

Thursday 31 October 2024

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

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

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-13402 Audrey Nicoll: Invasive Non-native Species in Scotland

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Housing (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scotland's Commissioner Landscape

**followed by** Legislative Consent Motion: Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Public Audit Committee

**9:00am** Social Justice and Social Security Committee

**9:30am** Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

**9:30am** Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

#### 11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Fulton MacGregor:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-03869](#))
- 2. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work that it is doing to support those affected by historic forced adoption. ([S6O-03870](#))
- 3. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and what issues were discussed. ([S6O-03871](#))
- 4. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the £12.5 million of funding that it plans to provide for education in Malawi, Rwanda and Zambia was set out in the Budget for 2024-25. ([S6O-03872](#))
- 5. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work that it has been undertaking with disabled people's organisations regarding the delivery of its Disability Equality Plan. ([S6O-03873](#))
- 6. Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government when the health secretary last met the Scottish Ambulance Service to discuss rural ambulance provision. ([S6O-03874](#))
- 7. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on Police Scotland's extension across Scotland of the north east pilot of not investigating "low-level" crime. ([S6O-03875](#))
- 8. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on how many genders there are. ([S6O-03876](#))

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

- 1. Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03462](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03463](#))
- 3. Lorna Slater:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03464](#))
- 4. Keith Brown:** To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has undertaken of the impact of the UK Government Budget on Scotland. ([S6F-03477](#))
- 5. Liz Smith:** To ask the First Minister what engagement the Scottish Government has had with Police Scotland officials who are responsible for investigating whether the actions of Professor Eljamel amounted to criminal conduct. ([S6F-03468](#))
- 6. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the reported rise in sex crimes. ([S6F-03488](#))

#### followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

**[S6M-13402](#) Audrey Nicoll: Invasive Non-native Species in Scotland**—That the Parliament notes the publication of the Scottish Environment LINK report, *Invasive Non-native Species in*

*Scotland: A Plan for Effective Action*, which collates the thinking of Scotland's environmental non-governmental organisations regarding invasive non-native species; understands that invasive non-native species constitute one of the five principal direct drivers of global biodiversity loss and that invasive non-native species are among the most significant pressures on Scotland's biodiversity; recognises the reported significant negative impacts that invasive non-native species have for Scotland's marine, terrestrial and freshwater environments, including in the Aberdeen South and North Kincardine constituency; highlights reports of the financial impact of invasive non-native and non-native species on Scotland's economy; notes the view that it is necessary to effectively tackle invasive non-native species as a prerequisite to successful nature restoration in Scotland; believes that the Scottish Government's Nature Restoration Fund is providing critical funds to initiate and develop projects, working with communities and volunteers to prevent the establishment, and control the spread, of invasive non-native species, and considers that this is allowing the recovery of biodiversity across Scotland, including river restoration projects addressing invasive non-native plants, controlling invasive rhododendron in Scotland's rainforest and safeguarding internationally important seabird islands from non-native mammals through island biosecurity action.

## 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

## 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

### Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

1. **Collette Stevenson:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-03861](#))
2. **Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce energy consumption from the built environment. ([S6O-03862](#))
3. **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it is supporting local transport authorities to franchise bus services. ([S6O-03863](#))
4. **Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is committed to fully dualling the A96 from Inverness to Aberdeen. ([S6O-03864](#))
5. **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve public consultation on renewable energy projects by energy companies. ([S6O-03865](#)) **R**
6. **Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to fully implement the recommendations of the second Strategic Transport Projects Review in relation to the A77. ([S6O-03866](#))
7. **Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support the internal ferry fleet in Orkney. ([S6O-03867](#))
8. **James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government how many journeys in Glasgow have been taken by under-22s using a free bus pass in the last year. ([S6O-03868](#))

### followed by Ministerial Statement: Housing (Scotland) Bill

### followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scotland's Commissioner Landscape

**[S6M-15086](#) Kenneth Gibson on behalf of the Finance and Public Administration Committee: Scotland's Commissioner Landscape**—That the Parliament welcomes the Finance and Public Administration Committee's 7th Report, 2024 (Session 6), *Scotland's Commissioner Landscape: A Strategic Approach* (SP Paper 642); agrees with the recommendation that a dedicated committee should be established to carry out a "root and branch" review, with the purpose of creating a clear strategic framework to underpin and provide more coherence and structure to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) supported body landscape, and further agrees that, while this review is undertaken, there should be a moratorium on creating any new SPCB supported bodies, or expanding the remit of existing bodies.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S6M-15086.3](#) Ivan McKee: Scotland's Commissioner Landscape**—As an amendment to motion S6M-15086 in the name of Kenneth Gibson (Scotland's Commissioner Landscape), leave out from "and further agrees" to end and insert "which should complete its work by June 2025, and further agrees that, while this review is undertaken, there should be a moratorium on creating any new SPCB supported bodies, or expanding the remit of existing bodies, while recognising that, for proposals within bills that have already been introduced, these are now for the Parliament to take a decision on, respecting the lead committees' roles in scrutinising legislation within their remits."

**[S6M-15086.2](#) Sarah Boyack: Scotland's Commissioner Landscape**—

As an amendment to motion S6M-15086 in the name of Kenneth Gibson (Scotland's Commissioner Landscape), leave out from "; agrees with" to end and insert ", and notes the recommendation that a dedicated committee should be established to carry out a 'root and branch' review, to be concluded by June 2025, with the purpose of creating a clear strategic framework to underpin and provide more coherence and structure to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) supported body landscape."

**[S6M-15086.1](#) Ross Greer: Scotland's Commissioner Landscape**—As an amendment to motion S6M-15086 in the name of Kenneth Gibson (Scotland's Commissioner Landscape), after "body landscape" insert ", to be concluded no later than June 2025".

**followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill**

**[S6M-15088](#) Fiona Hyslop: Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill - UK Legislation**—That the Parliament agrees that all relevant provisions of the Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 18 July 2024, so far as these matters alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

**followed by Business Motions**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

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**5:00 pm Decision Time**

## Committee Meetings

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

### Public Audit Committee 26th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Tackling digital exclusion:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Lesley Fraser, Director-General Corporate, Geoff Huggins, Chief Digital Officer, and Eilidh McLaughlin, Deputy Director, Digital Ethics, Inclusion and Assurance, Scottish Government;  
Martyn Wallace, Chief Digital Officer, Local Government Digital Office, COSLA.
3. **Tackling digital exclusion:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Bernie Milligan, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Tackling digital exclusion:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

### Social Justice and Social Security Committee 28th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Liz Smith will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Winter Heating Assistance \(Pension Age\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \[draft\]](#) from—  
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Owen Allen, Team Leader, Winter Benefits & Welfare Fund, Julie McKinney, Head of Social Security Strategy, Welfare Fund and Winter Benefits, and Stephanie Virlogeux, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Department, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice) to move—S6M-14682—That the Social Justice and Social Security Committee recommends that the Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.
4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26.

### Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 24th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** The new member of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Review of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement Inquiry: Part 2** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Dr Adam Marks, International Policy Executive, Law Society of Scotland;  
Professor David Collins, Professor of International Economic Law, City St George's;

Dr Ross Anderson, Advocate, Faculty of Advocates.

## **Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 22nd Meeting, 2024**

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Sue Webber will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
3. **Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Detective Chief Inspector Craig Chisholm, Police Scotland.
4. **Committee Adviser:** The Committee will consider a list of candidates for the post of adviser in connection with its inquiry into Committee Effectiveness.
5. **'A Parliament for All': Report of the Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit:** The Committee will give further consideration to recommendations in the Gender Sensitive Audit report.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 30 October 2024

### Tuesday 5 November 2024

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-14922 Karen Adam: Celebrating One Parent Families Scotland 80th Anniversary

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-14784 Clare Adamson: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and World Pancreatic Cancer Day 2024

### Wednesday 6 November 2024

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

Health and Social Care

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Keeping the Promise

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-12918 Fulton MacGregor: Tackling Sibling Sexual Abuse in Scotland

### Thursday 7 November 2024

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

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

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-15006 Gillian Mackay: North Lanarkshire School Bus Campaign

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions

Social Justice



**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Brexit Impacts on Scotland's Rural Economy

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

## **Tuesday 12 November 2024**

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

## **Wednesday 13 November 2024**

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**5:10 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

## **Thursday 14 November 2024**

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

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

**followed by** Members' Business

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

**followed by** Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement

**followed by** Business Motions

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## Future Committee Meetings

The future business of the Parliament has not yet been agreed to.

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## Motions

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## Motions for Debate

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Supported by: Michael Marra\*, Michelle Thomson\*, Ross Greer\*

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Supported by: Shona Robison\*

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### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S6M-15125](#) Annabelle Ewing: Dalgety Bay Day Centre Secures Lottery Grant** —That the Parliament congratulates Dalgety Bay Day Centre, which has received a £20,000 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; recognises that the Day Centre is a local voluntary organisation, which promotes and helps the wellbeing of senior citizens within Dalgety Bay, and understands that this funding will assist the group in providing a minibus for its day care centre transport service.

**\*[S6M-15124](#) Clare Haughey: Burnhill MENDING Minds Men's Shed Project**—That the Parliament commends the efforts of volunteers in securing funding to build a new Men's Shed at The High Backs in the Burnhill area of Rutherglen; understands that the newly-formed Burnhill MENDING Minds group, led by volunteer Tony McDonald, aims to provide local men the opportunity to meet up, socialise and learn practical skills; further understands that the group's successful bid via South Lanarkshire Council's Participatory Budgeting scheme will allow it to build a shed to host activities such as joinery, plumbing, garden maintenance and cycling; commends the efforts of lead volunteer, Lizzy McDonald, and her team, whose hard work and vision has transformed the previously derelict site at The High Backs into a valued community resource, including timber sheds, which are used as community spaces, a coffee hut, a stage, and community gardens; appreciates what it sees as the significant and positive impact that the Men's Shed movement has had in communities across Scotland in reducing social isolation and promoting wellbeing, and wishes Burnhill MENDING Minds all the very best for its future endeavours.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, David Torrance\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Miles Briggs\*, Colin Beattie\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Audrey Nicoll\*

**\*[S6M-15122](#) Collette Stevenson: ADTherapies UK Awarded £48,618 in Funding from the National Lottery Community Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates ADTherapies UK, which is based in East Kilbride, on receiving £48,618 in grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that the grant will fund a one-year pilot project that will delivery community-based mental health and wellbeing activities for young people and their families; further understands that the project will focus on reducing the risk of addiction and will work with families in recovery to reduce the risk of relapse; congratulates the team at ADTherapies UK, and wishes it the best of luck with the project.

**\*[S6M-15121](#) Keith Brown: Recognition of the Sacrifice of Private George Alister Walker Ewan**—That the Parliament honours the memory of Private George Alister Walker Ewan from Dollar; understands that he served in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, dying in battle, in Italy, in June 1944; welcomes the news that, previously having been buried in a grave marked as an unknown soldier, his grave has now been rededicated with military honours; appreciates the role of researchers in identifying Private Ewan, and is grateful that he may now be honoured for his sacrifice.

**\*[S6M-15120](#) Clare Adamson: Fearless**—That the Parliament commends fearless.org for its Crimestoppers Youth Service and its new autumn campaign; understands that the season's theme is "communities work best when they work together" and aims to get young people thinking about

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the impact that fireworks misuse and deliberate fire-raising have on the communities that they live in, and how they can take positive action; notes what it sees as the importance of this initiative in empowering young people by providing them with key information about high-harm crimes, and a crucial, anonymous and much-needed alternative way of reporting crime; further notes that the service is open 24 hours, every day of the year; recognises the outstanding work by fearless.org in providing what it sees as a vital service within Scotland's communities; hopes that this vital service will continue to thrive and provide support and advice for young people, and wishes the organisation all the very best for the future.

