

Wednesday 30 April 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities,
Economy and Gaelic
Finance and Local Government

followed by Ministerial Statement: The
Cessation of Refining at Grangemouth

followed by Scottish Conservative and
Unionist Party Debate: Ending the “War”
Against Scotland’s Motorists

followed by Scottish Conservative and
Unionist Party Debate: Protecting Scotland’s
Fishing Industry

followed by Business Motions

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followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-
17186 Meghan Gallacher: Best Start New
Model of Neonatal Care

Committee Meetings

8:30am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

1. **Bill Kidd:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-04576](#))

2. **Marie McNair:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting social enterprises. ([S6O-04577](#))

3. **Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government what opportunities it has identified to grow Scotland's economy, following Tartan Week 2025. ([S6O-04578](#))

4. **Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the delivery of the Ayrshire Growth Deal. ([S6O-04579](#))

5. **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding will be available to help infrastructure projects in south west Scotland. ([S6O-04580](#))

6. **Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the latest Quarterly Economic Indicator from the Scottish Chambers of Commerce and Fraser of Allander Institute, which reportedly shows a business landscape that is characterised by flatlining demand, stalling investment and labour cost pressures. ([S6O-04581](#))

7. **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the implementation of its Green Industrial Strategy, what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the introduction of extended producer responsibility. ([S6O-04582](#))

8. **Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with stakeholders regarding the Tall Ships Races Aberdeen 2025. ([S6O-04583](#))

Finance and Local Government

1. **Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government how much East Dunbartonshire Council has spent on PFI contracts in the last year. ([S6O-04584](#))

2. **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Aberdeenshire Council regarding the reported financial pressures that it is experiencing. ([S6O-04585](#))

3. **Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any discussions it has had with the tourism sector and other stakeholders regarding amending the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024. ([S6O-04586](#))

4. **Foyso Choudhury:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-04587](#))

5. **Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the City of Edinburgh Council regarding the progress of the Edinburgh City Plan 2040. ([S6O-04588](#))

6. **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the finance secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding a different model for allocating funding to Integration Joint Boards, in light of a recent Accounts Commission report highlighting the unsustainable gaps in their finances. ([S6O-04589](#))

7. Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with the City of Edinburgh Council regarding its allocated budget. ([S6O-04590](#))

8. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the potential impact on Scotland's public finances as a result of the UK Government increasing employer national insurance contributions. ([S6O-04591](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Cessation of Refining at Grangemouth

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Ending the "War" Against Scotland's Motorists

[S6M-17362](#) Sue Webber: Ending the "War" Against Scotland's Motorists—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to take greater action to support Scotland's motorists and to cease implementing punitive measures against road users, which have been described as a war on Scotland's motorists; recognises the importance of motorists to the Scottish economy and connectivity; acknowledges that the Scottish Government has abandoned its plans to reduce car use by 20% by 2030 and welcomes the recent Audit Scotland report that states that the Scottish Ministers had "no costed delivery plan or measurable milestones" to achieve this target; calls on the Scottish Ministers to focus on incentives, rather than penalties, to encourage motorists to change their behaviour as part of an affordable transition; notes that the implementation of low emission zones has hindered businesses and motorists in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Dundee, and calls on ministers to review the effectiveness of low emission zones before any new zones are proposed, or the current ones are expanded, and to reconsider the punitive fines; recognises that road users in Aberdeen have been hindered by the introduction of bus gates, and that motorists across Scotland have been restricted by the expansion of parking charges; urges the Scottish Ministers not to introduce 50 mph speed limits on national speed limit single carriageway roads; recognises that resurfacing, rather than refilling, is the best solution to tackle Scotland's pothole problem; urges ministers to work more effectively with the Scottish Road Works Commissioner, local authority road works coordinators and utility companies to encourage less inactivity on road work sites and to incentivise finishing works ahead of time; calls for greater action to futureproof Scotland's EV charger network, and further calls on the Scottish Government to recognise the vital role that motorists play in Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-17362.4](#) Jim Fairlie: Ending the "War" Against Scotland's Motorists—As an amendment to motion S6M-17362 in the name of Sue Webber (Ending the "War" Against Scotland's Motorists), leave out from first "calls" to end and insert "believes that language used out of context to maximise political traction and which fails to consider the sensitivities of such language is reckless, given wider global considerations; further believes that demonising car users is unhelpful to rural communities in particular, which, as a result of a deregulated bus market, often have no alternative to using a car; acknowledges, however, that Scotland needs to reduce carbon emissions from transport, especially from car use; welcomes that Scotland has reached its target of 6,000 public EV charge points two years early through a combination of Scottish Government funding, delivery by local authorities and private sector investment, with approximately 24,000 to be delivered by 2030 through continued Scottish Government funding and increasing private sector investment; recognises that supporting EV car use contributes to Scotland's connectivity, and further recognises the value that connectivity has in helping to support the economy,

education, social mobility and leisure across Scotland; notes that connectivity is being enhanced by free bus travel for over two million people in Scotland, which provides alternatives to car usage for those that can make the switch; respects the responsibilities of local authorities for local road provision and maintenance, and some local bus services, and that they will be able to have more control through transport legislation, which puts more power into the hands of local transport authorities; is concerned at the ongoing impact of UK Conservative administrations' deregulation of bus services in the 1980s and 1990s; recognises the need for safe, clean and, importantly, reliable punctual bus services, which can be improved through bus infrastructure, and that improvements can be made in public health by creating low emission zones, as has been done in over 40 areas across Europe, but does have concerns that the punctuality of bus services can be hampered by road works; welcomes the Scottish Government's approach through engaging collaboratively with the Scottish Road Works Commissioner, who oversees road works, with roads authorities, which have responsibility for coordination of works, and with the road works industry, which is responsible for duration and quality of works, to find reasonable solutions to help in this area; agrees that further investigation is needed of the role that those undertaking the works play in the quality of road surfaces after works have been completed; further agrees to await the results of the National Speed Management Review consultation, noting that an estimated 10mph reduction in the national speed limit on single carriageway roads can reduce deaths by 23% and serious casualties by 18%, and that there is a need to make Scotland's roads safer to cut the number of people being injured and killed on the roads, and welcomes the roll-out of 20mph limits across all local authorities on roads determined by them."

S6M-17362.1 Claire Baker: Ending the “War” Against Scotland’s Motorists—As an amendment to motion S6M-17362 in the name of Sue Webber (Ending the “War” Against Scotland’s Motorists), leave out from first “calls” to end and insert “highlights the Scottish Government’s dropping of the target of a 20% reduction in car use by 2030 and the recent Audit Scotland report, which states that the Scottish Ministers had ‘no costed delivery plan or measurable milestones’ to achieve this target; recognises that, while car ownership has increased, many households, including a greater proportion of those on lower incomes, do not have access to a car; further recognises that a failure to reduce transport emissions will have a detrimental effect on the climate and on people’s health; acknowledges that a reduction in car use is only realistic and inclusive if there is a viable alternative option, and calls on the Scottish Government to scrap peak rail fares as a first step to making public transport more affordable and accessible to all.”

