Dunbar*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*

S6M-12363 Pauline McNeill: Paying Tribute to Steve Cheyne (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-12361 Liam McArthur: Orkney Success at the Current Archaeology Awards (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Kevin Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Jeremy Balfour*, Douglas Lumsden*, Bill Kidd*

S6M-12360 Christine Grahame: Phasing Out Farrowing Crates (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth*, Kenneth Gibson*, Rona Mackay*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Ivan McKee*, Katy Clark*, Bill Kidd*, Emma Harper*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Emma Harper*, Ash Regan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, David Torrance*, Kenneth Gibson*

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[S6M-12355](#) Ruth Maguire: National Recognition for Irvine Judo Volunteer (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Emma Harper*, Ash Regan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, David Torrance*

[S6M-12354](#) Ruth Maguire: Irvine Primary Pupil's Charitable Donation (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Emma Harper*, Annabelle Ewing*, Ash Regan*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-12353](#) John Mason: COVID-19 Vaccines (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Stephanie Callaghan*, James Dornan*, Audrey Nicoll*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Jackie Dunbar*, Bill Kidd*, Alasdair Allan*

[S6M-12351](#) Rona Mackay: Lenzie Academy Pupils Highlight Valuable Work of Families Outside (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, John Swinney*, Audrey Nicoll*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Jackie Dunbar*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Emma Harper*, Bob Doris*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-12350](#) Alasdair Allan: Congratulating the Winners of FilmG 2024 (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*

[S6M-12348](#) Pam Gosal: Milngavie BID Elected to Lead for a Third Consecutive Term (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Douglas Ross*, Russell Findlay*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jackson Carlaw*, Douglas Lumsden*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-12347](#) Rona Mackay: Bishopbriggs Fire Station Finishes Top in Scotland in the "Bag it and Bank it" Recycling Campaign (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S6M-12345](#) Liam Kerr: Hearts of Gold Charity Burns Supper Raises £20,000 for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Douglas Ross*, Russell Findlay*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jackson Carlaw*, Douglas Lumsden*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-12344](#) Liam Kerr: Camphill School Launches Inclusive Outdoor Sensory Adventure and Learning Playground with Funding from UK Government (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Meghan Gallacher*, Russell Findlay*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jackson Carlaw*, Douglas Lumsden*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-12342](#) Collette Stevenson: Shining a Light on Domestic Abuse in LGBT+ History Month (lodged on 28 February 2024)

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New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Colin Smyth*

[S6M-12341](#) Finlay Carson: Abby Forsyth Wins Top Honour at Young Farmers Awards
(lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Annie Wells*, Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Alexander Stewart*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*, Liam Kerr*, Jeremy Balfour*, Meghan Gallacher*, Sue Webber*, Douglas Ross*, Colin Beattie*

[S6M-12340](#) Carol Mochan: Protecting Mothers in Palestine on International Women's Day
(lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S6M-12337](#) Michael Marra: Dundee's 20 Years as a Fair Trade City (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Foyso Choudhury*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-12336](#) Meghan Gallacher: Inspirational Young Disabled Swimming Champion (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Monica Lennon*, Liz Smith*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, David Torrance*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Craig Hoy*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Tess White*, Douglas Ross*, Russell Findlay*, Liam Kerr*, Brian Whittle*, Jackson Carlaw*, Douglas Lumsden*, Sue Webber*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-12335](#) Willie Rennie: Flood Management (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Alexander Stewart*, Annie Wells*

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

New Support: Foyso Choudhury*, Sue Webber*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-12326](#) Pam Gosal: Boogie Box Jive Celebrates £200,000 Charitable Donation Support
(lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Douglas Lumsden*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-12325](#) Claire Baker: International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

[S6M-12315](#) Annabelle Ewing: Rotary Foundation Work on Eradicating Polio (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Sue Webber*