**\*S6M-15119 Clare Adamson: Tommy Gemmell Community Project**—That the Parliament recognises the tremendous effort of the 70 individuals who came together to raise money for the Tommy Gemmell Community Project; notes that this initiative aims to erect a statue of the legendary footballer in Craigneuk, Wishaw, the area where he was brought up; acknowledges the participants' dedication in completing a challenging 13-mile walk that passed the statues of two of Tommy's former Celtic and Scotland teammates, Billy McNeill in Bellshill and Jimmy Johnstone in Viewpark; commends the incredible spirit of community involvement, with participants ranging from the youngest at just two months old to the oldest at 79; notes Martin McCrum's hopes to unveil the statue on 25 May 2025, and encourages continued support for this meaningful project that celebrates local heritage and sporting history.

Supported by: Stephanie Callaghan\*, Monica Lennon\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Miles Briggs\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Bill Kidd\*, Elena Whitham\*, Clare Haughey\*, Colin Beattie\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, David Torrance\*, Kevin Stewart\*

**\*S6M-15118 Sandesh Gulhane: Glasgow University Student Television Celebrates 60th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow University Student Television (GUST), the world's oldest student-run television station, as it celebrates its 60th anniversary; recognises that GUST, established in 1964, has been a trailblazer in student media, serving as a springboard for a number of successful broadcasters, journalists, producers and technicians; understands that the station gives students practical experience in television production and broadcasts a variety of programmes, from news and current affairs to entertainment and cultural content; notes that the Student TV Alumni Network hosted an event in October 2024, attended by alumni, current students and media professionals, to celebrate the legacy of the station, and that the event included a presentation on the GUST Archive Preservation Project, an extensive archive of footage documenting six decades of student life, cultural shifts and historical moments, and wishes all of those involved in the station well as it continues to encourage young talent in the television industry, as well as preserving a record of the evolution of student media and cultural history for future generations.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart\*, Pam Gosal\*, Douglas Ross\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Annie Wells\*, Russell Findlay\*, Miles Briggs\*, Elena Whitham\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Kevin Stewart\*

**\*S6M-15117 Alexander Burnett: Groups in Aberdeenshire West Awarded National Lottery Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates the groups from the Aberdeenshire West constituency that have recently secured funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, which supports communities across the UK; recognises the achievements of Huntly Hairst, Premnay Hall and Community Association, Denman Pre-school, Glenbuchat Live Music, Kemnay Village Hall, Kinellar Community Association, and Supporting Children in Learning for Life (SCILL), in obtaining funding for their projects; understands that this funding will be used to enhance community buildings, support events, and assist families across Aberdeenshire, and expresses gratitude to

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the National Lottery Community Fund and National Lottery players for their contributions towards making a positive impact on communities.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour\*, Annie Wells\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Miles Briggs\*, Craig Hoy\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Douglas Ross\*, Pam Gosal\*, Bill Kidd\*, Russell Findlay\*, Colin Beattie\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*

**\*S6M-15116 Alexander Burnett: Jim Reid Wins the North East High Street Hero Award—**That the Parliament congratulates Jim Reid on being named the Scotland Loves Local High Street Hero for the North East; notes that the Scotland Loves Local Awards celebrate efforts to strengthen and sustain towns and communities across the country; acknowledges Jim's success as a businessman with a vehicle sales and service business in Kintore, Aberdeenshire, and his dedication to community enhancement; commends his leadership in local initiatives such as the It's Your Neighbourhood project, where he and a team of volunteers clean bus shelters, tidy green spaces, and enhance public areas around Kintore; recognises his work on the Benchmarking Kintore project, where, it understands, he helps to place QR codes on benches to share the town's rich history, and his role in supporting the community newsletter, and applauds what it sees as Jim's tireless efforts to foster community pride and engagement in Kintore.

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**\*S6M-15115 Clare Adamson: Alastair Loudon Epic Loch Ness Marathon Fundraiser—**That the Parliament congratulates Alastair Loudon on his remarkable achievement in running the Loch Ness Marathon; acknowledges that he raised £785 for CLL Support UK; notes that this effort was made in conjunction with The Cherry Tree Motherwell annual fundraising activities; commends Alastair's dedication to supporting those affected by chronic lymphocytic leukaemia and the positive impact of community initiatives like this, which it believes help to raise awareness and funds for important causes, and thanks the staff and customers of The Cherry Tree for their commitment to helping those in communities who face personal challenges.

Supported by: Emma Roddick\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Miles Briggs\*, Edward Mountain\*, Bill Kidd\*, Elena Whitham\*, Colin Beattie\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, David Torrance\*, Kevin Stewart\*

**\*S6M-15114 Maggie Chapman: Homelessness as a Denial of Human Rights—**That the Parliament notes with deep concern the dire warning issued by the Everyone Home Collective (EHC) during Scotland's Annual Homelessness Conference, held in Perth on 29-30 October 2024, that "people's lives will be put at serious risk this winter" due to the rise in rough sleeping in Scotland; understands that homelessness, houselessness, and rough sleeping are systemic issues intrinsically linked to a spiral of poverty and a lack of support for at risk individuals, including asylum seekers and victims or survivors of domestic violence; believes that the reported lack of emergency accommodation, including for those transitioning from the asylum system, represents a critical threat to fundamental human rights, including rights to healthcare, housing, food and private and family life as well as to life itself; further believes that local authorities have insufficient resources to meet their legal requirements to provide accommodation to those at risk of homelessness; applauds the action of EHC in writing to both the UK and Scottish governments to urge greater support for local authorities in the provision of such accommodation; supports the call from EHC for the Scottish Human Rights Commission to investigate potential governmental breaches of the duty to protect the right to life under the Human Rights Act 1998; recognises and commends the work of experts and third sector organisations, including EHC, the Scottish

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Refugee Council, Aberdeen Cyrenians, Fair Way Scotland and Hillcrest Futures in addressing issues of homelessness and human rights, and commits to continued action in order to ensure that the human rights of everyone in Scotland are protected, respected and fulfilled.

**\*[S6M-15113](#) Jackie Dunbar: National Lottery Funding for Pathways Services Limited**—That the Parliament welcomes the recent funding grant of £16,552 to Pathways Services Limited through the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that the funding will be used to deliver weekly support groups for people who are unemployed in both the Middlefield Hub and Northfield Community Centre within the Aberdeen Donside constituency; notes that for more than 25 years, Pathways has provided support services that are targeted particularly at the regeneration areas of Aberdeen, with services offered including helping people to get back to work, a counselling service, as well as a dedicated domestic abuse counselling service; recognises what it sees as the positive role that the National Lottery plays in supporting good causes across the country, and wishes Pathways all the best for the future.

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**\*[S6M-15112](#) Annie Wells: The National Heritage Fund Grant of Cranhill Arts Project** —That the Parliament welcomes support from the National Heritage Fund grant awarded to the Cranhill Arts Project; understands that this initiative will train 65 residents of Glasgow's east end in photographic archive skills, focusing on preserving a valuable period of Glaswegian history from 1989 to 1993; believes that by selecting, categorising and digitalising hundreds of previously unpublished negatives, this project will enrich community heritage and ensure that these important local stories are accessible for future generations, and commends the decision to award £52,733 to Cranhill Art Project for what it sees as this vital work.

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**\*[S6M-15111](#) Paul Sweeney: Visit West End Business Improvement District Wins at the 2024 Scotland Loves Local Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates the Visit West End Business Improvement District on being granted the High Street Hero for Glasgow award in the 2024 Scotland Loves Local Awards; understands that the Scotland Loves Local Awards are organised by Scotland's Towns Partnership in contribution to its efforts to support the nation's towns and places and promote the positive outcomes that shopping local has on communities; recognises the Visit West End Business Improvement District's continuous efforts to enhance the attraction to the west end of Glasgow through its support for initiatives, including the Byres Road Book Festival and the area's beloved Christmas lights; welcomes proposals by the organisation to further improve the area, and understands that Visit West End has signed the Scotland Loves Local Pledge, encouraging members, and the local community, to prioritise spending with local businesses.

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**\*[S6M-15110](#) Elena Whitham: Tarbolton Community Council Secures Lottery Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates Tarbolton Community Council on securing £7,110 of funding from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that the community group will use this grant to



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fund its festive lights; acknowledges its dedication to the community, and sends its best wishes going forward.

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**\*S6M-15109 Sharon Dowey: South Ayrshire Church Wins Top Award**—That the Parliament congratulates St Quivox Parish Church, covering St Quivox village and Dalmilling Church in Ayr, on being presented with the coveted Church and Volunteer Award for Scotland at the 2024 National Church Awards; understands that the honour recognises the "brilliant contribution" that volunteers make to both caring for and making best use of churches, to reach out to the local community that they serve; notes that parish minister Reverend John McCutcheon attended a ceremony at Lincoln Cathedral in England to accept the award, describing the accolade as a "great achievement for the church and the fantastic team of volunteers"; recognises that the church facilitates many groups in the community, including a mother and toddlers group, the Teddy Bear Tots, to support parents, an anti-loneliness project called Community Corner, a Man Cave group, a Disability Music Group and many more; commends all of the volunteers at the church for what it sees as the fantastic and invaluable outreach work that they do in the community, and wishes them every continued success for the future.

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**\*S6M-15108 Elena Whitham: South Ayrshire School Clothing Bank Secures Funding**—That the Parliament praises South Ayrshire School Clothing Bank (SASCB) for securing £19,500 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that SASCB was set up in 2015 to provide new school uniforms to families experiencing financial hardship in South Ayrshire; notes that this one-year grant will fund new school uniforms to be distributed to families in need, and wishes SASCB continued success for the future.

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**\*S6M-15107 Sharon Dowey: Troon Rainbows Volunteer Recognised with Long Service Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Wendy McKenna of the 1st Troon Rainbows, who has been given a special silver badge to mark 20 years of service to the organisation; understands that Wendy, who started volunteering with the Troon unit when her own daughter joined, received the award from County Commissioner Elin Marsh; recognises Wendy's passion for volunteering and commends her for her diligent and committed service; notes Wendy's advice to anyone thinking of volunteering, which is that it is a highly rewarding experience, and hopes to see the 1st Troon Rainbows continue to flourish.

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**\*S6M-15106 Elena Whitham: Netherthird Youthy Secures Lottery Funding**—That the Parliament commends Netherthird Youthy for securing £11,800 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that Netherthird Youthy was set up by dedicated local parents in the community; notes that this one-year project will support three weekly volunteer-led youth sessions in the small community, and sends its best wishes for the year ahead.

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**\*[S6M-15105](#) Elena Whitham: Peace of Mind Secures Lottery Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates Peace of Mind, based in Cumnock, on securing £19,950 of grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that it is a social enterprise supporting disabled people who are at risk of or are experiencing social exclusion and/or social isolation to re-engage with their friends and communities; notes that the group will use the one-year funding to deliver social activities to groups of disabled adults and adults with long-term health conditions who are experiencing social isolation in North Ayrshire, and wishes it well in delivering this project.

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**\*[S6M-15104](#) Elena Whitham: Glendoune Community Association Secures Funding**—That the Parliament applauds Glendoune Community Association for securing £17,000 of grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this one-year grant will fund two summer holiday programmes for local children, alongside two community fun days, one of which was held in August 2024 and was a great success; praises it for its continued hard work in the local community, and sends its best wishes for the year ahead.