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Protecting Scotland’s Fishing Industry

S6M-17360 Tim Eagle: Protecting Scotland’s Fishing Industry—That the Parliament expresses its deep concern at reports that the UK Labour administration may agree a deal with the EU that enhances access for EU fishing vessels to UK waters; understands that the reported deal could result in a multi-year access guarantee as opposed to annual negotiations between the UK and the EU; believes that Scotland’s domestic fishing industry is a significant contributor to the economy and that every effort should be made to support it during trade negotiations; notes that the existing fisheries deal between the EU and the UK is not perfect, but that it took the sector out of the Common Fisheries Policy; acknowledges that the UK Labour administration’s potential new deal would turn a good opportunity to build on this foundation into a missed opportunity that represents a backwards step for the sector as bad as the Common Fisheries Policy; calls on the Scottish Government to drop its support for the Common Fisheries Policy and do all that it can to ensure that the UK Labour administration does not sell out the Scottish fishing industry as part of

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its talks with the EU, and believes that there should be an annual debate on fisheries to highlight its importance to Scotland's economy.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-17360.3 Mairi Gougeon: Protecting Scotland's Fishing Industry—As an amendment to motion S6M-17360 in the name of Tim Eagle (Protecting Scotland's Fishing Industry), leave out from first "with the EU" to second "with the EU" and insert "on fishing with the EU that enhances access for EU fishing vessels to UK waters without consulting the Scottish Government, despite the fishing industry being of comparatively greater importance to the Scottish economy than to the UK economy as a whole; understands that the reported deal could result in a multi-year access guarantee as opposed to annual negotiations between the UK and the EU; notes the need for an agreement that delivers improvements for Scotland's fishing communities, including access to the single market for fish and seafood and long-term stability for fishing businesses; further notes the poor record of successive UK Conservative and Labour administrations in delivering for Scotland's coastal communities; calls on the UK Government to engage with fishing stakeholders and the Scottish Government to ensure that Trade and Cooperation Agreement renegotiations reflect the needs and priorities of the Scottish fishing industry; further calls on the UK Government to provide multi-annual funding that keeps pace with the equivalent EU funding that Scotland would have received as a member state, and that all marine funding be devolved; recognises the significant economic harm created by Brexit in reducing trade and access to labour for fishing businesses".

S6M-17360.1 Rhoda Grant: Protecting Scotland's Fishing Industry—As an amendment to motion S6M-17360 in the name of Tim Eagle (Protecting Scotland's Fishing Industry), leave out from "expresses" to end and insert "recognises that the upcoming UK-EU Summit will cover a range of issues as all sides look to build a stable and positive relationship that aligns with the national interest; notes that no agreements have been reached and therefore speculation is not helpful; further notes that the UK Government has stated that there is no link between fish and defence and that it would be wrong to suggest otherwise; acknowledges that the UK Labour administration has always been clear that it will protect the interests of UK fisheries; believes that the UK has long been a leader in the defence and security of the European continent and should stand ready to negotiate a security and defence partnership agreement with the EU; further believes that Scotland's domestic fishing industry is a significant contributor to the economy, particularly in many of the island and rural communities, and must, therefore, be protected, and calls on the Scottish Government to reform quota allocation via local authorities to ensure a sustainable fisheries future for communities and biodiversity."

followed by Business Motions

S6M-17377 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 May 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: Programme for Government 2025-26

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followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2025-26

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 May 2025

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: Programme for Government: Building the Best Future for Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 May 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: Relationships and Behaviour in Schools

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 May 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 14 May 2025

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 15 May 2025

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 Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 5 May 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

S6M-17378 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 21 November 2025.

S6M-17379 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 26 September 2025.

S6M-17380 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 31 October 2025.

S6M-17381 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 10 October 2025.

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-17382](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-17383](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-17384](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-17186](#) Meghan Gallacher: Best Start New Model of Neonatal Care—That the Parliament notes the view that it is vitally important to ensure that the Best Start new model of neonatal care delivers the highest standards of care for the most vulnerable babies, including those in the Central Scotland region; further notes the view that implementation of this new model must prioritise the safety of babies, be underpinned by adequate and sustained funding, including for appropriate staffing levels, and include sufficient provision of overnight accommodation for parents on neonatal units; understands the view that families require reassurance that changes to services will improve outcomes and not compromise access to specialised care, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to provide an update on progress towards implementation of the new model of neonatal care and a timescale for when the new model will be fully operational, to clarify whether there are any expected changes to the plans, as announced by the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health on 25 July 2023, and to set out how it will ensure that what it sees as these essential criteria, including provision of overnight accommodation, are met in line with its planned timescale.

Committee Meetings

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee 14th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Education (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
3. **Education (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2) continued.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 14th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Donald Fraser, Head of Wildlife Management, and Robbie Kernahan, Director of Green Economy, NatureScot;
and then from—
Peter Clark, Scotland Director, British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC);
Ross Ewing, Director of Moorland, Scottish Land and Estates;
David Fleetwood, Director of Policy, John Muir Trust;
Alan McDonnell, Head of Nature Restoration, Trees for Life;
Grant Moir, Chief Executive Officer, Cairngorms National Park Authority;
Duncan Orr-Ewing, Head of Species and Land Management, RSPB Scotland, LINK Deer Group;
Dick Playfair, Secretary, Scottish Venison Association;
Graeme Prest, Director of Land Management and Regions, Forestry and Land Scotland;
Tom Turnbull, Chairman, Association of Deer Management Groups.
2. **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 13th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Skills Delivery:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Sandy Begbie CBE, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Financial Enterprise;
Paul Campbell, Employer Engagement Group Chair, Scottish Apprenticeship Advisory Board (SAAB);
Jack Norquoy, Director of Public Affairs and Communications, Scottish Renewables;
Paul Sheerin, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Engineering.
2. **UK subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating in a devolved area as set out in the following UK statutory instrument proposal—

The Cross-Border Insolvency (Enterprise Group) Regulations 2025.

3. **Skills Delivery (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **City Region and Regional Growth Deals (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.

Public Audit Committee 13th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3, 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **The Auditor General for Scotland's Work Programme: April 2025 - March 2026:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Alison Cumming, Executive Director, Performance Audit and Best Value, and Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, Audit Scotland.
3. **The Auditor General for Scotland's Work Programme: April 2025 - March 2026:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Alison Cumming, Executive Director, Performance Audit and Best Value, and Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, Audit Scotland.
4. **The Auditor General for Scotland's Work Programme: April 2025 - March 2026:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
5. **The 2022/23 and 2023/24 audits of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the 2022/23 and 2023/24 audits of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Criminal Justice Committee 14th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Saving Provisions) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/101) from—
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, and Patrick Down, Criminal Law & Procedure Team Leader, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/101)
3. **Research on the impact of the UK's exit from membership of the EU on law enforcement and judicial cooperation in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Gemma Davies, Associate Professor of Criminal Law, Durham University;
Helena Farrand Carrapico, Professor of International Relations and European Politics, Northumbria University.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 23 April 2025

Thursday 1 May 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-17073 Emma Harper: World Asthma Day 2025

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Hydrogen Future

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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Wednesday 7 May 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

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Committees Comataidhean				

Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

<http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm>

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

1 May 2025

14th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **UK Internal Market Act 2020 - Consultation and Review (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft submission to the UK Government's Consultation on the UK Internal Market Act Review.