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[S6M-12311](#) Annie Wells: St Enoch Centre Pays Tribute to 1924 Olympic Champion, Eric Liddell (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-12310](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow School Pupils Participate in Kids' Athletics Day (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Stewart*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Craig Hoy*, Meghan Gallacher*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Martin Whitfield*, Tess White*, Colin Beattie*, Russell Findlay*, Murdo Fraser*, Jamie Greene*, Ivan McKee*, Liam Kerr*, Bill Kidd*, Brian Whittle*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jackson Carlaw*, Douglas Lumsden*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-12308](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Broadcaster, Dave Gray, Dies at 63 (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-12307](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Cancer Care Experts' Epic Challenge for Beatson (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Douglas Lumsden*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-12306](#) Annie Wells: Grand Old Lady of Renfield Street (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-12292](#) Tess White: NHS Grampian to Benefit from Dietitian's Push on Recycling Plastics (lodged on 27 February 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-12289](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Aberdeen Café Winners (lodged on 27 February 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

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

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-12282](#) Sandesh Gulhane: New Chancellor for Glasgow Caledonian University (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-12281](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Newly Elected Glasgow Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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[S6M-12278](#) Alexander Stewart: People with Uncontrolled Asthma (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-12275](#) Pam Gosal: Two Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament Elected for Strathkelvin and Bearsden (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-12264](#) Alexander Stewart: FAST Stroke Detection Guidance (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*, Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12258](#) Miles Briggs: St Giles' Cathedral - 900 Years (lodged on 23 February 2024)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

[S6M-12256](#) Tess White: Friends of ANCHOR's Courage on the Catwalk Celebrates 10th Anniversary (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Russell Findlay*, Jackson Carlaw*, Douglas Lumsden*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-12236](#) Stephanie Callaghan: North Lanarkshire Council Awarded Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland Local Authority Award (lodged on 22 February 2024)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-12227](#) Jackson Carlaw: Rouken Glen Named as Garden Centre Cafe of the Year for 2024 (lodged on 21 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12225](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Recognising the Importance of Fracture Liaison Services (FLS) (lodged on 21 February 2024)

New Support: Daniel Johnson*, Fergus Ewing*

[S6M-12209](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: 200th Anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (lodged on 20 February 2024)

New Support: John Swinney*, Clare Adamson*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bob Doris*, Douglas Lumsden*, Alexander Burnett*, Liam McArthur*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kenneth Gibson*

[S6M-12192](#) Pam Gosal: East Dunbartonshire Town of Kirkintilloch Named Best Place to Live in Scotland (lodged on 19 February 2024)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S6M-12191](#) Rachael Hamilton: Scotland's Farming Recognised at NFUS Dinner (lodged on 19 February 2024)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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[S6M-12187](#) Christine Grahame: Congratulating Crystal FM Penicuik as the Best Community Radio Broadcaster at the SME News Scottish Enterprise Awards (lodged on 20 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12175](#) Meghan Gallacher: Pioneering Centre to Support Women in Business Opens its Doors (lodged on 16 February 2024)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S6M-12174](#) Meghan Gallacher: Lanarkshire Children and Young People Mental Health Directory of Services and Resources Launched (lodged on 16 February 2024)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S6M-12173](#) Meghan Gallacher: South Lanarkshire Primary School Praised by Inspectors (lodged on 16 February 2024)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S6M-12172](#) Jackson Carlaw: Holocaust Survivor, Henry Wuga, Celebrates 100th Birthday (lodged on 21 February 2024)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*, Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12169](#) Richard Leonard: Marking the 40th Anniversary of the Miners' Strike (lodged on 16 February 2024)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S6M-12165](#) David Torrance: Celebrating 125 Years of Learning with Fife College (lodged on 15 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12162](#) Karen Adam: Young Carers Action Day 2024 (lodged on 15 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12141](#) Alexander Stewart: Diane Brown from Alloa Nominated in Scotland Loves Local Awards (lodged on 13 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12097](#) Willie Coffey: Young Entrepreneur Celebrates 10 Years in Business (lodged on 08 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12077](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Congratulating Bellshill Athletic FC and Academy (lodged on 08 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-12066](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Brain Tumour Awareness Month (lodged on 06 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-11969](#) Meghan Gallacher: Lanarkshire Mind Matters Offers Online Support to Ease January Blues (lodged on 25 January 2024)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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Oral Questions