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**\*[S6M-15103](#) Elena Whitham: Girvan Youth Trust Secures Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates Girvan Youth Trust on securing £16,814 of grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that Girvan Youth Trust is a grassroots, community-based youth work charity based in South Ayrshire, with its main aim being to enhance the quality of life for local young people in the Girvan and South Carrick area; notes that the six-month grant will fund staff and activity costs for the group's additional support needs (ASN) inclusion project, Hand in Hand, and wishes it well with this project.

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**\*[S6M-15101](#) Elena Whitham: Cumnock and District Round Table Secures Lottery Funding**—That the Parliament acknowledges Cumnock and District Round Table for securing £2,000 of grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that the group will use the funding for a free fireworks display for Cumnock and surrounding areas; notes that the group's aim is to bring together the community of Cumnock and surrounding areas on a cold night at Murray Park to enjoy the display, which has been a tradition for as long as they can remember, and wishes them a safe and enjoyable evening.

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**\*[S6M-15100](#) Keith Brown: Clackmannanshire and Dunblane Groups Receive £884,000 Funding Boost from the National Lottery Community Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates 16 local groups from across the Clackmannanshire and Dunblane constituency on successfully gaining funding from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that grants totalling almost £884,000 have been shared by Age Concern Alva, Clackmannanshire Women's Aid SCIO, Connect Alloa, Give a Dog a Bone, Greenbridge Ventures CIC, Home-Start Clackmannanshire, Ochil Youths Community Improvement, Play Alloa, Sauchie

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Active 8 SCIO, Tullibody Community Development Trust, Wee County Crafters SCIO, Wellbeing Scotland, Dollar Community Development Trust, Creative Dunblane, Dunblane Youth and Sports Centre Trust and Weigh CIC; recognises the role that these organisations play in improving the quality of life across the local area by empowering communities to drive positive changes, build resilience, and strengthening connections among people and communities, and wishes them every success in their endeavours.

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**\*[S6M-15099](#) Jackie Dunbar: NHS Grampian Surgeon Performs World-first Surgery—**That the Parliament congratulates Anastasios Giamouriadis, consultant neurosurgeon at NHS Grampian, who has carried out world-first surgery to remove a large brain tumour through a patient's eyebrows; understands that this ground-breaking procedure will allow for surgeons to remove brain tumours the size of large apples through a patient's eyebrows; notes that Mr Giamouriadis has adapted an existing technique to remove the growths, leaving patients with only a small scar and black eye, with many individuals being able to leave hospital just 24 hours later and return to work within days of the procedure; commends the efforts of Mr Giamouriadis and the team involved in carrying out the procedure, and wishes them all the best.

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**\*[S6M-15098](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Recognising Lawmuir Pupils for Exceptional Munro-climbing Fundraiser for Children First—**That the Parliament applauds the Lawmuir Primary School pupils, April Aitken and Jessica Williamson-Donald, from Bellshill, for their exceptional achievement in raising over £1,240 for Scotland's Children First, far surpassing their original target of £200; understands that these determined young fundraisers embarked on the inspiring challenge of climbing all Munros named after their school houses in spring 2024, completing this extraordinary feat in September with an ascent of the 4,413ft Ben Nevis; notes that they have also conquered the summits of three other iconic mountains, Ben Lomond, Ben Vorlich and Schiehallion, overcoming the full range of Scottish weather conditions to reach their goal; believes that their resilience, courage and commitment to a vital cause serve as an inspiring example to others; acknowledges their choice of Children First as their charity, motivated by their desire to support children across Scotland, helping to protect them from harm, ensure their safety, and aid their recovery from trauma and abuse; understands that these two adventurous pupils are now dedicated to scaling all 282 Munros across Scotland, and extends its best wishes for their success in achieving this extraordinary ambition.

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**\*[S6M-15097](#) Ariane Burgess: Ambitious Growth Targets for Social Enterprises, Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses—**That the Parliament welcomes what it sees as the ambitious and independent report, *Developing Scotland's Economy: Increasing the Role of Inclusive and Democratic Business Models*, which aims to dramatically grow the number of social enterprises, cooperatives, development trusts and employee-owned businesses across Scotland; recognises what it considers to be the vital role that these innovators play in driving economic prosperity, creating jobs, achieving net zero and building positive social and environmental impacts, including solutions to child poverty and neighbourhood regeneration; understands that

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these models can demonstrate more resilience, better productivity and higher employee satisfaction than other business models; considers that future potential growth in key areas like renewables, food and housing depends on the right investment and business support for these business models, and believes that, for genuine economic transformation and community wealth building to happen, inclusive democratic businesses must be a leading feature of all national and local government economic strategies.

**\*[S6M-15096](#) Rachael Hamilton: Celebrating the Achievements of Kyle Newman and Robbie Johnston, from Turnbull & Scott Ltd, and Elliot Brown, from Simpsons Malt Ltd—**That the Parliament celebrates the achievements of Kyle Newman and Robbie Johnston, from Turnbull & Scott Ltd, and Elliot Brown, from Simpsons Malt Ltd, in recently completing their engineering modern apprenticeships, which they achieved through Borders Technical Training Association; recognises that Borders Technical Training Association offers modern apprenticeship qualifications to nationally recognised standards; applauds apprenticeships like these, which, it considers, are vital for employers looking to maintain a competitive edge and drive future growth, and understands that market research by the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) found that over 80% of companies who employ apprentices believe that they make the workplace more productive, and that 88% of employers feel that they lead to a more motivated and satisfied workforce.

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**\*[S6M-15095](#) Maggie Chapman: Congratulating Dundee and Angus College on Being Awarded College of Sanctuary Status—**That the Parliament congratulates Dundee and Angus College on being awarded College of Sanctuary status, as celebrated at a recent event at its Gadyne campus; understands that Dundee and Angus College is the first Scottish further education institution to receive this award from City of Sanctuary UK; commends the work of the college's ESOL team and other staff in creating tailored education for refugees and those seeking asylum; recognises what it sees as the significant contribution that the college's work in this area does to enhance the community, and welcomes the example that it sets for other Scottish colleges to follow.

**\*[S6M-15092](#) Michelle Thomson: In Memoriam of Edward Kilpatrick—**That the Parliament recognises the passing of Grangemouth's Edward (Eddie) Kilpatrick; understands that Eddie was a stalwart of the Grangemouth Boys Club (BC), helping to run the organisation in the 1970s, before then working alongside John Dick when the organisation evolved into Grangemouth International, from 1975 to 1980; notes that there was a split to form Grahamston BC in 1978 before Eddie then restarted Grangemouth BC; recognises that Eddie contributed in a variety of ways to the running of BC groups in the local area for well over 40 years, from coaching and assisting at training sessions, and attending games to support the players, to taking on the roles of treasurer and chairman, and organising trips abroad for BC members; understands that Eddie ran multiple age groups within the BCs, with cohorts achieving both local and national success in progressing into senior football, such as Gary Gillespie, who played for Falkirk FC and Liverpool FC; notes that Eddie's support assisted many young players to sign for a variety of clubs, including Celtic FC and Rangers FC, among others; commends Eddie for the decades of work and support that he gave to Grangemouth BC, alongside other BCs in the local area, and extends its sympathies to his family, friends and all those within the wider community who mourn his loss.

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**\*[S6M-15091](#) Emma Roddick: Welcoming SSEN Transmission's Housing Strategy**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of SSEN Transmission's housing strategy; notes that, in what it understands is an industry first, SSEN Transmission has pledged to support the delivery of more than 1,000 new homes across the north of Scotland; acknowledges SSEN Transmission's role in addressing the region's housing challenges; understands that SSEN Transmission is collaborating with contractors, local authorities, registered social landlords and other housing organisations to deliver new homes as part of its Pathway to 2030 programme, which aims to upgrade the transmission network in the north of Scotland in support of energy security and national net zero ambitions; considers that this strategy can serve as a template for other infrastructure developers, driving housing development in the communities where their projects are located, and understands that SSEN Transmission aims to create a legacy in the communities hosting its workforce, by delivering housing that supports local needs once its projects are completed.

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**\*[S6M-15089](#) Jackie Dunbar: Jacqui Innes Wins Heart of the Community Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Jacqui Innes on winning the Heart of the Community Award at this year's Celebrate Aberdeen Awards; understands that Jacqui, who has lived within the Northfield area of Aberdeen for all her life, was recognised for her work at Northfield Community Centre and her contribution within the wider community for over 40 years; acknowledges that many within the local community describe Jacqui as being "Mrs Northfield" and the heart and soul of the community, and notes that the Celebrate Aberdeen Awards, which shine a spotlight on some of the third sector organisations and individuals who work and volunteer across Aberdeen, took place at the Chester Hotel on 26 October 2024, with eight awards being handed out to individuals and groups who make a significant impact to people's lives.

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**\*[S6M-15087](#) Colin Smyth: Launch of Confor's Engagement with Local People and Communities: Good Practice Guidance for Woodland Creation Proposals**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication by Confor of its *Engagement with Local People and Communities: Good Practice Guidance for Woodland Creation Proposals*, which has been developed collaboratively by community and forestry industry representatives across south Scotland; considers that this groundbreaking guide aims to improve engagement between local communities and woodland creators as Scotland works towards its target of expanding woodland coverage to 21% of land area by 2032; recognises the support provided by Scottish Forestry and the Scottish Land Commission in its development; notes the innovative partnership demonstrated at Glaisters Bridge Community Woodland Site, which represents the first instance of commercial forestry land being leased to a community through the Upper Urr Environment Trust; commends the collaborative approach taken in developing this guidance to ensure that community aspirations and concerns are properly considered in woodland creation projects; acknowledges what it regards as the vital role of woodland expansion in meeting Scotland's 2045 net zero commitments, and encourages all stakeholders involved in woodland creation projects to make use of what it sees as this valuable resource.

**\*[S6M-15085](#) Lorna Slater: Wester Hailes Community Trust Welcomes Active Travel Hub**—That the Parliament welcomes Wester Hailes Community Trust's new Active Travel Hub, which has been established following funding from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands

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that the hub is a 40ft container that was renovated by local group, Wester Hailes Growing Communities, and Growing Together, transforming it into a welcoming space for the community to gather; notes that, through a collaboration with Cargo Bike Movement and Edinburgh Tool Library, the hub offers free bike hires, tool hire availability, community information and more; further notes Scottish artist Natasha Russell's wonderful mural, and highlights what it sees as the broader benefits that this travel hub brings to the local residents of Wester Hailes.

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**\*S6M-15084 Brian Whittle: Kilmarnock Harriers Named Track and Field Club of the Year—**

That the Parliament congratulates Kilmarnock Harriers on being named Track and Field Club of the Year in the 4J Awards, hosted by Scottish Athletics; understands that the awards celebrate and support those who deliver sporting activities on a weekly basis in Scotland, including officials, coaches, volunteers, and clubs, because “everyone has a role to play”; further understands that Kevin and Gillian Mitchell of Kilmarnock Harriers were shortlisted jointly for Community Club Coach of the Year; notes that, in 2024, Kilmarnock Harriers expanded to operating seven days a week through the development of a partnership with a local college, which brought new student volunteers to the club to serve more young people, while helping to support the students' learning and development in the workplace; recognises the club for its positive impact on the community, including on children and young people, by expanding opportunities to participate in sport inclusively, which it considers reduces social isolation, improves mental health, and promotes fitness; commends Kilmarnock Harriers on its award and the recognition of its coaches as finalists, and wishes them all the best in the future.

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**\*S6M-15069 Roz McCall: Kayleigh Cousins Honours Late Father in Daring Abseil —**

That the Parliament congratulates Kayleigh Cousins, from Dunfermline, on completing an abseil off the Forth Bridge to raise money for Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland in honour of her late father; notes that Kayleigh was one of more than 300 fundraisers who took part in the event, which was held on 13 October 2024 to raise money for 21 charities; understands that the event, which is run by Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland, has been running since 2003 and that the October event has so far raised more than £55,000 for Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland and partner charities; recognises the significant achievement by Kayleigh, a 20-year-old accounts assistant, who took part in the abseil from the UNESCO World Heritage site in memory of her late father Harry, who passed away three years ago, and is grateful to everyone who took part to raise essential funds for worthy causes.