Proposed future business

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

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

1 May 2025

13th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Financial considerations when leaving an abusive relationship:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Lyndsay Clelland, Policy Officer, Age Scotland;
 Stuart Duffin, CEO and Company Secretary, Counselling Services Glasgow;
 Dr Jenn Glinski, National Policy Lead for Economic Abuse, Scottish Women's Aid;
 and then from—
 Viki Fox, Policy & Participation Manager/Recovery Housing Service Manager, All in for Change;
 Susie Fitton, Policy Manager, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA);
 Lee Valentine, Homelessness Advisor, South Lanarkshire Council.
2. **Financial considerations when leaving an abusive relationship (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Diane Barr on 85220 or at diane.barr@parliament.scot

SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

1 May 2025

10th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **SPCB supported bodies landscape review:** The Committee will take evidence from—

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John Ireland, Chief Executive, Scottish Fiscal Commission;
 Craig Naylor, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland, HM Inspectorate of
 Constabulary in Scotland;

Julie Paterson, Chief Executive Officer, Mental Welfare Commission Scotland.

2. **SPCB supported bodies landscape review (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, David Millett on 85244 or at David.Millett@parliament.scot

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Motions Glusadan				

Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
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The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

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

Motions for Debate

***[S6M-17399](#) Gillian Martin: Scotland's Hydrogen Future**—That the Parliament acknowledges that Scotland has the potential to be a leading hydrogen nation and is fully committed to helping the Scottish hydrogen sector to develop and grow as part of a wider European and international network; notes that, following the successful shortlisting of Scottish projects in the recent UK Hydrogen Allocation Round, Scotland is creating a hydrogen economy that will provide economic benefit and a renewable and low-carbon source of energy to help meet its net zero ambitions; supports efforts to ensure that hydrogen is supported via continued investment, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue taking steps to deliver the hydrogen sector export plan.

Supported by: Alasdair Allan*

[S6M-17362](#) Sue Webber: Ending the “War” Against Scotland's Motorists—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to take greater action to support Scotland's motorists and to cease implementing punitive measures against road users, which have been described as a war on Scotland's motorists; recognises the importance of motorists to the Scottish economy and connectivity; acknowledges that the Scottish Government has abandoned its plans to reduce car use by 20% by 2030 and welcomes the recent Audit Scotland report that states that the Scottish Ministers had "no costed delivery plan or measurable milestones" to achieve this target; calls on the Scottish Ministers to focus on incentives, rather than penalties, to encourage motorists to change their behaviour as part of an affordable transition; notes that the implementation of low emission zones has hindered businesses and motorists in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Dundee, and calls on ministers to review the effectiveness of low emission zones before any new zones are proposed, or the current ones are expanded, and to reconsider the punitive fines; recognises that road users in Aberdeen have been hindered by the introduction of bus gates, and that motorists across Scotland have been restricted by the expansion of parking charges; urges the Scottish Ministers not to introduce 50 mph speed limits on national speed limit single carriageway roads; recognises that resurfacing, rather than refilling, is the best solution to tackle Scotland's pothole problem; urges ministers to work more effectively with the Scottish Road Works Commissioner, local authority road works coordinators and utility companies to encourage less inactivity on road work sites and to incentivise finishing works ahead of time; calls for greater action to futureproof Scotland's EV charger network, and further calls on the Scottish Government to recognise the vital role that motorists play in Scotland.

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Supported by: Stephen Kerr*

***[S6M-17362.4](#) Jim Fairlie: Ending the “War” Against Scotland’s Motorists**—As an amendment to motion S6M-17362 in the name of Sue Webber (Ending the “War” Against Scotland’s Motorists), leave out from first “calls” to end and insert “believes that language used out of context to maximise political traction and which fails to consider the sensitivities of such language is reckless, given wider global considerations; further believes that demonising car users is unhelpful to rural communities in particular, which, as a result of a deregulated bus market, often have no alternative to using a car; acknowledges, however, that Scotland needs to reduce carbon emissions from transport, especially from car use; welcomes that Scotland has reached its target of 6,000 public EV charge points two years early through a combination of Scottish Government funding, delivery by local authorities and private sector investment, with approximately 24,000 to be delivered by 2030 through continued Scottish Government funding and increasing private sector investment; recognises that supporting EV car use contributes to Scotland’s connectivity, and further recognises the value that connectivity has in helping to support the economy, education, social mobility and leisure across Scotland; notes that connectivity is being enhanced by free bus travel for over two million people in Scotland, which provides alternatives to car usage for those that can make the switch; respects the responsibilities of local authorities for local road provision and maintenance, and some local bus services, and that they will be able to have more control through transport legislation, which puts more power into the hands of local transport authorities; is concerned at the ongoing impact of UK Conservative administrations’ deregulation of bus services in the 1980s and 1990s; recognises the need for safe, clean and, importantly, reliable punctual bus services, which can be improved through bus infrastructure, and that improvements can be made in public health by creating low emission zones, as has been done in over 40 areas across Europe, but does have concerns that the punctuality of bus services can be hampered by road works; welcomes the Scottish Government’s approach through engaging collaboratively with the Scottish Road Works Commissioner, who oversees road works, with roads authorities, which have responsibility for coordination of works, and with the road works industry, which is responsible for duration and quality of works, to find reasonable solutions to help in this area; agrees that further investigation is needed of the role that those undertaking the works play in the quality of road surfaces after works have been completed; further agrees to await the results of the National Speed Management Review consultation, noting that an estimated 10mph reduction in the national speed limit on single carriageway roads can reduce deaths by 23% and serious casualties by 18%, and that there is a need to make Scotland’s roads safer to cut the number of people being injured and killed on the roads, and welcomes the roll-out of 20mph limits across all local authorities on roads determined by them.”

Supported by: Fiona Hyslop*

***[S6M-17362.3](#) Mark Ruskell: Ending the “War” Against Scotland’s Motorists**—As an amendment to motion S6M-17362 in the name of Sue Webber (Ending the “War” Against Scotland’s Motorists), leave out from “support Scotland’s” to end and insert “ensure a modal shift from private car use toward public transport; notes that transport accounts for over a quarter of all climate emissions in Scotland, with private car use accounting for over one third of these emissions; recognises that investing in affordable, accessible, reliable and integrated public transport is critical to reducing private car use; celebrates the impact of fare reduction schemes such as free bus travel for under-22s and the removal of peak-time rail fares on passenger numbers; acknowledges that reducing dependency on private car use will also improve public health, reduce air pollution, support the economy and increase road safety; believes that the Scottish Government decision to drop the 20% traffic reduction target represents a wasted

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opportunity to cut congestion; regrets the delays in agreeing the traffic reduction route map with COSLA, and calls on the Scottish Government to prioritise cheaper fares, more equitable public transport and better active travel options for all urban and rural communities, alongside national speed limit reductions and completion of the national 20mph roll-out in built-up areas."