Topical Questions selected for answer on 05 March 2024

- Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the announcement by Aberdeen City Council that residents of approximately 500 homes in Torry face relocation as a result of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete. ([S6T-01837](#))
- Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported claims by the director of Shelter Scotland that it is "gaslighting" the country on housing when its budget "condemns 10,000 children to lives trapped in the homelessness system". ([S6T-01835](#))
- Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to resolve industrial action in the further education sector. ([S6T-01838](#))

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 07 March 2024

- Douglas Ross:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02884](#))
- Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02885](#))
- Brian Whittle:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government can take to help encourage children into sport and cultivate future world class athletes, in light of the recent victories of Josh Kerr and Jemma Reekie at the World Indoor Athletics Championships in Glasgow. ([S6F-02891](#))
- Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the First Minister what impact the Spring Statement will have on Scotland. ([S6F-02887](#))
- Sharon Dowey:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to promote community deer management on publicly owned land. ([S6F-02896](#))
- Rona Mackay:** To ask the First Minister, in light of International Women's Day on 8 March, what steps the Scottish Government is taking to tackle gender-based violence. ([S6F-02905](#))
- Colin Smyth:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to reduce waiting times for children referred for a neurodevelopmental assessment. ([S6F-02904](#))

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 13 March 2024

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 06 March 2024. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 07 March 2024.

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- Douglas Lumsden
- Ash Regan
- Liam Kerr
- John Mason
- Murdo Fraser

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6. Kevin Stewart
7. Emma Harper
8. Jamie Halcro Johnston

NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

1. Kate Forbes
2. Rona Mackay
3. Liz Smith
4. Tim Eagle
5. Keith Brown
6. Willie Coffey
7. Monica Lennon
8. Sarah Boyack

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 14 March 2024

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 06 March 2024. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 07 March 2024.

Social Justice

1. Marie McNair
2. Miles Briggs
3. Roz McCall
4. Alex Rowley
5. Meghan Gallacher
6. Karen Adam
7. Russell Findlay
8. Jamie Greene

Members selected for General Questions on 14 March 2024

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 06 March 2024. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 07 March 2024.

1. Bob Doris
2. Mark Griffin
3. Ross Greer
4. Sue Webber
5. Brian Whittle
6. Collette Stevenson
7. Colin Smyth
8. Neil Bibby

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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 04 March 2024

[S6W-25620](#) Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the potential issues arising from the Post Office's Horizon computer system in Scotland, whether it will publish any correspondence that it has had with the UK Government, including any related documents, regarding the method by which the sub-postmasters and mistresses whose wrongful convictions were based on Horizon evidence will be quashed.

[S6W-25621](#) Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the potential issues arising from the Post Office's Horizon computer system in Scotland, what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding whether it plans to proceed with emergency legislation in order to quash wrongful convictions of sub-postmasters and mistresses that were based on Horizon evidence.

[S6W-25622](#) Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the potential issues arising from the Post Office's Horizon computer system in Scotland, what its response is to the reported comments by the Lady Chief Justice of England and Wales regarding the use of legislation to quash wrongful convictions of sub-postmasters and mistresses that were based on Horizon evidence, and her suggestion of an "expedited process" whereby such convictions may be quashed in a matter weeks, including whether it would support such an expedited process for cases in Scotland.

[S6W-25623](#) Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government when it will update the Parliament on any progress being made in relation to the exoneration of sub-postmasters and mistresses whose wrongful convictions in Scotland were based on evidence from the Post Office's Horizon computer system.