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**\*S6M-14999 Craig Hoy: Acknowledging the Service of the Rev Alison McDonald—**

That the Parliament congratulates the Rev Alison McDonald of Haddington's St Mary's Parish Church on her retirement; notes that Haddington was the town where Scottish Reformer John Knox was born; understands that St Mary's is one of Scotland's finest medieval parish churches, with a rich history stretching back over many centuries; commends Rev McDonald for her work in maintaining a vibrant congregation, which draws people from diverse church backgrounds from across Haddington and neighbouring villages; acknowledges what it sees as her outstanding 25 years of

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service as a minister; commends her commitment to working with families across the community, and wishes Rev McDonald all the best for the future.

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### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**[S6M-15083](#) Sue Webber: Jim Allan from Bathgate Named as Scotland Loves Local Awards 2024 High Street Hero for Lothian** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*, Russell Findlay\*, Craig Hoy\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15077](#) Alex Rowley: Food Origin Labelling to Help Informed Choice** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*, David Torrance\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Elena Whitham\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Foysoyl Choudhury\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15070](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulating Paisley Refugee Charity, Sewing2gether All Nations, on Awards Success** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Foysoyl Choudhury\*, Humza Yousaf\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Elena Whitham\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Pauline McNeill\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15068](#) Willie Coffey: Jam Street School of Dance in Kilmarnock Receives SQA-approved Status** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15067](#) Miles Briggs: #TickTheBox Campaign 2024** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Elena Whitham\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15066](#) Jackson Carlaw: St Cadoc's Primary School and Nursery Class Receives Positive Education Scotland Report** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15065](#) Roz McCall: Increasing Stroke Awareness** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-15064](#) Meghan Gallacher: Asda Cashpot for Schools Donation in Central Scotland** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-15063](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Men's Health Awareness Month** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Ben Macpherson\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15062](#) Pam Gosal: Celebrating Diwali 2024** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

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New Support: Ben Macpherson\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Foyso Choudhury\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15061.1](#) Mark Griffin: Using the Upcoming Scottish Budget to Support Economic Growth** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15060.1](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Funding for Teachers and Schools in Scotland** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15059](#) Pam Gosal: Islamophobia Awareness Month #SeedsofChange** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Foyso Choudhury\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15058](#) Jackie Dunbar: Cummings Park Nursery Launches Clothing Swap Initiative** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, David Torrance\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15057](#) Marie McNair: STUC St Andrew's Day Anti-Racism March and Rally 2024** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-15056](#) Evelyn Tweed: ADHD Awareness Month** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Ben Macpherson\*, Monica Lennon\*, David Torrance\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15055](#) Douglas Ross: Cadet Lance Corporal Isabella Turner Wins Youth Award** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15054](#) Douglas Ross: Sustainable Farm of the Year** (lodged on 28 October 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-15053](#) Douglas Ross: Scottish Beef Farm of the Year** (lodged on 28 October 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-15052](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Visit West End Business Improvement District Named High Street Hero for Glasgow** (lodged on 28 October 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S6M-15051](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Cancer Charities' Fundraising Milestone** (lodged on 28 October 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-15050](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Construction of New Facility at the University of Glasgow** (lodged on 28 October 2024)



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New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-15049](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Open University in Scotland 50th Anniversary of Degree Awarding Ceremonies** (lodged on 28 October 2024)

New Support: Paul O'Kane\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-15047](#) Liam Kerr: Fraserburgh Beach Area Vision and Masterplan Shortlisted for UK Award** (lodged on 28 October 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S6M-15045](#) Claire Baker: BRAG Enterprises Named as Scotland Loves Local Awards High Street Hero for Mid Scotland and Fife** (lodged on 28 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-15044](#) Emma Roddick: Shetland Crowns Youngest Ever Boccia Champion** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Elena Whitham\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15043](#) Stuart McMillan: Congratulating Amethyst Salon in Port Glasgow on Success at UK Hair and Beauty Awards** (lodged on 28 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Annabelle Ewing\*

**[S6M-15042](#) Stuart McMillan: Commending the OYO Gin House Hotel for Supporting Ukrainian Refugees** (lodged on 28 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-15041](#) Roz McCall: YMCA Tayside Enterprising Heritage Project** (lodged on 25 October 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-15040](#) John Mason: Scottish Water** (lodged on 25 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-15039](#) John Mason: Scotland's Property Market** (lodged on 25 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-15038](#) Rachael Hamilton: National Trustees' Week and Borders Community Action** (lodged on 25 October 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-15037](#) Gordon MacDonald: Edinburgh Pentlands' GP Practices Score High in Health and Care Experience Survey** (lodged on 25 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-15036](#) Pam Gosal: National Lottery Heritage Fund Grants Kilmarnock Old Kirk Trust £245,244** (lodged on 25 October 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

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Motions   Glusadan				

**[S6M-15033](#) Douglas Ross: Shaqayeq Nejah, Moray College UHI Student of the Year 2024** (lodged on 25 October 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-15032](#) Kevin Stewart: Grampian Hospitals Arts Trust** (lodged on 25 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-15031](#) Kevin Stewart: Benholm's Tower** (lodged on 25 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-15023](#) Murdo Fraser: Perth Named One of the Best Places to Live in the UK** (lodged on 24 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Annabelle Ewing\*

**[S6M-15020](#) Emma Roddick: Celebrating 10 Years of Shetland Reel Gin** (lodged on 24 October 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, David Torrance\*, Elena Whitham\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Tim Eagle\*

**[S6M-15018](#) Finlay Carson: SRUC Reaches Milestone After Gaining Taught Degree Awarding Powers** (lodged on 25 October 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-15016](#) Douglas Lumsden: Remembering Jim McColl, Beechgrove Garden Presenter** (lodged on 24 October 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-15009](#) Michelle Thomson: Fundraising in Aid of Strathcarron Hospice in Memory of Grangemouth's Linda Myles** (lodged on 24 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15008](#) Michelle Thomson: In Memoriam of Mandie Malcom** (lodged on 24 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15007](#) John Mason: Obesity Action Scotland's Childhood Obesity Report** (lodged on 28 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-15003](#) Karen Adam: Banff and Macduff Men Shed** (lodged on 24 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15002](#) Douglas Ross: 30 Years of the Keith Kilt School** (lodged on 24 October 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-15000](#) Craig Hoy: Congratulating Blooming North Berwick** (lodged on 23 October 2024)

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Motions   Gluasadan				

New Support: Douglas Ross\*, Bill Kidd\*, Russell Findlay\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Annie Wells\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jamie Greene\*, Edward Mountain\*, Pam Gosal\*

**[S6M-14994](#) Karen Adam: Applauds Fraserburgh Strongman, Andrew Taylor** (lodged on 28 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-14993](#) Karen Adam: 250 Scottish League Goals** (lodged on 28 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-14992](#) Karen Adam: Maynes Coaches Moray Chamber of Commerce Award** (lodged on 22 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14991](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Mid Scotland and Fife winners in the Business Category at the Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards 2024** (lodged on 22 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14990](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Methil-based Business, Nakey Bakey, on its Recent Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Award** (lodged on 22 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14988](#) Foysol Choudhury: Scottish Indian Arts Forum Celebrates 30th Anniversary with Dusherra Festival** (lodged on 22 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14987](#) Foysol Choudhury: Edinburgh History Teacher Wins Anti-racist Award** (lodged on 23 October 2024)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane\*

**[S6M-14985](#) Sharon Dowey: Troon Scouts Unveil a Memorial to their Former Leader** (lodged on 22 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14984](#) Ariane Burgess: Congratulating Dr Roisin Campbell-Palmer on Winning an IFAW Animal Action Award** (lodged on 22 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14983](#) Ariane Burgess: Congratulating and Celebrating the Winners of the Royal National Mòd 2024** (lodged on 22 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14982](#) Liam Kerr: Banff, Macduff, and District Men's Shed Wins Scottish Men's Shed of the Year Title** (lodged on 22 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

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Motions   Glusadan				

**[S6M-14980](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr's Ava Morgan Wins Miss Great Britain Title** (lodged on 22 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14979](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Ruby McDonald from Glenrothes, Fife, on Being Recognised with the British Citizen Youth Award** (lodged on 28 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-14978](#) Clare Adamson: Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) Awareness Month** (lodged on 22 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14977](#) Clare Adamson: 150th Anniversary of Dalziel St Andrew's Parish Church, Motherwell** (lodged on 22 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14971](#) Annie Wells: Brain Tumour Research and Beatson Cancer Charity Raise £1 Million for a New Research Centre** (lodged on 22 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-14970](#) Ash Regan: International Bridges of Friendship Smooth the Repatriation of Former First Minister Alex Salmond** (lodged on 22 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-14969](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital Play Team** (lodged on 28 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Annabelle Ewing\*

**[S6M-14967](#) Beatrice Wishart: Hewitt Clark Wins Pride of Britain Award** (lodged on 22 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14964](#) Gordon MacDonald: The National Robotarium Second Anniversary** (lodged on 21 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14962](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Restaurant Reaches Finals for Big Award** (lodged on 21 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14961](#) Kevin Stewart: UK Falls in Global Financial Inclusion Index** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Annabelle Ewing\*

**[S6M-14959](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Coffee Roasters Achieve One of the Highest B Corp Scores** (lodged on 21 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

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**[S6M-14957](#) Annie Wells: Charity Ball in Glasgow Raises £57,000 for Epilepsy Scotland**  
(lodged on 18 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-14951](#) Rhoda Grant: Highland BlindCraft Beds Wins Award for Excellence in Customer Service, Care and Experience** (lodged on 18 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14950](#) Rhoda Grant: New Start Highland Recognised for Purposeful Business** (lodged on 18 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14941](#) Jackie Dunbar: SRUC Granted Taught Degree Awarding Powers** (lodged on 28 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Annabelle Ewing\*

**[S6M-14935](#) Miles Briggs: New Eye Clinic Now Open for People at Risk of or Experiencing Homelessness in Lothian** (lodged on 17 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14928](#) Finlay Carson: Five Kingdoms Brewery's CAMRA Triumph** (lodged on 22 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14893](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Improving the Lives of Disabled People** (lodged on 14 October 2024)

New Support: Claire Baker\*, Alexander Stewart\*

**[S6M-14857](#) Katy Clark: Opposition to the Invasion of Ukraine** (lodged on 09 October 2024)

New Support: Ben Macpherson\*, Ross Greer\*

**[S6M-14856](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Congratulating the Grass-roots Rugby for Everyone Awards Trust (GREAT)** (lodged on 23 October 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-14839](#) Gillian Mackay: Udston Primary Wins Scotland's First OPAL Award** (lodged on 09 October 2024)

New Support: Monica Lennon\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*

**[S6M-14831](#) Monica Lennon: Celebrating 30 Years of Eco-Schools in Scotland** (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Elena Whitham\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Foysol Choudhury\*

**[S6M-14798](#) Tess White: Charleton Fruit Farm Wins Scottish Business Awards Best Restaurant in Angus Award** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*, Paul Sweeney\*