***S6M-17362.1 Claire Baker: Ending the “War” Against Scotland’s Motorists**—As an amendment to motion S6M-17362 in the name of Sue Webber (Ending the “War” Against Scotland’s Motorists), leave out from first “calls” to end and insert “highlights the Scottish Government’s dropping of the target of a 20% reduction in car use by 2030 and the recent Audit Scotland report, which states that the Scottish Ministers had ‘no costed delivery plan or measurable milestones’ to achieve this target; recognises that, while car ownership has increased, many households, including a greater proportion of those on lower incomes, do not have access to a car; further recognises that a failure to reduce transport emissions will have a detrimental effect on the climate and on people’s health; acknowledges that a reduction in car use is only realistic and inclusive if there is a viable alternative option, and calls on the Scottish Government to scrap peak rail fares as a first step to making public transport more affordable and accessible to all.”

S6M-17360 Tim Eagle: Protecting Scotland’s Fishing Industry—That the Parliament expresses its deep concern at reports that the UK Labour administration may agree a deal with the EU that enhances access for EU fishing vessels to UK waters; understands that the reported deal could result in a multi-year access guarantee as opposed to annual negotiations between the UK and the EU; believes that Scotland’s domestic fishing industry is a significant contributor to the economy and that every effort should be made to support it during trade negotiations; notes that the existing fisheries deal between the EU and the UK is not perfect, but that it took the sector out of the Common Fisheries Policy; acknowledges that the UK Labour administration’s potential new deal would turn a good opportunity to build on this foundation into a missed opportunity that represents a backwards step for the sector as bad as the Common Fisheries Policy; calls on the Scottish Government to drop its support for the Common Fisheries Policy and do all that it can to ensure that the UK Labour administration does not sell out the Scottish fishing industry as part of its talks with the EU, and believes that there should be an annual debate on fisheries to highlight its importance to Scotland’s economy.

***S6M-17360.3 Mairi Gougeon: Protecting Scotland’s Fishing Industry**—As an amendment to motion S6M-17360 in the name of Tim Eagle (Protecting Scotland’s Fishing Industry), leave out from first "with the EU" to second "with the EU" and insert "on fishing with the EU that enhances access for EU fishing vessels to UK waters without consulting the Scottish Government, despite the fishing industry being of comparatively greater importance to the Scottish economy than to the UK economy as a whole; understands that the reported deal could result in a multi-year access guarantee as opposed to annual negotiations between the UK and the EU; notes the need for an agreement that delivers improvements for Scotland’s fishing communities, including access to the single market for fish and seafood and long-term stability for fishing businesses; further notes the poor record of successive UK Conservative and Labour administrations in delivering for Scotland’s coastal communities; calls on the UK Government to engage with fishing stakeholders and the Scottish Government to ensure that Trade and Cooperation Agreement renegotiations reflect the needs and priorities of the Scottish fishing industry; further calls on the UK Government to provide multi-annual funding that keeps pace with the equivalent EU funding that Scotland would have received as a member state, and that all marine funding be devolved; recognises the significant economic harm created by Brexit in reducing trade and access to labour for fishing businesses".

Supported by: Angus Robertson*, Jim Fairlie*

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***[S6M-17360.2](#) Ariane Burgess: Protecting Scotland's Fishing Industry**—As an amendment to motion S6M-17360 in the name of Tim Eagle (Protecting Scotland's Fishing Industry), leave out from "it took" to end and insert "the UK Fisheries Act 2020 provides a federalised legislative framework for the UK Government and Scottish Government to address fisheries objectives, notably sustainability, bycatch and discard, equal access and climate change; calls on the EU, the UK Government and the Scottish Government to urgently act upon long-standing concerns at sea, such as bycatch and discard, illegal fishing and quota reform that incentivises low-impact fishing, and a genuine equitable allocation that prioritises Scotland's coastal communities; further calls on the UK Government to include the Scottish Government in fisheries negotiations, given that Scotland holds 60% of the UK's seas and 13% of Europe's marine area; highlights the importance of accurate and up-to-date science, since these negotiations are based on fish stocks and one of the objectives of the quota is to reduce and avoid overfishing, and believes that there should be an annual debate on fisheries to highlight its importance in contributing to and enhancing Scotland's environment, coastal communities and economy."

***[S6M-17360.1](#) Rhoda Grant: Protecting Scotland's Fishing Industry**—As an amendment to motion S6M-17360 in the name of Tim Eagle (Protecting Scotland's Fishing Industry), leave out from "expresses" to end and insert "recognises that the upcoming UK-EU Summit will cover a range of issues as all sides look to build a stable and positive relationship that aligns with the national interest; notes that no agreements have been reached and therefore speculation is not helpful; further notes that the UK Government has stated that there is no link between fish and defence and that it would be wrong to suggest otherwise; acknowledges that the UK Labour administration has always been clear that it will protect the interests of UK fisheries; believes that the UK has long been a leader in the defence and security of the European continent and should stand ready to negotiate a security and defence partnership agreement with the EU; further believes that Scotland's domestic fishing industry is a significant contributor to the economy, particularly in many of the island and rural communities, and must, therefore, be protected, and calls on the Scottish Government to reform quota allocation via local authorities to ensure a sustainable fisheries future for communities and biodiversity."

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-17387](#) Neil Bibby: Concern Regarding PA Media's Proposals on Jobs and Political Coverage in Scotland**—That the Parliament notes with dismay PA Media's reported proposals to cut the Scottish politics reporter specialism and reduce the overall reporting team in PA Scotland; further notes with serious concern the impact that it believes these reported proposals will have on jobs, with PA Media's current proposals reducing the number of reporting staff in Scotland by two, losing a dedicated Scotland editor, as well as changing job specifications in other roles; notes the belief that these proposals will impact all aspects of the news operation in Scotland, with the reduction of sub editors and amalgamation with sport production potentially leading to breaking news being delayed and standards slipping; understands that, despite assurances from management, PA Scotland's current team believes that this will lead to a reduction in politics coverage as fewer staff will be covering a broader range of topics; notes the belief that this will have a significant impact on coverage of the upcoming Scottish Parliament elections in 2026, when it will be vital to have accurate and impartial reporting to inform voters' decisions; understands that these reported proposals are part of a wider consultation affecting 74 editorial staff across the UK in the news, features, social, pictures, production and sports teams, with a potential loss of up to 25 jobs, and calls on PA Media to reconsider these proposals and work with the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) to retain jobs and skills at PA Scotland.