[S6W-25624](#) Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it will ensure that all sub-postmasters and mistresses whose wrongful convictions in Scotland were based on evidence from the Post Office's Horizon computer system will be identified, and all such convictions quashed.

[S6W-25625](#) Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the use of emergency legislation to quash wrongful convictions in Scotland of sub-postmasters and mistresses that were based on evidence from the Post Office's Horizon computer system, and, if it is the case that it prefers an alternative approach, whether it will provide details of this.

[S6W-25626](#) Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the potential issues arising from the Post Office's Horizon computer system in Scotland, what its response is to the comments of former sheriff Kevin Drummond KC that an approach to resolving the potential issues "could be done tomorrow... by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service and Crown Prosecution Service bringing to their respective criminal appeal courts a list of convictions with case references and informing the court that investigations have revealed these convictions to be flawed and inviting the court to overturn the convictions".

[S6W-25627](#) Foyso Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding UK-wide legislation to exonerate sub-postmasters and mistresses who have been wrongfully convicted as a result of the reported issues with the Post Office accounting system, Horizon.

[S6W-25747](#) Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government how many disabled members of NHS Scotland staff have been subject to formal disciplinary processes in each of the last five years, and what process is in place to ensure that (a) disabled staff members are treated fairly

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under conduct policies and (b) disciplinary action takes any disability or health condition into consideration.

[S6W-25909 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, as part of its work to tackle online bullying and harassment, what recent discussions it has had with mobile app companies regarding any support that they currently provide to users to report online bullying and harassment.

[S6W-25910 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, as part of its work to tackle online bullying and harassment, what its position is on (a) the current regulation of mobile app companies and (b) in-app support tools for users to report online bullying and harassment.

[S6W-25917 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its commitment to the co-production of plans for the proposed National Care Service, and the reported importance of such an approach to different stakeholders, particularly people who need and use social care, and of the Independent Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland highlighting the role of communities and community groups in social care, what steps it is taking to ensure that these groups are involved in shaping any revised plans.

[S6W-25928 Stephen Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to allocate funding in its 2024-25 Budget to support stroke services, including the (a) delivery of the Stroke Improvement Plan, (b) further development of a national thrombectomy service and (c) development of stroke policy.

[S6W-25953 Fulton MacGregor:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to address the reported long waiting times for patients in Glasgow seeking specialist treatment as a result of being affected by transvaginal mesh.

[S6W-25958 Pam Duncan-Glancy:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-25155 by Jenny Gilruth on 1 March 2024, what monitoring and evaluation it has carried out of the funding provided as part of the investment in grants for computing science hardware for schools.

[S6W-25959 Pam Duncan-Glancy:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-25155 by Jenny Gilruth on 1 March 2024, whether any secondary schools were unsuccessful in their applications for grants from the investment in computing science hardware for schools.

[S6W-25960 Monica Lennon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase digital access in areas of high deprivation, in light of the 2022 Scottish Household Survey finding that 16% of households in the 20% most deprived areas in Scotland lack internet access at home and 31% of households with a net annual income of between £6,001 and £10,000 lack home internet access.

[S6W-25961 Monica Lennon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase digital access for adults aged 60 and over, in light of the 2022 Scottish Household Survey finding that 44% of disabled adults and 19% of non-disabled adults aged 60 and over do not use the internet.

[S6W-25962 Liam Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-20705 by Jenny Gilruth on 19 September 2023, whether it will provide a breakdown by local authority of the change in the number of pupil support assistants in schools between 2018 and 2024.

[S6W-25963 Richard Leonard:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what research it or its agencies have undertaken regarding the current rates of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (LBTT), including the Additional Dwelling Supplement, and whether it will make the findings of any such research publicly available.

[S6W-25965 Richard Leonard:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what work it or its agencies have done on modelling for a tax on wealth in Scotland, and whether it will make the outcomes of any such work publicly available.