## Oral Questions

### Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 06 November 2024

#### Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- 1. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that the most accurate and up-to-date science and data is used when making decisions that impact Scotland's fishing sector. ([S6O-03877](#))
- 2. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of the UK Government's decision to reform agricultural property relief on the future of family farms in Scotland. ([S6O-03878](#))
- 3. Sarah Boyack:** [Not Lodged]
- 4. Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government by what date it expects all farmers to receive payment through the Basic Payment Scheme. ([S6O-03880](#))
- 5. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on how a natural capital approach to land use can benefit the environment, economy and wellbeing of individuals and communities. ([S6O-03881](#))
- 6. David Torrance:** [Not Lodged]
- 7. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the potential implications for its policies on land reform and land use of a carbon emissions land tax. ([S6O-03883](#))
- 8. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of payments under the Basic Payment Scheme had been made to farmers by 15 October 2024. ([S6O-03884](#)) R

#### Health and Social Care

- 1. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what recent discussions it has had with NHS Lanarkshire about the replacement Monklands Hospital. ([S6O-03885](#))
- 2. Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what it is doing to establish a care pathway for people living with hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos syndrome and hypermobility spectrum disorders. ([S6O-03886](#))
- 3. Karen Adam:** [Not Lodged]
- 4. Lorna Slater:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of recent reports that Chalmers Gender Identity Clinic has paused gender-affirming surgery referrals for people under 25, what work it is doing to ensure that such referrals for 18- to 24-year-olds can be reinstated as soon as possible. ([S6O-03888](#))
- 5. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported decision by members of the Integrated Joint Board of Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership to reject the recommendations of an independent review to re-open the Clenoch Birthing Centre at the Galloway Community Hospital in Stranraer for in-hospital births. ([S6O-03889](#))
- 6. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to improve life expectancy and tackle any health inequalities affecting the most disadvantaged communities. ([S6O-03890](#))

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Questions   Ceistean				

**7. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is improving outcomes for people affected by breast cancer. ([S6O-03891](#))

**8. Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to eliminate long waits in A&E departments across Scotland. ([S6O-03892](#))

## Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 07 November 2024

### Social Justice

**1. Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact it anticipates that the recent UK Government Budget will have on its aim to deliver social justice. ([S6O-03893](#))

**2. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work regarding the Social Isolation and Loneliness Strategy, particularly in relation to rural areas ahead of the winter months. ([S6O-03894](#))

**3. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address social isolation and loneliness. ([S6O-03895](#))

**4. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports the third sector to ensure that learning can be shared and successful local models can be rolled out nationally. ([S6O-03896](#))

**5. Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what it is doing to support people seeking asylum in Scotland. ([S6O-03897](#))

**6. Humza Yousaf:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work of its Ministerial Population Taskforce. ([S6O-03898](#))

**7. Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to end homelessness. ([S6O-03899](#))

**8. James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the national roll-out of the Carer Support Payment. ([S6O-03900](#))

## General Questions selected for answer on 07 November 2024

**1. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the importance of instrumental music within the education service. ([S6O-03901](#))

**2. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding cross-border machinery theft in rural areas, including the Scottish Borders. ([S6O-03902](#))

**3. Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with Police Scotland, and what issues were discussed. ([S6O-03903](#)) R

**4. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to local authorities to help secure the future of community libraries. ([S6O-03904](#))

**5. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work that it is doing to support oil and gas companies to collaborate with renewables companies to test and deploy new technologies. ([S6O-03905](#))

**6. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on levels of compliance with ScotRail's alcohol ban. ([S6O-03906](#))

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**7. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is ensuring adequate provision of enterprise support to businesses in the Mid Scotland and Fife region. ([S6O-03907](#))

**8. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the arts should be protected for the town of Musselburgh and the people of East Lothian. ([S6O-03908](#))



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## Written Questions

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

Government Initiated Questions are initiated by the parliament Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

### Government initiated questions lodged on 30 October 2024

**[S6W-30965](#) Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill.

**[S6W-30978](#) Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it has applied its international trade principles and when it plans to publish the next Vision for Trade Annual Report.

### Written questions lodged on 30 October 2024

**[S6W-30940](#) Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-30808 by Neil Gray on 29 October 2024, and in light of this information having previously been held, as indicated in the answer to question S4W-30590 by Shona Robison on 23 March 2016, (a) when and (b) for what reason it stopped collecting this information, and whether it has any plans to resume the collection of this information.

**[S6W-30946](#) Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government how it has disposed of electric vehicles (EVs) in its fleet, and how much it has (a) spent on new EVs and (b) obtained through the sale or other means of disposal of older EVs, in each year since it purchased its first EV.

**[S6W-30949](#) Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what recommendations from the Creative Industries Leadership Group it has adopted.

**[S6W-30950](#) Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the Creative Industries Leadership Group has been disbanded, and, if so, for what reason.

**[S6W-30951](#) Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the Creative Industries Leadership Group has met since its meeting on 8 June 2022.

**[S6W-30952](#) Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the Creative Industries Leadership Group's "working group reports", which are referenced in the minutes of the meeting on 8 June 2022, will be published.

**[S6W-30953](#) Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many organisations currently use the payments platform, ScotPayments.

**[S6W-30954](#) Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people have signed up to ScotAccount since it was launched in February 2023.

**[S6W-30955](#) Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many ScotAccounts are currently active.

**[S6W-30956](#) Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many online courses have been completed through the Scottish Digital Academy since it was launched in January 2018.

**[S6W-30957](#) Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people have registered with the Scottish Digital Academy in each year since it was launched in January 2018.

**[S6W-30958](#) Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what the cost has been of delivering the Scottish Digital Academy in each year since it was launched in January 2018.

**[S6W-30959](#) Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) online and (b) in-person courses have been completed by Scottish Government employees through the Scottish Digital Academy since it was launched in January 2018.

**[S6W-30961](#) Oliver Mundell:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent contact its agencies have had with the owner of the former Pinneys site in Annan.

**[S6W-30962 Ruth Maguire](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29907 by Dorothy Bain on 26 September 2024, how many contracts and service level agreements for pathology and mortuary services the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) has; whether all contracts and service level agreements require pathologists to meet with the nearest relatives if they wish to discuss the post mortem examination findings; what training pathologists are given to ensure that, when they meet with the nearest relatives to discuss the post mortem examination findings, information is provided “in a respectful and sensitive manner”; what checks are in place to ensure that (a) pathology training standards are maintained and (b) practitioners are kept up to date with best practice; which organisation oversees training standards in pathology and their uniformity across Scotland; what the terms of reference are for the Death Investigation Improvement Board, and who the members are; what plans COPFS has to engage with service users, regarding reported experiences of service delivery, to inform the Death Investigation Improvement Board; what the current metrics in Scotland show in relation to the experiences reported in the independent review of the forensic pathology response to the Hillsborough disaster, and what metrics are planned to enable (i) comparable and (ii) more accurate measurement of performance in Scotland compared with (A) that reported in the independent review of the forensic pathology response to the Hillsborough disaster and (B) international best practice.

**[S6W-30963 Clare Adamson](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve waiting times for endoscopy appointments.

**[S6W-30964 Paul O’Kane](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that emergency care is maintained for patients requiring air ambulance services, in light of any issues created by the issuance of CAP1264 by the Civil Aviation Authority.

**[S6W-30966 Ariane Burgess](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29790 by Jim Fairlie on 25 September 2024, whether it anticipates that it will achieve its commitment to spend £250 million on peatland restoration by 2030.

**[S6W-30967 Ariane Burgess](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the first anniversary of the launch of the Rural and Islands Housing Action Plan, how many homes have been built since the plan's launch; how many of the properties built have been funded, in whole or in part, by the Rural and Islands Housing Fund, and what its position is on whether it is well placed to meet its overarching commitment to deliver 110,000 affordable homes by 2032, of which 10% will be in rural and island areas.

**[S6W-30968 Pam Gosal](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to publish the domestic abuse statistics recorded by Police Scotland for the fiscal year 2023-24.

**[S6W-30969 Pam Gosal](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that bodies delivering public services are protecting employees from violence.

**[S6W-30970 Pam Gosal](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that bodies delivering public services record incidents of violence against staff, including with a breakdown by sex.

**[S6W-30971 Liam McArthur](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has made an assessment of the capacity increase on Arran ferry routes (a) in absolute terms and (b) per capita resulting from the chartering of the MV Alfred.

**[S6W-30972 Liam McArthur](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has made an assessment of the capacity reduction on Caithness–Orkney routes (a) in absolute terms and (b) per capita resulting from the chartering of the MV Alfred.

**[S6W-30973 Jamie Greene](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government which community radio stations it has asked to run public information adverts in each of the last five years, broken down by the amount received by each community radio station from the Scottish Government.

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**[S6W-30974](#) Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has provided to each NHS board in each year since 2018 to support the implementation of the sexual health and blood borne virus action plan.

**[S6W-30975](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government when its (a) ministers and (b) civil servants last met with representatives of each of the 131 public bodies.

**[S6W-30976](#) Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people in Scotland have contracted HIV in each year since 2016.

**[S6W-30977](#) Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its progress towards its target of eliminating new HIV transmissions in Scotland by 2030.

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## New Bills and Accompanying Documents

### New accompanying documents printed on 30 October 2024

**Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)**—A revised version of the Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 29A–FM) and a Supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum have been printed. (SP Bill 29A–DPM) (Government Bill)

**Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)**—A revised version of the Explanatory Notes has been printed. (SP Bill 35A–EN) (Government Bill)

## Amendments

### New amendments to Bills lodged on 30 October 2024

#### Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill — Stage 2

##### Before section 3

##### Jamie Hepburn

8 Before section 3, insert—

*<Disqualifications relating to sexual offences and notification requirements*

##### **Scottish Parliament: disqualification relating to sexual offences etc.**

- (1) The Scotland Act 1998 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 15 (disqualification from membership of the Parliament)—
  - (a) after subsection (1)(b), insert—

“(bza) the person is subject to—

    - (i) any relevant notification requirements, or
    - (ii) a relevant sexual harm or risk order,” and
  - (b) after subsection (3), insert—

“(4) In this section and in section 16—

“relevant notification requirements” has the same meaning as in section 31(3C) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, and

“relevant sexual harm or risk order” has the same meaning as in section 31(3D) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.”.>

##### Jamie Hepburn

9 Before section 3, insert—

##### **<Local authorities: disqualifications relating to sexual offences etc.**

- (1) The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 31(1) (disqualifications for nomination, election and holding office as member of local authority), after paragraph (d) insert—

“(da) the person is subject to—

  - (i) any relevant notification requirements, or
  - (ii) a relevant sexual harm or risk order,”.
  - (3) After section 31(3B), insert—

“(3C) In this section, “relevant notification requirements” means—

    - (a) the notification requirements of Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003,
    - (b) the notification requirements of Part 2 of the Sex Offenders (Jersey) Law 2010,
    - (c) the notification requirements of Part 2 of the Criminal Justice (Sex Offenders

- and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2013,
- (d) the notification requirements of schedule 1 of the Criminal Justice Act 2001 (an Act of the Tynwald of the Isle of Man).
- (3D) In this section, “relevant sexual harm or risk order” means—
- (a) a sexual harm prevention order under section 11 or 12 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016,
  - (b) a sexual harm prevention order under section 103A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003,
  - (c) sexual offences prevention order under section 104 of that Act,
  - (d) a sexual harm prevention order under section 345 of the Sentencing Act 2020,
  - (e) a restraining order under Article 10 of the Sex Offenders (Jersey) Law 2010,
  - (f) a sexual offences prevention order under section 18 of the Criminal Justice (Sex Offenders and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2013,
  - (g) a sexual offences prevention order under section 1 of the Sex Offenders Act 2006 (an Act of the Tynwald of the Isle of Man),
  - (h) a sexual risk order under section 27 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016,
  - (i) risk of sexual harm order under section 2 of the Protection of Children and Prevention of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2005,
  - (j) a sexual risk order under section 122A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003,
  - (k) a risk of sexual harm order under section 123 of that Act,
  - (l) a child protection order under Article 11 of the Sex Offenders (Jersey) Law 2010,
  - (m) a risk of sexual harm order under section 22 of the Criminal Justice (Sex Offenders and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2013,
  - (n) a risk of sexual harm order under section 5 the Sex Offenders Act 2006 (an Act of the Tynwald of the Isle of Man).
- (3E) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make such amendments to subsection (3C) and (3D) as they consider appropriate in consequence of the amendment, repeal or re-enactment of any legislation of any of the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man which is for the time being specified in those provisions.
- (3F) Regulations under subsection (3E) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”.>

## Section 7

### Jamie Hepburn

- 10 In section 7, page 4, line 18, leave out <(b)> and insert <(bza) (inserted by section (*Scottish Parliament: disqualification relating to sexual offences etc.*))>

## Section 8

### Jamie Hepburn

- 11 In section 8, page 4, line 27, leave out <(d) insert “, or— > and insert <(da) (*inserted by section (Local authorities: disqualifications relating to sexual offences etc.)*), insert— “>

## Section 12

### Jamie Hepburn

- 12 In section 12, page 5, leave out lines 19 to 32 and insert—

<“(1AA) A person who is subject to—

- (a) any relevant notification requirements,
- (b) a relevant sexual harm or risk order, or
- (c) a relevant disqualification order,

is not disqualified merely because of section 15(1)(bza), (ba) or, as the case may be, (bb) until the appropriate time.