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Supported by: Mercedes Villalba*, Graham Simpson*, Colin Beattie*, Monica Lennon*, Katy Clark*, Sarah Boyack*, Foyso Choudhury*

***[S6M-17384](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—**That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

***[S6M-17383](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

***[S6M-17382](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

***[S6M-17381](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—**That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 10 October 2025.

***[S6M-17380](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—**That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 31 October 2025.

***[S6M-17379](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—**That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 26 September 2025.

***[S6M-17378](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—**That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 21 November 2025.

***[S6M-17377](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 May 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: Programme for Government 2025-26

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2025-26

followed by Committee Announcements

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Wednesday 7 May 2025

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: Programme for Government: Building the Best Future for Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 May 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: Relationships and Behaviour in Schools

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 May 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 14 May 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 15 May 2025

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 Scottish Government Business

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 5 May 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

***[S6M-17338](#) Jackson Carlaw: The Malletsheugh Wins Innovative Menu of the Year Award—**

That the Parliament congratulates The Malletsheugh in Newton Mearns on winning the Innovative Menu of the Year prize at the Scottish Curry Awards 2025; understands that the most recent accolade for The Malletsheugh comes after the hospitality venue received the Best Restaurant Award at the 2025 People's Choice Business Awards; recognises that The Malletsheugh was also named as the Best New Restaurant at the Scottish Curry Awards in 2024; notes that The Malletsheugh opened in the summer of 2023, and believes that the various awards won by the restaurant in the past year demonstrates that it is an outstanding hospitality business.

***[S6M-17337](#) Jackson Carlaw: Two Busby Pubs Shortlisted at National Awards Ceremony—**

That the Parliament congratulates The Cartvale and The White Cart in Eastwood for their inclusion on the shortlist at the National Pub and Bar Awards 2025; notes that the two pubs and restaurants are based in the Busby area of Eastwood and they are considered to be popular local venues; understands that The Cartvale and The White Cart are among 256 nominees for the receipt of an award and the prize winners will be announced at an event in London on 24 June 2025; believes that The Cartvale and The White Cart are excellent local pubs and restaurants, and wishes both of the Busby hospitality venues every success at the June awards ceremony.

***[S6M-17336](#) Jackson Carlaw: Eaglesham Garage Wins Two Car Dealer Awards—**

That the Parliament congratulates Eaglesham Garage on winning two awards and finishing runner-up in another category at the 2025 Isuzu Dealer Awards; understands that the Eastwood-based garage was awarded Marketing Dealer of the Year for its outstanding marketing efforts, including social media engagement, and the organisation of events and PR activities; recognises that Eaglesham

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Garage was named as Regional Dealer of the Year for its performance in areas such as vehicle sales, aftersales service and customer care; acknowledges that the dealership was also the runner-up in the Accessories Dealer of the Year category, and commends Eaglesham Garage for what it sees as the exceptional service it has provided to local residents.

***[S6M-17335](#) Jackson Carlaw: St Ninian's High School Pupils Achieve Swimming Teaching Qualification**—That the Parliament congratulates pupils at St Ninian's High School in Giffnock on completing a national swimming qualification; recognises that 12 pupils from the S5 and S6 year groups at the Giffnock secondary school have been awarded the Swimming Teaching qualification at SCQF Level 7; understands that the pupils will now take up roles as swimming teachers and that the young people have also gained paid employment with East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure; acknowledges that as part of their roles, the St Ninian's pupils will support children who are beginning their swimming lessons as part of Scottish Water and Scottish Swimming's Learn to Swim initiative; further acknowledges that working with experienced instructors, the St Ninian's pupils will provide lessons to teach children how to swim and develop water safety skills; believes that swimming is a very important life skill, and commends the St Ninian's High School pupils on achieving the Swimming Teaching qualification.

***[S6M-17332](#) Michael Marra: Congratulating Dr Andrea Rodriguez of the University of Dundee's School of Dentistry for her Research and Leadership in Tackling Oral Health Inequalities**—That the Parliament congratulates Dr Andrea Rodriguez of the University of Dundee's School of Dentistry for her research and leadership in tackling oral health inequalities among people experiencing homelessness and those in prison; notes what it sees as her innovative use of participatory methods and international knowledge exchange, particularly between Scotland and Brazil, to develop impactful training for health and social care practitioners; welcomes the recent delivery of training to NHS Scotland staff involved in the Smile4Life and Mouth Matters programmes, which, it understands, support vulnerable groups with oral health promotion; recognises the launch of a practical guide to aid implementation of oral health improvement programmes, and commends NHS Education for Scotland and its partners for their commitment to reducing inequalities through sustainable collaboration between academia, NHS Scotland and the third sector to promote accessible oral healthcare for all.

Supported by: Foyso Choudhury*, Maggie Chapman*, Paul O'Kane*, Liam McArthur*, Douglas Ross*, Liz Smith*, Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, Sarah Boyack*, Maurice Golden*, Liam Kerr*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stephen Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-17331](#) Michael Marra: University of Dundee Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design (DJCAD) Annual Archive Exhibition**—That the Parliament congratulates illustration students at the University of Dundee Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design (DJCAD) on the success of its annual Archive Exhibition, *the Archive's Alive*; recognises the outstanding work of third-year student, Culann Mackay, who created a new music print inspired by a recorded conversation with Fife musician, Barbara Dymock, exploring themes of mining, medicine and music; notes that the exhibition features artworks inspired by materials from the university's archives and includes projects celebrating Dundee's Hogmanay traditions and iconic local businesses such as Groucho's; commends the creative teaching approach that presents students with a mystery box of archived material to spark inspiration, and applauds DJCAD's Illustration lecturer, Natalie Russell, and all staff for encouraging students to produce work that reflects the diversity of local heritage and culture in Dundee.

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***[S6M-17329](#) Kevin Stewart: The Impact of Increased Employers' National Insurance**

Contribution—That the Parliament notes the findings of the Fraser of Allander institute's latest *Scottish Business Monitor*, which reports that businesses in Scotland are increasing charges and hiring fewer staff in response to the financial pressure generated by the increase in employers' national insurance contribution; understands that almost 90% of the companies surveyed by the institute in March 2025 said that they expected higher costs for the next six months, with 80% anticipating "very weak to weak" economic growth; further understands that almost half of the businesses in the survey reported that they had passed increased costs onto customers in the form of higher prices; considers that these results are a clear demonstration that the UK Labour administration's increase in employers' national insurance contributions is having a detrimental effect on businesses in Scotland; condemns the UK Labour administration for pursuing this policy without, it believes, any regard for the already difficult circumstances businesses are operating in at the moment, and calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to start working with businesses instead of against them.