[S6W-25966](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what work it or its agencies have done on modelling for a tax based on land value in Scotland, and whether it will make the outcomes of any such work publicly available.

[S6W-25967](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what work it or its agencies have done on modelling for a tax based on carbon emissions on landholdings in Scotland, and whether it will make the outcomes of any such work publicly available.

[S6W-25968](#) Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to improve the quality of prevalence data on the number of people in Scotland with myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS), in light of its publication of experimental statistics in December 2022 in the report, *Neurological Conditions: estimating the prevalence in Scotland of selected conditions using General Practice and Hospital Admissions datasets*.

[S6W-25969](#) Sharon Dowey: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-18204 by Kevin Stewart on 2 June 2023, whether it will provide an update on when the Scottish aviation strategy is scheduled to be published.

[S6W-25970](#) Roz McCall: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the proposed introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its Budget for 2024-25, would result in any grocery stores liable for the surtax paying the highest business rate poundage in the UK.

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 4 March 2024

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 4

Pam Gosal

3 In section 4, page 3, line 6, at end insert—

<() accommodation provided by a liable person where the accommodation (under subsection 2) has an annual turnover below the VAT threshold.>

Tom Arthur

4 In section 4, page 3, line 11, at end insert—

<() Before making regulations under subsection (4), the Scottish Ministers must consult local authorities and such tourist organisations as Ministers consider appropriate.>

Pam Gosal

5 In section 4, page 3, line 12, at end insert—

<() In this section, the “VAT threshold” has the meaning given in section 1 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994.>

Section 6

Tom Arthur

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

<(3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations specify the maximum percentage rate which a local authority may set under subsection (1).

(4) Regulations under subsection (3)—

(a) may specify different maximum percentage rates for different purposes, but

(b) may not specify different maximum percentage rates for different areas.

(5) Before making regulations under subsection (3), the Scottish Ministers must consult—

(a) local authorities,

(b) such persons as they consider to be representative of communities, businesses engaged in tourism and tourist organisations, and

(c) such other persons as they consider appropriate.

(6) Regulations under subsection (3) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

Section 10

Tom Arthur

7 In section 10, page 5, line 19, at end insert—

<() Before making regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult local authorities and such tourist organisations as Ministers consider appropriate.>

Section 12

Tom Arthur

8 In section 12, page 6, line 19, leave out <and> and insert <

() if any part of the area to which the VL scheme relates has been designated as a National Park, the National Park authority for that Park, and>

Tom Arthur

9 In section 12, page 6, line 29, leave out <purposes> and insert <or business purposes (or both)>

Section 17

Tom Arthur

10 In section 17, page 8, line 32, leave out <purposes> and insert <or business purposes (or both)>

Pam Gosal

11 In section 17, page 8, line 32, at end insert—

<() A local authority must include businesses located in the local authority's area in any decision as to how the net proceeds of the scheme will be used.>

Tom Arthur

12 In section 17, page 8, line 36, at end insert—

<() if any part of the area to which the VL scheme relates has been designated as a National Park, the National Park authority for that Park,>

Tom Arthur

13 In section 17, page 8, line 37, leave out <and>

Tom Arthur

14 In section 17, page 8, line 38, at end insert <, and

() if any part of the area to which the VL scheme relates has been designated as a National Park, have regard to the National Park Plan for that Park as adopted under section 12(7)(a) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000.>