(1AB) The appropriate time is—

- (a) the end of the period of 3 months beginning with the date of the imposition of the requirements or of the order date, or
- (b) if earlier, the expiry of the ordinary period allowed for making—
  - (i) an appeal or application in respect of the conviction, finding, order or certification to which the relevant notification requirements relate,
  - (ii) an appeal against the relevant sexual harm or risk order, or
  - (iii) an appeal against the conviction or the making of the disqualification order.

(1AC) But if, before the appropriate time mentioned in subsection (1AB), the person makes such an appeal or application, the person is disqualified at the end of the period of 3 months beginning with the date of the imposition of the requirements or of the order date unless—

- (a) the appeal or application is dismissed or abandoned at any earlier time (in which case the person is disqualified at that time), or
- (b) at any time within that period of 3 months the appeal or application is upheld (in which case the person is not disqualified).”,>

### Jamie Hepburn

- 13 In section 12, page 5, line 33, after second <15(1)(b)> insert <, (bza)>

### Jamie Hepburn

- 14 In section 12, page 5, line 36, after <relevant> insert <sexual harm or risk order or, as the case may be, relevant disqualification>

### Jamie Hepburn

- 15 In section 12, page 6, line 1, after <relevant> insert <disqualification>

### Jamie Hepburn

- 16 In section 12, page 6, line 8, leave out <16(1A)> and insert <16(1AA)>

**Jamie Hepburn**

17 In section 12, page 6, leave out lines 14 to 27 and insert—

<“(1ZZA)A person who is subject to—

- (a) any relevant notification requirements,
- (b) a relevant sexual harm or risk order, or
- (c) a relevant disqualification order,

is not disqualified merely because of subsection (1)(da), (e) or, as the case may be, (f) until the appropriate time.

(1ZZB) The appropriate time is—

- (a) the end of the period of 3 months beginning with the date of the imposition of the requirements or of the order date, or
- (b) if earlier, the expiry of the ordinary period allowed for making—
  - (i) an appeal or application in respect of the conviction, finding, order or certification to which the relevant notification requirements relate,
  - (ii) an appeal against the relevant sexual harm or risk order, or
  - (iii) an appeal against the conviction or the making of the disqualification order.

(1ZZC) But if, before the appropriate time mentioned in subsection (1ZZB), the person makes such an appeal or application, the person is disqualified at the end of the period of 3 months beginning with the date of the imposition of the requirements or of the order date unless—

- (a) the appeal or application is dismissed or abandoned at any earlier time (in which case the person is disqualified at that time), or
- (b) at any time within that period of 3 months the appeal or application is upheld (in which case the person is not disqualified).

(1ZZD) A person who is subject to any relevant notification requirements, a relevant sexual harm or risk order or a relevant disqualification order is suspended from performing any of the functions of a member of a local authority during the period beginning with the date of the imposition of the requirements or of the order date and ending with the date on which—

- (a) the office is vacated in accordance with subsection (1ZZB) or (1ZZC), or
- (b) an appeal mentioned in subsection (1ZZB) is upheld.”>

**Jamie Hepburn**

18 In section 12, page 6, line 30, after the second <the> insert <relevant sexual harm or risk order or, as the case may be, relevant>

**Jamie Hepburn**

19 In section 12, page 6, line 32, after <relevant> insert <disqualification>

**After section 12**



**Jamie Hepburn**

20 After section 12, insert—

**<Transitional provision: disqualifications relating to sexual offences etc.**

- (1) If a person who holds office as a member of the Scottish Parliament on the day on which section (*Scottish Parliament: disqualification relating to sexual offences etc.*) comes into force is subject to any relevant notification requirements or a relevant sexual harm or risk order on that day, the amendments made by that section—
  - (a) do not have the effect of disqualifying that person, in respect of those requirements or of that order, for that person’s remaining term of office, but
  - (b) do have effect in relation to that person, in respect of those requirements or of that order, from the earlier of the day—
    - (i) of the first ordinary general election for membership of the Parliament (see section 2 of the Scotland Act 1998) held after the day on which section (*Scottish Parliament: disqualification relating to sexual offences etc.*) comes into force, or
    - (ii) on which an election is held in accordance with section 9 of the Scotland Act 1998, following that member’s seat becoming vacant after the day on which section (*Scottish Parliament: disqualification relating to sexual offences etc.*) comes into force.
- (2) If a person who holds office as a member of a local authority on the day on which section (*Local authorities: disqualifications relating to sexual offences etc.*) comes into force is subject to any relevant notification requirements or a relevant sexual harm or risk order on that day, the amendments made by that section—
  - (a) do not have the effect of disqualifying that person, in respect of those requirements or of that order, for that person’s remaining term of office, but
  - (b) do have effect in relation to that person, in respect of those requirements or of that order, from the earlier of the day—
    - (i) of the first ordinary local election (within the meaning of section 43(1C) of the Representation of the People Act 1983) held after the day on which section (*Local authorities: disqualifications relating to sexual offences etc.*) comes into force, or
    - (ii) on which an election in accordance with section 37 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 is held following a casual vacancy in that person’s office occurring after the day on which section (*Local authorities: disqualifications relating to sexual offences etc.*) comes into force.
- (3) In this section—
 

“relevant notification requirements” has the same meaning as in section 31(3C) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as first enacted,

“relevant sexual harm or risk order” has the same meaning as in section 31(3D) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as first enacted.>

**Section 15**

**Jamie Hepburn**

21 In section 15, page 8, line 1, leave out <(b) or (c)>

## Section 20

### Jamie Hepburn

22 In section 20, page 12, line 4, at end insert—

<(5G) As soon as reasonably practicable after proposing a day for the holding of the poll under subsection (5) or (as the case may be) subsection (5E), the Presiding Officer must publish, in such manner as the Presiding Officer considers appropriate, a statement setting out—

- (a) the day proposed for the holding of the poll, and
- (b) the reasons for the making of the proposal.”.>

## Section 23

### Jamie Hepburn

23 In section 23, page 12, line 25, leave out from <after subsection (4)> to end of line 34 and insert <for subsection (3), substitute—

“(3) The period allowed is—

- (a) the period of 28 days which begins with the day on which the event in question occurs, but—
  - (i) if another of those events occurs within the period allowed, that period is extended (subject to sub-paragraph (ii)) so that it ends with the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which that other event occurred, and
  - (ii) the period ends if the Parliament passes a resolution under section 3(1)(a) or when His Majesty appoints a person as First Minister, but
- (b) if the Parliament does not meet within the period of 7 days beginning immediately after the day of the poll at a general election that was held on a day proposed by the Presiding Officer in accordance with a proclamation made by His Majesty under section 2(5) or (5E), the initial period of 28 days calculated under paragraph (a) is to be extended by disregarding any days in the period subsequent to that 7 day period and before the Parliament first meets.”.>

## Section 24

### Jamie Hepburn

24 In section 24, page 13, line 24, at end insert—

<(4F) As soon as reasonably practicable after fixing a date under subsection (4B) or (as the case may be) determining that an election is not to be held under subsection (4D), the Presiding Officer must publish, in such manner as the Presiding Officer considers appropriate, a statement setting out—

- (a) either—
  - (i) the date fixed for the holding of the poll, or (as the case may be)
  - (ii) that an election is not to be held, and

- (b) the reasons for the exercise of the power.”.>

## Section 25

### Jamie Hepburn

- 25 In section 25, page 13, line 36, leave out <2> and insert <4>

### Jamie Hepburn

- 26 In section 25, page 13, line 39, leave out <and>

### Jamie Hepburn

- 27 In section 25, page 13, line 40, at end insert <, and  
(c) the Secretary of State.>

### Jamie Hepburn

- 28 In section 25, page 13, line 40, at end insert—  
<(2A) As soon as reasonably practicable after fixing a day under subsection (1), the convener must publish, in such manner as the convener considers appropriate, a statement setting out—  
(a) the day fixed for the holding of the poll, and  
(b) the reasons for the exercise of the power.>

## Section 26

### Jamie Hepburn

- 29 In section 26, page 14, line 14, leave out <2> and insert <4>

### Jamie Hepburn

- 30 In section 26, page 14, line 17, at end insert—  
<(za) the Secretary of State,>

### Jamie Hepburn

- 31 In section 26, page 14, line 19, at end insert—  
<(2A) As soon as reasonably practicable after fixing a day under subsection (1), the returning officer must publish, in such manner as the returning officer considers appropriate, a statement setting out—  
(a) the day fixed for the holding of the poll, and  
(b) the reasons for the exercise of the power.>

## Section 27

### Jamie Hepburn

32 In section 27, page 15, line 14, at end insert—

<(5A) As soon as reasonably practicable after fixing a date under subsection (2) or (as the case may be) subsection (4), the returning officer must publish, in such manner as the returning officer considers appropriate, a statement setting out—

- (a) the date fixed for the holding of the poll, and
- (b) the reasons for the exercise of the power.>

**Jamie Hepburn**

33 In section 27, page 15, line 36, at end insert—

<(4) As soon as reasonably practicable after fixing a date under subsection (2), the returning officer must publish, in such manner as the returning officer considers appropriate, a statement setting out—

- (a) the date fixed for the holding of the poll, and
- (b) the reasons for the exercise of the power.>

**Jamie Hepburn**

34 In section 27, page 16, line 11, at end insert—

<(3A) As soon as reasonably practicable after determining that an election is not to be held under subsection (2), the returning officer must publish, in such manner as the returning officer considers appropriate, a statement setting out—

- (a) that an election is not to be held, and
- (b) the reasons for the exercise of the power.>

## Section 28

**Jamie Hepburn**

35 In section 28, page 16, line 27, after <Scotland> insert <, the Electoral Commission>

**Jamie Hepburn**

36 In section 28, page 16, line 31, after <Scotland> insert <, if the Board has consulted the Electoral Commission>

**Jamie Hepburn**

37 In section 28, page 16, line 36, after <Scotland> insert <and the Electoral Commission>

**Jamie Hepburn**

38 In section 28, page 17, line 6, after <Scotland> insert <and the Electoral Commission>

**Jamie Hepburn**

39 In section 28, page 17, line 18, after <consult> insert <the Electoral Commission,>

**Jamie Hepburn**

- 40 In section 28, page 17, line 23, for <(i)> substitute <(a)(i)>

**Jamie Hepburn**

- 41 In section 28, page 17, line 24, for <(ii)> substitute <(a)(ii)>

**Jamie Hepburn**

- 42 In section 28, page 17, line 26, for <that paragraph> substitute <paragraph (a)(ii)>