***[S6M-17328](#) Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating Stepps Primary School on Winning Gold at the School Sport Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Stepps Primary School in Stepps on winning a Gold School Sport Award from sportscotland, with support from the National Lottery; recognises that the award is a mark of excellence in embedding sport and physical activity into the school's curriculum; commends the school for what it sees as its proactive engagement with pupils in planning and delivering extra-curricular sport and leadership opportunities; acknowledges its success in building strong community links to broaden access to sport, and for providing clear pathways to sustained physical activity beyond school, and wishes the staff and pupils continued achievement and recognition for their dedication to promoting health, leadership, and sporting excellence.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-17327](#) Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating St Bartholomew's RC Primary School on Winning Gold at the School Sport Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates St Bartholomew's RC Primary School in Coatbridge on receiving a Gold School Sport Award from sportscotland, supported by the National Lottery funding; applauds the school for demonstrating outstanding commitment to placing young people at the centre of decision making and the development of its sporting programme; recognises the efforts of staff and pupils in creating what it sees as inclusive and engaging opportunities in physical education and sport, and for building lasting connections with the local community to support pupils' wider participation; understands that the Gold Award reflects best practice across the School Sport Award's core areas, and acknowledges the school's ongoing efforts to inspire a culture of sporting achievement and lifelong healthy habits among pupils.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-17326](#) Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating Pentland Primary School in Coatbridge on Winning Gold at the School Sport Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Pentland Primary School in Coatbridge on being awarded a Gold School Sport Award by sportscotland, funded by the National Lottery; recognises that this prestigious national award celebrates the school's success in placing sport at the heart of its ethos, planning, and practice; commends Pentland

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Primary for its excellent performance across the core areas of the School Sport Award, including physical education, school sport, and pupil leadership; acknowledges the school's dedication to improving opportunities for pupils to participate in sport and physical activity, and to establishing strong links with its surrounding community, and wishes all staff and pupils continued success in promoting health, wellbeing and life-long participation in sport.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-17325](#) Murdo Fraser: Death of Former Black Watch Commander Sir Andrew Ogilvy-Wedderburn**—That the Parliament expresses its sadness at the passing of the late Sir Andrew Ogilvy-Wedderburn, 7th Baronet of Ballindean, of Alyth, who has died at the age of 72; notes that Sir Andrew was educated at Gordonstoun and was commissioned into the Black Watch in 1972, where his distinguished military career took him from Northern Ireland to Berlin, and the historic handover of Hong Kong to China in 1997; further notes that his career rose from adjutant, company commander, chief of staff and commanding officer of 1st Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) and included leading the British Contingent of the Tripartite Guard of Honour during US President Ronald Reagan's famous visit to West Berlin in 1987; acknowledges that he also was part of the British bobsleigh team in the 1970s, winning the British championships and representing Team GB in the four-man event at the Winter Olympics in 1976 and 1980, and winning the Army Sniper Shield in 1979, then latterly being the director of the Scottish Army Benevolent Fund and commander of recruiting in Scotland, and expresses its condolences and sympathy to his family and friends at this sad time.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Meghan Gallacher*, Liz Smith*, Douglas Ross*, Brian Whittle*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Liam Kerr*, Edward Mountain*, Tim Eagle*, Annabelle Ewing*, Russell Findlay*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-17324](#) Paul O'Kane: The Village of Neilston Celebrates its 200th Neilston Show**—That the Parliament understands that the village of Neilston will be celebrating the 200th Neilston Agricultural Show on 3 May 2025 at Holehouse, Neilston; notes that the Neilston Show is organised by the Neilston Agricultural Society, which received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2022; understands that it is not just an event for farmers locally and further afield, but also a much loved community event, which brings people of Neilston and of wider East Renfrewshire area together on the first Saturday of May every year; notes that the show includes the judging of cattle, sheep and horses, sheepdog trials, horse skill and workmanship exhibitions, competitions, including the famous Open Tug of War, the schools Tug of War and relay races, trade stands, craft stalls and children's rides; further notes that the very first Neilston show in 1825 has been said to have started as a result of two competitive local farmers arranging a contest to decide who had the better prized bull; celebrates that, from its simple origin, the Neilston show has endured and grown into a significant cultural event over the last two centuries; congratulates the Agricultural Society for its ongoing efforts to put the show on each year; further congratulates the wider village of Neilston for supporting and preserving a piece of local heritage and culture, and wishes it the very best in having many more Neilston Shows in the years to come.

Supported by: Jackson Carlaw*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Jackie Baillie*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Foysol Choudhury*, Kenneth Gibson*, Fulton MacGregor*

***[S6M-17322](#) Craig Hoy: Commending Leuchie House**—That the Parliament commends Leuchie House, Scotland's only national respite charity for people with neurological conditions, on the publication of its *2024 Impact Report*; acknowledges the charity's significant growth, doubling the number of people it supports in the past two years and delivering over 1,100 therapies to more

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than 780 individuals in the past year alone; recognises what it sees as Leuchie House's innovative approach to combining health, care, and technology, which, it understands, was recently praised by the Care Inspectorate, and the estimated £500,000 that it believes the charity has saved the NHS through early interventions; understands that over 100,000 people in Scotland live with neurological conditions and considers that demand for specialist respite care continues to far outstrip capacity in the NHS and social care; welcomes the appointment of Graeme Hartop as the charity's new chair, and calls on the Scottish Government to better support organisations like Leuchie House.

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***S6M-17319 Annie Wells: Glasgow Charity Plugged In Receives a Year of Free Broadband from Uswitch—**That the Parliament congratulates the Glasgow-based digital inclusion charity, Plugged In, on being awarded a year of free broadband by Uswitch; notes that Plugged In is an IT recycling project run by the North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network, operating from The Pyramid in Anderston, where it refurbishes donated devices such as phones, laptops, tablets, and computers for individuals in need across the local community; understands that Plugged In works with local charities on a referral basis and provides all its services free of charge through the efforts of a small part-time team; commends the project for having provided over 2,000 refurbished devices in the last five years and for diverting 18 tonnes of technology from landfill; recognises that the donation of broadband by Uswitch will enable Plugged In to further reduce its operating costs and extend its mission of ensuring digital access for all, and thanks both Plugged In and Uswitch for their contribution to promoting digital equity, community resilience, and environmental sustainability in Glasgow.

***S6M-17318 Annie Wells: Cerebral Palsy Scotland Receives £1,000 Boost from Benefact Group's Movement for Good Awards—**That the Parliament congratulates Cerebral Palsy Scotland, based in Glasgow, on being selected as a recipient of a £1,000 grant through the Benefact Group's Movement for Good Awards; believes that Cerebral Palsy Scotland plays a crucial role in supporting people living with cerebral palsy to achieve their potential by providing specialist therapy, practical advice, and a strong voice for those affected; welcomes this recognition of what it sees as this charity's life-changing work and the positive difference that it makes to individuals and families across Scotland; notes that the award comes as part of the Movement for Good programme, run by the Benefact Group, an organisation wholly owned by a charity and driven by a mission to give all its available profits to good causes; understands that the Benefact Group has donated over £230 million to charitable initiatives since 2014, supporting thousands of grassroots and national charities across the UK and Ireland; commends the Group's continued commitment to supporting the third sector through a wide range of funding opportunities aimed at empowering charities to deliver frontline services and tackle social inequalities, and wishes Cerebral Palsy Scotland every success as it continues what it sees as its vital work of advocating for and supporting people with cerebral palsy throughout Scotland.