After section 20

Tom Arthur

15 After section 20, insert—

<**Guidance on visitor levy scheme**

- (1) A local authority must, when exercising a function under Part 3 of this Act, have regard to any guidance published under this section.
- (2) VisitScotland must—
 - (a) prepare and publish guidance for local authorities about the operation of Part 3 of this Act, and
 - (b) from time to time review the guidance published under this section and, if it considers it appropriate, publish updated guidance.
- (3) Before publishing guidance (or updated guidance) under this section, VisitScotland must send a draft of the guidance to the Scottish Ministers for approval.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may—
 - (a) approve draft guidance submitted to them under subsection (3),
 - (b) reject the draft guidance, or
 - (c) require VisitScotland to modify the guidance in such manner as the Scottish Ministers may specify.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify this section so as to—
 - (a) substitute a different body for the one which is for the time being subject to the duties in subsections (2) and (3), or
 - (b) make more than one body responsible for preparing and publishing or reviewing the guidance.
- (6) If regulations under subsection (5) substitute the Scottish Ministers as the body responsible for publishing the whole or part of guidance, the requirements in subsections (3) and (4) do not apply to the duties of the Scottish Ministers.
- (7) Regulations under subsection (5) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

After section 23

Pam Gosal

16 After section 23 insert—

<Cost recovery for returns

- (1) A liable person, who provides accommodation (under the meaning of section 4) and where that accommodation has an annual turnover below the VAT threshold, may retain 20% of the total of their first return in order to recover costs for set-up to make returns.
- (2) In this section, the “VAT threshold” has the meaning given in section 1 of the Valued Added Tax Act 1994.>

Section 36

Tom Arthur

17 In section 36, page 16, line 18, leave out <negative> and insert <affirmative>

Members' Bills Proposals

Proposals for Members' Bills

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

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

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Final Proposal

Rhoda Grant: Proposed Right to Food (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to incorporate the human right to food into Scots law and provide for a body to be responsible for oversight and reporting. (lodged 21 February 2024)

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

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Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 5 March 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (77th Report, 2023)

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Finance and Public Administration)), 5 March 2024
Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 5 March 2024

Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 6 March 2024
Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 6 February 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6th 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)

Passed, 27 February 2024

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

Stage 2 completed, 7 February 2024

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee) published, 28 February 2024

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 12 March 2024

Stage 1 report – Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee (1st Report, 2024)

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

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

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 29 February 2024

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 20 February 2024

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

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

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Stage 1 completed, 22 February 2024

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

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 5 March 2024
Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 7 March 2024
Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 6 February 2024

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 6 March 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (78th 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

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 28 February 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (65th Report, 2023)

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 21 February 2024
Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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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/legislative-consent-memorandums>

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

Lodged on 19 December 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 22 February 2024

Report – Lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands) (2nd Report, 2024)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (8th Report, 2024)

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Automated Vehicles Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-42a

Lodged on 29 February 2024

Criminal Justice Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-43a

Lodged on 13 February 2024

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

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 5 March 2024

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

Lodged on 14 September 2023

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

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

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

Lodged on 19 July 2023

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

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

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

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

Lodged on 22 November 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 22 February 2024

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (2nd Report, 2024)

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Made affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 19 March 2024

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024\)](#) (21 February 2024)
(Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 6 March 2024

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

Subject to approval by 7 March 2024

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (19 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to approval by 12 March 2024

[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)

Subject to approval by 27 March 2024

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

Subject to approval by 29 March 2024

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

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

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

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

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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)

Subject to annulment 17 March 2024
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[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)

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Subject to annulment 19 March 2024
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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
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[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/35\)](#) (5 February 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

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Subject to annulment 27 March 2024
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[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/37\)](#) (8 February 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[National Health Service \(Optical Charges and Payments and General Ophthalmic Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/38\)](#) (8 February 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2000 \(Codes of Conduct for Members of certain Scottish Public Authorities\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/39\)](#) (8 February 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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Subject to annulment 28 March 2024
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[The Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/44\)](#) (9 February 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[The Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland \(Cancellation of Registration and Relevant Requirements\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/45\)](#) (9 February 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[The Building \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/46\)](#) (9 February 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 29 March 2024
Lead Committee report due by 25 March 2024

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Subject to annulment 17 April 2024
Lead Committee report due by 15 April 2024

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

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

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

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

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Subject to annulment 25 April 2024
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[Dangerous Dogs \(Compensation and Exemption Schemes\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/70\)](#) (1 March 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

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