**Jamie Hepburn**

- 43 In section 28, page 17, line 33, leave out from <(1)> to end of line 37 and insert <(3) insert—
- “(3A) Before laying such a draft before the Parliament the Scottish Ministers must consult—
- (a) the Electoral Management Board for Scotland,
  - (b) the Electoral Commission, and
  - (c) such other persons as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.”.>

**After section 29**

**Jamie Hepburn**

- 44 After section 29, insert—
- <Scottish Ministers’ power to make provision about elections under the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004**
- (1) The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 is modified as follows.
  - (2) In section 3 (power to make further provision about local government elections), after subsection (3) insert—
- “(3A) Provision made by such an order by virtue of subsection (1)(a) may include provision which—
- (a) refers to a document of a particular description as is published from time to time by such person as the order may specify, and
  - (b) gives effect to such a document which meets the conditions or criteria (if any) as the order may specify.”.>

**Section 38**

**Jamie Hepburn**

- 45 In section 38, page 23, line 14 leave out first <under>

**Section 41**

**Jamie Hepburn**

46 In section 41, page 24, line 36, leave out <or a constable>

**Jamie Hepburn**

47 In section 41, page 24, line 38, leave out <or a constable>

### Section 46

**Jamie Hepburn**

48 In section 46, page 28, line 5, leave out <code> and insert <plan>

### Section 47

**Jamie Hepburn**

49 In section 47, page 28, line 35, after <Scotland> insert <—  
<( )>

**Jamie Hepburn**

50 In section 47, page 28, line 38, at end insert—  
<( ) after subsection (3) insert—

“(4) The schedule makes further provision about the status, membership, etc. of the Board and about other administrative matters in connection with the Board.”>

**Jamie Hepburn**

51 In section 47, page 28, line 39 leave out subsections (3) to (5) and insert—  
<(3A) Sections 2 to 4 are repealed.  
(3B) After section 7, insert—

#### *“Planning and reporting on the Board’s functions*

#### **7A Strategic plans**

- (1) The Board must, at least 6 months before the start of a 5 year period, submit to the Parliamentary corporation a plan (referred to in this section as a “strategic plan”) setting out, for that 5 year period—
  - (a) the Board’s strategic and policy priorities relating to those of its functions mentioned in section 1(3),
  - (b) how it proposes to achieve them,
  - (c) timetables for doing so, and
  - (d) estimates of the costs of doing so.
- (2) The Parliamentary corporation—
  - (a) must examine each strategic plan submitted to it,
  - (b) must decide whether it is satisfied with the plan, and

- (c) if it is not so satisfied, may recommend such modifications to the plan as it considers appropriate.
- (3) Before deciding whether it is so satisfied or making any such recommendations, the Parliamentary corporation may provide a draft of the strategic plan and invite, and (if any are given) consider, comments on it from—
  - (a) a committee of the Scottish Parliament, and
  - (b) such other persons as the Parliamentary corporation consider appropriate.
- (4) The Parliamentary corporation must, as soon as reasonably practicable after concluding its examination and making its recommendations (if any) under subsection (2), report to the Board on its findings and recommendations.
- (5) After the Parliamentary corporation has reported to the Board under subsection (4), the Board must—
  - (a) make whatever modifications to the draft strategic plan the Board consider necessary in light of the Parliamentary corporation's findings and recommendations,
  - (b) lay the plan before the Scottish Parliament, and
  - (c) if the Board do not follow any of the Parliamentary corporation's recommendations for modifications to the plan under this section, lay before the Scottish Parliament a document describing its reasons for so doing.
- (6) The Board may, at any time during the 5 year period to which a plan relates, review the strategic plan for that period and submit a revised plan to the Parliamentary corporation setting out the matters mentioned in subsection (1).
- (7) Subsections (2) to (5) apply to a revised plan submitted under subsection (6) as they apply to a strategic plan submitted under subsection (1).
- (8) In this section, "5 year period" means each period of 5 years beginning on the first day of the financial year following each ordinary local election (within the meaning of section 43(1C) of the Representation of the People Act 1983)

## **7B Reports requested by the Scottish Ministers**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may request that the Board—
  - (a) review, and
  - (b) submit a report to them on,
 any matter relating to the Board's functions mentioned in section 1(3).
- (2) Before making a request under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult the Parliamentary corporation.
- (3) The Board must comply with a request under subsection (1) within such time as the Scottish Ministers may request, or such later time as Ministers and the Board may agree.
- (4) The Board may, after submitting a report under this section, publish the report in such manner as it considers appropriate."

(3C) Section 8 and the cross heading immediately preceding it are repealed.

(3D) In section 9 (interpretation of Part 1)—

(a) after “Part” insert “and in the schedule”,

(b) after the definition of “electoral registration officer”, insert—

““former depute returning officer” means an individual who no longer holds the office but who was previously—

(a) a depute returning officer, or

(b) a RUK depute returning officer,

“former electoral registration officer” means an individual who no longer holds the office but who was previously—

(a) an electoral registration officer, or

(b) a RUK electoral registration officer,

“former returning officer” means an individual who no longer holds the office but who was previously—

(a) a returning officer, or

(b) a RUK returning officer.”,

(c) after the definition of “local government election”, insert—

““Parliamentary corporation” means the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body,”,

(d) after the definition of “returning officer”, insert—

““RUK depute returning officer” means a person appointed as a depute section 35(4) of the 1983 Act,

“RUK electoral registration officer” means an officer appointed under, or holding office in accordance with, section 8(2), (2A) or (4) of the 1983 Act,

“RUK returning officer” means an officer holding office in accordance with section 24 or 26 of the 1983 Act,” and

(e) in the section title, after “Part 1” insert “and the schedule”.

(3E) After section 22 (short title), insert as a schedule—

“SCHEDULE  
*(introduced by section 1(4))*

ELECTORAL MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR SCOTLAND

*Status*

1 (1) The Board, its members and staff—

(a) are not servants or agents of the Crown, and

(b) have no status, immunity or privilege of the Crown.

(2) The Board’s property is not property of, or property held on behalf of, the Crown.

*Membership*



- 2 (1) The Board is to consist of—
  - (a) a convener, who must be either—
    - (i) a returning officer,
    - (ii) a RUK returning officer, or
    - (iii) a former returning officer, and
  - (b) 8 other members of whom—
    - (i) 5 are to be from the RO category, and
    - (ii) 3 are to be from the ERO category.
- (2) In this schedule—
  - (a) a person is part of “the RO category” if the person is—
    - (i) a returning officer,
    - (ii) a depute returning officer,
    - (iii) a RUK returning officer,
    - (iv) a RUK depute returning officer,
    - (v) a former returning officer,
    - (vi) a former depute returning officer, and
  - (b) a person is part of “the ERO category” if the person is—
    - (i) an electoral registration officer,
    - (ii) a RUK electoral registration officer, or
    - (iii) a former electoral registration officer.
- (3) The convener is to be appointed by the Parliamentary corporation on the nomination of the Scottish Parliament.
- (4) The convener is to appoint the other members.
- (5) When appointing members, the convener is to have regard to the desirability of the membership taken as a whole having a broad range of experience in relation to—
  - (a) different local authority areas (including different kinds of areas) throughout Scotland, and
  - (b) the different constituencies and regions provided for Scottish parliamentary elections by schedule 1 of the Scotland Act 1998 (including different kinds of constituencies and regions).
- (6) A person may not be appointed as a member of the Board if that person has a relevant connection to a political party.
- (7) In this schedule, a person has “a relevant connection to a political party” if that person would be ineligible for appointment as a member of the staff of the Electoral Commission in accordance with—
  - (a) paragraph 11A(1)(a) or (b) of schedule 1 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, or
  - (b) paragraph 11A(1)(c) of that schedule, taking the relevant period

mentioned there to be the last 12 months.

*Depute conveners*

- 3 (1) The convener may, from the members of the Board who are in the RO category—
  - (a) appoint a depute convener to act for such period, not exceeding 5 years, as the convener, at the time of the appointment, may determine, and
  - (b) reappoint that depute convener for one further period, not exceeding 5 years, as the convener, at the time of the reappointment, may determine.
- (2) The convener may, from any other of the members of the Board—
  - (a) appoint a second depute convener to act for such period, not exceeding 5 years, as the convener, at the time of the appointment, may determine, and
  - (b) reappoint that second depute convener for one further period, not exceeding 5 years, as the convener, at the time of the reappointment, may determine.
- (3) A depute convener appointed under sub-paragraph (1) may carry out any of the convener's relevant functions where—
  - (a) the office of convener is vacant, or
  - (b) the person holding the office is for any reason unable to perform the convener's functions.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (3) the convener's relevant functions are—
  - (a) the convener's functions under this Act, and
  - (b) the convener's functions under section 43A of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (in relation to fixing another day for the holding of the poll at an ordinary local election).
- (5) A second depute convener appointed under sub-paragraph (2) may perform such of the convener's functions under this Act (and to such extent) as the convener may determine, but may not issue directions under sections 4A, 5, 5A or 6.

*Duration of appointment*

- 4 (1) The convener—
  - (a) holds office for such period, not exceeding 5 years, as the Parliamentary corporation, at the time of appointment, may determine, and
  - (b) may be reappointed for one further period, not exceeding 5 years, as the Parliamentary corporation at the time of the reappointment, may determine.
- (2) Other members of the Board—
  - (a) may be appointed for such period, not exceeding 5 years, as the Parliamentary corporation, at the time of appointment, may determine, and
  - (b) may be reappointed to the Board (once or more) for such further period, not exceeding 5 years, as the Parliamentary corporation at the time of the reappointment, may determine.

- (3) An appointment as depute convener under paragraph 3(1) or (2) ends when the person appointed is no longer a member of the Board.

*Early termination of membership*

- 5 (1) The convener may be relieved of office by the Parliamentary corporation at the request of the convener.
- (2) The other members may, by notice in writing to the convener, resign office as a member.
- (3) The convener may be removed from office by the Parliamentary corporation—
- (a) if—
- (i) the Parliamentary corporation is satisfied that the convener has breached the terms and conditions of office and the Parliament resolves that the convener should be removed from office for that breach, or
- (ii) the Parliament resolves that it has lost confidence in the convener's willingness, suitability or ability to perform the functions of the convener,
- and, in either case, the resolution is voted for by a number of members not fewer than two thirds of the total number of seats for members of the Parliament, or
- (b) if the convener becomes connected to a political party.
- (4) Any other member may be removed from office by the convener if—
- (a) the member has been absent, without reasonable excuse from meetings of the Board for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months, or
- (b) the convener considers that the member is—
- (i) unable to perform the functions of a member, or
- (ii) unsuitable to continue as a member, or
- (c) the member becomes connected to a political party.
- (5) In this schedule, a person “becomes connected to a political party” on the occurrence, in relation to that person, of such an event as is mentioned in any of paragraphs (a) to (ca) of paragraph 3(3) of schedule 1 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

*Remuneration, allowances and expenses of members*

- 6 The Board may, with the approval of the Parliamentary corporation, pay to its members such remuneration, pensions, allowances and expenses as it may determine.

*Staff*

- 7 (1) The Board may appoint staff.
- (2) The staff are to be employed on terms and conditions as may, with the approval of the Parliamentary corporation, be determined by the Board.

- (3) A person may not be appointed as a member of the staff of the Board if the person—
  - (a) is a member of the Board, or
  - (b) has a relevant connection to a political party.
- (4) The appointment of any member of the staff of the Board is to terminate if the person becomes connected to a political party.