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***S6M-17317 Annabelle Ewing: Celebration of Alex Burns MBE—**That the Parliament notes the recent celebrations in the Queen's Hotel in Bowhill to mark the 80th birthday of Alex Burns MBE;

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believes that this noted resident of Cardenden has contributed immensely to the local community, including serving as chairman of the local community council, and recalls, in particular, the role played by Mr Burns in founding a children's football tournament, which ran for 40 years in the Cardenden and Kinglassie area in honour of John Thomson, the Celtic goalkeeper, who died tragically at the age of 21 as a result of injuries sustained in a Rangers v Celtic match at Ibrox in 1931.

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***S6M-17316 Annabelle Ewing: Congratulating St Patrick's Primary School, Lochgelly—**That the Parliament congratulates William Quinn, Erin Deas, Conall McCormick, and Michael Hindley of St Patrick's Primary School, Lochgelly, on winning the Cowdenbeath Rotary Club school quiz for a second year running; notes that 14 local schools from the Cowdenbeath-Lochgelly area took part in the competition; recognises that it was a closely fought contest with only one point separating each of the top three teams; congratulates Foulford and St Bride's primary schools on their performance; notes that St Patrick's will now participate in the Fife area final, and wishes it continued success.

***S6M-17315 Annabelle Ewing: Minnie Simpson, Knitting for Ukraine—**That the Parliament recognises the efforts of Minnie Simpson, a 93-year-old woman from Lochgelly, who has been knitting clothes to send to Ukraine since the start of the war; notes that, in 2025 alone, she has already sent 10 shawls to Ukraine, and welcomes the support that Minnie has received in her endeavours from both the Cowdenbeath-based knitting group at The Clearing and the Cowdenbeath Rotary Club.

***S6M-17313 Elena Whitham: Coylton Primary School Achieves Gold School Sport Award —**That the Parliament applauds Coylton Primary School for being awarded a Gold School Sport Award by sportscotland; notes that the award is in recognition of Coylton Primary's achievements in putting sport at the heart of their planning, practice and ethos; understands that the award also shows the school has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to increase young people's opportunities and engagement in physical education, school sport and leadership and provide clear pathways to life-long participation in sport; commends Coylton Primary School for encouraging sports, and wishes staff and pupils the very best for the future.

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***S6M-17312 Rona Mackay: Lenzie Academy Re-accredited with Gold by Sportscotland—**That the Parliament commends the pupils, staff and senior management team of Lenzie Academy for attaining their fourth Gold Award re-accreditation by sportscotland; applauds the opportunities extended to pupils of all abilities, ages and backgrounds to improve their physical fitness and wellbeing through curricular and extra-curricular activities; recognises the continued dedication and teamwork that enables a wide range of sporting clubs for pupils, including badminton, basketball, dance, football, gymnastics, hockey, rugby and table tennis; believes that this Gold Award for 2025-27 is testament to the long-term commitment of the headteacher, Brian Paterson, and his staff team, to increase young people's wider life opportunities and engagement in physical education, school sport and leadership, providing encouragement towards lifelong pathways for fitness and wellbeing; acknowledges with gratitude the unwavering support of parents, carers and family members in enabling young people to thrive in sporting activities, enthusiastically cheering them on in many ways as they discover their sporting passions, grow in fitness and tenacity and increasingly understand effective teamwork; highlights the powerful work of sportscotland through

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these awards and the impactful legacy that is built by each school on their journey towards what it sees as this rigorous accreditation, and sends its congratulations and best wishes to the school community of Lenzie Academy for its continued enjoyment of these activities.

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***S6M-17307 Finlay Carson: Hardgate and Springholm Primaries Gain Gold Sport Status—**

That the Parliament congratulates staff and pupils at Hardgate Primary School in Haugh of Urr, Castle Douglas, and Springholm Primary School on being awarded Gold School Sport Awards in recognition of their achievements in putting sport at the heart of their planning, practice and ethos; recognises that sportscotland's scheme, funded by the National Lottery, is a national initiative designed to encourage schools to put young people at the heart of decision making, planning and implementation of extra-curricular school sport; acknowledges that it also encourages schools to self-reflect and continuously improve, recognise and celebrate successful school sport models, while the award also boosts sporting links between schools and the communities around them, providing opportunities for young people to progress; understands that the number of current Gold School Sport Awards in Galloway and West Dumfries now stands at a creditable five establishments, and wishes the new recipients continued success as they put the area firmly on the sporting map.

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***S6M-17301 Finlay Carson: Wigtownshire Ladies Triumph at Murrayfield to Win Women's Shield—**

That the Parliament congratulates the Wigtownshire Ladies team on it winning the prestigious Women's Shield on the main pitch at the Scottish Gas Murrayfield Stadium on so-called Silver Saturday; recognises that the team defeated Greenock Wanderers 37-17 in a thrilling final match, thanks to tries by Laura McNeil, Isla Campbell, Niamh Wilson, Amy McNeil and Carla Campbell, plus conversions and a penalty by Sophie Mann, to lift the trophy; notes that Neve Finlay was voted Player of the Match; acknowledges the dedication of the team members and coaching staff, led by Gordon Scobie, in promoting women's rugby in the south west corner of Scotland, and wishes the ladies continued success in the coming season as they look to win more silverware.

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***S6M-17264 Alex Rowley: A Public Vision for Financing Scotland's Railways—**That the Parliament welcomes the recent report, *A Public Vision for Financing Scotland's Railways*, commissioned by the train drivers' union, ASLEF, and written by the University of Glasgow academics, Professor Andrew Cumbers and Grace Brown, which outlines a new vision for the public financing of ScotRail's rolling stock; understands that the report rejects what it considers as the failed and flawed private financing model using either Rolling Stock Companies (ROSCOS) or Private Finance Initiative (PFI) to lease or purchase rail rolling stock; notes the view, according to the report, that as ScotRail looks to replace its ageing fleet it should do so by utilising the Scottish Government's borrowing powers to issue green bonds, which it believes would represent better value for the public purse, reducing costs that could be reinvested in Scotland's railway

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infrastructure and help to reduce fares, making rail travel more affordable; further notes the view, according to the report, that this is an option that must be considered as a replacement for the current private financing models that see money extracted from rail services and paid as shareholder dividends, much of which, it believes, ends up being siphoned off to offshore tax havens; considers the report to be a very important and helpful contribution to the debate over the financing of public goods and services, and thanks ASLEF, Andrew Cumbers and Grace Brown for their work in producing it.