*Procedure etc.*

- 8 (1) It is for the Board to regulate its own procedure (and quorum).
- (2) The convener may (with the agreement of the other members of the Board) invite a person to attend a meeting of the Board for the purpose of providing advice or otherwise assisting the Board in carrying out its functions.

*Powers of the Board and validity of actions*

- 9 (1) The Board may do anything which appears to it—
  - (a) to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of, or in connection with, the performance of its functions, or
  - (b) be otherwise conducive to the performance of its functions.
- (2) The validity of anything done by the Board is not affected by—
  - (a) a vacancy in membership,
  - (b) a defect in the appointment of a member,
  - (c) the removal or disqualification of a person as a member after appointment.

*Budget*

- 10(1) The Board must, before the start of each financial year, prepare proposals for the Board's use of resources and expenditure during the year (a "budget") and, by such date as the Parliamentary corporation determines, send the budget to the Parliamentary corporation for approval.
- (2) The Board may, in the course of a financial year, prepare a revised budget for the remainder of the year and send it to the Parliamentary corporation for approval.
- (3) In preparing a budget or revised budget, the Board must ensure that the resources of the Board will be used economically, efficiently and effectively.
- (4) A budget or revised budget must contain a statement that the Board has complied with the duty under sub-paragraph (3).

*Financial provision*

- 11(1) The Parliamentary corporation is to pay—
  - (a) the salary and allowances of the convener and any depute convener,
  - (b) any expenditure properly incurred by the Board in the exercise of the functions of the Board.

- (2) Sub-paragraph (1)(b) does not require the Parliamentary corporation to pay any expenses which exceed or are otherwise not covered by a budget or, as the case may be, a revised budget approved under paragraph 10.
- (3) However, the Parliamentary corporation may pay those expenses.
- (4) The Parliamentary corporation is to indemnify the Board in respect of any liabilities incurred in the exercise of the functions of the Board.

*Accountable officer*

- 12(1) The Parliamentary corporation is to designate the convener, a member of the Board, or a member of the Board's staff as the accountable officer for the purposes of this paragraph.
- (2) The functions of the accountable officer are—
  - (a) those specified in sub-paragraph (3), and
  - (b) where the accountable officer is not the convener, the duty set out in sub-paragraph (4),
 and the accountable officer is answerable to the Parliament for the exercise of those functions.
- (3) The functions referred to in sub-paragraph (2)(a) are—
  - (a) signing the accounts of the expenditure and receipts of the Board,
  - (b) ensuring the propriety and regularity of the finances of the Board,
  - (c) ensuring that the resources of the Board are used economically, efficiently and effectively.
- (4) The duty referred to in sub-paragraph (2)(b) is a duty, where the accountable officer is required to act in some way but considers that to do so would be inconsistent with the proper performance of the functions specified in sub-paragraph (3), to—
  - (a) obtain written authority from the convener before taking the action, and
  - (b) send a copy of that authority as soon as possible to the Auditor General for Scotland.

*Accounts and audit*

- 13(1) The Board must—
  - (a) keep proper accounts and accounting records, and
  - (b) prepare annual accounts in respect of each financial year.
- (2) The Board must send a copy of the annual accounts to the Auditor General for Scotland for auditing.

*Annual report*

- 14(1) The convener must, prepare a report on the carrying out of the Board's functions during each financial year.
- (2) After securing the Board's approval of the report, the convener must—

- (a) lay the report before the Scottish Parliament, and
  - (b) send a copy of the report to the Scottish Ministers.
  - (3) The report must be laid before the Parliament within 7 months of the end of each financial year.”.
- (3F) In section 7(2) of the Referendums (Scotland) Act 2020 (chief counting officer), after “section 2 of” insert “, or paragraph 2 of the schedule of,”.>

#### After section 47

#### Jamie Hepburn

52 After section 47, insert—

#### <Application of public bodies legislation to the Electoral Management Board for Scotland

- (1) In the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, in Part 7 of schedule 1 (others), after paragraph 63A insert—  
“63B Electoral Management Board for Scotland.”.
- (3) In the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010—
  - (a) In schedule 5, after the entry relating to David MacBrayne Ltd insert—  
“Electoral Management Board for Scotland”.
  - (b) In schedule 8, after the entry relating to the Drinking Water Quality Regulator for Scotland insert—  
“Electoral Management Board for Scotland”.
- (4) In schedule 1 of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018, after the entry relating to David MacBrayne Limited (company number SC015304) insert—  
“Electoral Management Board for Scotland”.>

#### Jamie Hepburn

53 After section 47, insert—

#### <Transitional provision: membership of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland

- (1) A person who holds the office of convener of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland immediately before the coming into force of the amendments made by section 47(3E) continues to hold that office.
- (2) The duration of that person’s appointment is to be calculated as if that person was appointed as convener for the first time for a period of 5 years on the day that the amendments made by section 47(3E) came into force.
- (3) Any other person who is a member of the Board immediately before the coming into force of the amendments made by section 47(3E) continues as a member of the Board.
- (4) The duration of the appointment of a person mentioned in subsection (3) is to be calculated as if that person was appointed as a member for a period of 5 years on the day that the amendments made by section 47(3E) came into force.
- (5) Accordingly, a person continuing as a convener or as a member of the Electoral Management Board

for Scotland in accordance with this section—

- (a) remains eligible to be reappointed in accordance with paragraph 4 of the schedule of the Local Electoral Administration (Scotland) Act 2011, but
- (b) may be removed from office in accordance with paragraph 5 of that schedule.>

## Members' Bills Proposals

### Proposals for Member's Bills

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

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

[Proposals for Bills – Scottish Parliament | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

### Final Proposal for a Member's Bill

**Meghan Gallacher: Proposed Desecration of War Memorials (Prevention) (Scotland) Bill**— Proposal for a Bill to create a specific offence of desecrating a war memorial. (lodged 1 October 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed, 1 October 2024

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

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

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2024)*

### **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 5 November 2024

*Stage 3 amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 1 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

### **Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 30 October 2024

### **Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 17 September 2024

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 25 June 2024

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### **Education (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 9 October 2024  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (59th Report, 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.*

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 25 October 2024  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (50th Report, 2024)*  
*Report – Social Justice and Social Security Committee (10th Report, 2024)*

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 19 November 2024  
*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 13 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

### **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 25 June 2024  
Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 October 2024

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee), 26 November 2024  
*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 20 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

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

Stage 2 completed, 2 October 2024  
*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

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

Stage 1 completed, 22 February 2024  
*Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

### **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 29 October 2024  
Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 October 2024

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### **Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 October 2024

*Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People*

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

Stage 2 (evidence (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)), 31 October 2024

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee), 7 November 2024

*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 1 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

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

Stage 1 completed, 17 September 2024

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

Stage 2 completed, 26 September 2024

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

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

Stage 1 completed, 23 April 2024

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

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

Stage 2 completed, 18 September 2024

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

## **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>

### **Great British Energy Bill LCM-S6-48**

Lodged on 8 August 2024

*Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport*

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

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

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

### **Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill LCM-S6-47**

Lodged on 1 August 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 31 October 2024

*Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (12<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

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### **Product Regulation and Metrology Bill LCM-S6-50**

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 October 2024

*Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work*

### **Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49**

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 1 October 2024

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 October 2024

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

#### **Affirmative instruments**

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

[Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes \(Amendment\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#) (3 September 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

#### **Subject to approval by 29 October 2024**

[Rural Development \(Continuation of Operation\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (4 September 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

#### **Subject to approval by 4 November 2024**

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Specification of Devolved Tax\) \(Building Safety\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (10 September 2024) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

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

[Public Procurement \(International Trade Agreements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (12 September 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

#### **Subject to approval by 13 November 2024**

[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Extension of Temporary Justice Measures\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (19 September 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

#### **Subject to approval by 14 November 2024**

[Upper Tribunal for Scotland Bus Registration Appeals \(Composition\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (20 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions of the Transport Tribunal\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (20 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

#### **Subject to approval by 17 November 2024**

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[Town and Country Planning \(Amendment of National Planning Framework\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (23 September 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Masterplan Consent Area Scheme \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (23 September 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

**Subject to approval by 19 November 2024**

[Winter Heating Assistance \(Pension Age\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (25 September 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

**Subject to approval by 25 November 2024**

[Funeral Expense Assistance \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (1 October 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

**Subject to approval by 26 November 2024**

[Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (2 October 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

**Subject to approval by 27 November 2024**

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (3 October 2024) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

**Subject to approval by 6 December 2024**

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#) (22 October 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

**Subject to approval by 6 December 2024**

[Rural Support \(Improvement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (29 October 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.\) Order 2025 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#) (29 October 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

## Negative instruments

**Subject to annulment 3 November 2024**

**Lead committee report due by 28 October 2024**

[Sheriff Court Fees Order 2024 \(2024/235\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

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[Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/236\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

[High Court of Justiciary Fees Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/237\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

[Court of Session etc. Fees Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/238\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

[Justice of the Peace Court Fees \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/239\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

[Adults with Incapacity \(Public Guardian's Fees\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/240\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

**Subject to annulment 6 November 2024**  
**Lead committee report due by 4 November 2024**

[Social Security \(Genuine and Sufficient Link to the United Kingdom\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/241\)](#) (12 September 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Bus Services Improvement Partnerships \(Multi-operator Travel Cards\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/243\)](#) (12 September 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

**Subject to annulment 13 November 2024**  
**Lead committee report due by 11 November 2024**

[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Early Expiry of Provisions\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/246\)](#) (19 September 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

**Subject to annulment 14 November 2024**  
**Lead committee report due by 11 November 2024**

[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/247\)](#) (20 September 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Public Service Vehicles \(Registration of Local Services\) \(Bus Services Improvement Partnerships Service Standards Decisions\) \(Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/248\)](#) (20 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Bus Registration Appeals Rules of Procedure\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/249\)](#) (20 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

**Subject to annulment 17 November 2024**  
**Lead committee report due by 11 November 2024**

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[Town and Country Planning \(Amendment of Local Development Plan\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/250\)](#) (23 September 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Town and Country Planning \(Masterplan Consent Areas\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/253\)](#) (23 September 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

**Subject to annulment 24 November 2024**  
**Lead committee report due by 18 November 2024**

[Wildlife Management \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/268\)](#) (30 September 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

**Subject to annulment 27 November 2024**  
**Lead committee report due by 25 November 2024**

[Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(West Dunbartonshire Council\) Designation Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/270\)](#) (3 October 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Parking Attendants \(Wearing of Uniforms\) \(West Dunbartonshire Council\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/271\)](#) (3 October 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/272\)](#) (3 October 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

**Subject to annulment 28 November 2024**  
**Lead committee report due by 25 November 2024**

[Title Conditions \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Rural Housing Bodies\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/273\)](#) (4 October 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Property Factors \(Registration\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/274\)](#) (4 October 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Agency Arrangements\) \(Specification\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/989\)](#) (4 October 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

**Subject to annulment 6 December 2024**  
**Lead committee report due by 2 December 2024**

[Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages \(Scotland\) Act 1965 \(Prohibition on Disposal of a Body without Authorisation\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/281\)](#) (15 October 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

## New Documents

### Committee Reports

The following report was published on 30 October 2024—

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 7th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee on 29 October 2024 (SP Paper 672)

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

### Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 30 October 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report 2023/24 (CES/2024/02)** laid under section 25(1) of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010 as amended

**Drug and alcohol services - a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2024/06)** laid under Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Report 2023-24 (SG/2024/243)** laid under paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

**Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Report and Accounts 2023-2024 (SG/2024/242)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited, Annual Report and Financial Statements, For the year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/260)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Scottish Futures Trust Limited, Annual Report and Accounts, For the year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/259)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000



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