Supported by: Monica Lennon* R, Rhoda Grant*, Paul Sweeney*

***S6M-17255 Jackie Dunbar: Curl Aberdeen Celebrates 20th Anniversary—**That the Parliament congratulates Curl Aberdeen on achieving its 20th anniversary of serving curling enthusiasts from across the north east of Scotland; notes that the occasion will be celebrated with its first ever black-tie dinner on 13 June 2025, which will be attended by three former Olympians that trained at Curl Aberdeen, Tom Brewster, Ethan Brewster and Jackie Lockhart, as well as the current Olympic silver medallist, Bruce Mouat; acknowledges that Curl Aberdeen has previously hosted the 2023 European Curling Championships, where Scotland's men's team successfully defended its championship title on home ice; recognises that Curl Aberdeen is the only dedicated curling facility in the north east, and believes that such state-of-the-art facilities have been crucial in enabling Scotland's significant international curling successes; applauds Curl Aberdeen for its efforts to support athletes from the grassroots to elite levels, and for promoting the sport both to locals and the wider community; commends Curl Aberdeen for running the successful club over the last two decades, and wishes everyone at Curl Aberdeen all the best going forward.

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***S6M-17253 John Mason: Justice for Balochistan—**That the Parliament expresses its deep concern for the region of Balochistan in response to reports of ongoing human rights violations against the Baloch people; recognises that Balochistan is a region in South Asia that spans parts of Iran and Afghanistan, with the largest section in south west Pakistan; believes that the Baloch people face political and economic marginalisation, with little control over their region's vast natural resources and minimal representation in national decision-making, while also reportedly experiencing widespread human rights abuses, including enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings and violent suppression of peaceful activism; notes reports that the most recent violent incident was a terrorist attack on a train in Balochistan, which resulted in many casualties; considers that these incidents are part of a broader pattern of violence in Balochistan, in light of reports that, in February 2024, at least 30 people were killed in two blasts near election candidates' offices, with the first attack in Pishin district killing 18 people, and the second in Qilla Saifullah killing 12 people; believes that these events highlight the ongoing security challenges in Balochistan, with, it understands, militant groups targeting both security forces and civilians in their pursuit of political objectives, and urges the UK Government to stand with the people of Balochistan in support of their rights.

***S6M-17195 Alexander Burnett: River Dee Trust and Fishery Board Celebrates Halfway Point in One Million Trees Campaign—**That the Parliament congratulates the River Dee Trust and Fishery Board on reaching the halfway point in the multi award-winning One Million Trees campaign, by planting the 500,000th tree; understands that it is significantly ahead of schedule and that this milestone marked a commitment to step up the restoration of the river's vast catchment, safeguarding nature, homes and businesses; notes that the 500,000th tree was planted on 9 April 2025 on the banks of the Allt Cholzle Burn by two young conservationist sisters,

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10-year-old Izzy and 13-year-old Abbie from Aboyne; understands that the Trust's One Million Trees campaign was launched in 2020 and has become one of the largest restoration projects in the Cairngorms, with support from communities, landowners and businesses, and wishes it success in keeping the momentum going to reach one million trees planted.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-17350 Clare Adamson: Kirsty Rafferty Wins Unsung Hero Award (lodged on 25 April 2025)

New Support: Lorna Slater*

S6M-17333 Alexander Stewart: Commending University of Stirling Swimming Success at Aquatics GB (lodged on 24 April 2025)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

S6M-17323 Willie Coffey: Congratulations Kilmarnock FC (lodged on 24 April 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-17320 Roz McCall: Mental Health Awareness Week 2025 (lodged on 28 April 2025)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Finlay Carson*, Brian Whittle*, John Mason*, Sharon Dowe*, Martin Whitfield*, Stephen Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*

S6M-17314 Tess White: Motion to Remove a Member of the Committee (lodged on 23 April 2025)

New Support: Liz Smith*, Douglas Ross*, Douglas Lumsden*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Roz McCall*, Tim Eagle*, Liam Kerr*, Russell Findlay*, Murdo Fraser*, Jackie Baillie*, Pam Gosal*, Alexander Burnett*, Stephen Kerr*, Brian Whittle*, Craig Hoy*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sharon Dowe*, Rachael Hamilton*, Sandesh Gulhane*

S6M-17310 Alexander Stewart: Community Link Workers from Clackmannanshire Shortlisted for a National Award (lodged on 25 April 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*, Stephen Kerr*, Liam Kerr*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-17305 Alexander Stewart: Welcoming Forth Valley College Funding Award (lodged on 28 April 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, Sharon Dowe*, Stephen Kerr*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-17303 Fulton MacGregor: The Passing of Dr Sarah Nelson OBE (lodged on 28 April 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Brian Whittle*

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S6M-17302 Foysol Choudhury: Recognising the Work of the Anne Frank Trust Scotland
(lodged on 28 April 2025)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Mercedes Villalba*, Brian Whittle*, Annie Wells*, Elena Whitham*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-17300 John Mason: World Immunisation Week 2025 (lodged on 28 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-17299 Marie McNair: Golden Jubilee Manager Treks to Everest to Raise Funds for the Beatson (lodged on 28 April 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-17297 Marie McNair: Allander Dental Care Celebrates 30 Years Serving Patients in Milngavie (lodged on 28 April 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-17295 Michael Marra: Welcoming International Research Collaboration for Innovative Contraception (lodged on 25 April 2025)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*, Foysol Choudhury*, Paul O'Kane*, Audrey Nicoll*, Liam McArthur*, Jackie Baillie*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Stuart McMillan*, Liam Kerr*, Liz Smith*, Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, Sarah Boyack*, Maurice Golden*, Stephen Kerr*, Rhoda Grant*

S6M-17294 Michael Marra: Congratulating Professor Jacob George on the Award of an Honorary Professorship at Dnipro State Medical University in Ukraine (lodged on 28 April 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*, Maggie Chapman*, Paul O'Kane*, Liam McArthur*, Jackie Baillie*, Douglas Ross*, Liz Smith*, Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, Sarah Boyack*, Maurice Golden*, Stephen Kerr*, Liam Kerr*, Elena Whitham*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-17293 Michael Marra: Congratulating Dr Morag Martin on the Research Support Award from the Biochemical Society (lodged on 28 April 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*, Maggie Chapman*, Paul O'Kane*, Liam McArthur*, Jackie Baillie*, Douglas Ross*, Liz Smith*, Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, Sarah Boyack*, Maurice Golden*, Stephen Kerr*, Liam Kerr*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-17292 Michael Marra: Congratulating Professor Alessio Ciulli on the Biochemical Society's 2026 Industry and Academic Collaboration Award (lodged on 28 April 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*, Maggie Chapman*, Paul O'Kane*, Liam McArthur*, Jackie Baillie*, Douglas Ross*, Liz Smith*, Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, Sarah Boyack*, Maurice Golden*, Stephen Kerr*, Liam Kerr*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-17291 Kenneth Gibson: UNESCO Awards Official Global Geopark Status to Arran
(lodged on 25 April 2025)

New Support: Elena Whitham*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-17290 Clare Adamson: Celebrating the 33rd Annual Festival of Youth Rugby at Dalziel Park (lodged on 24 April 2025)

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New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-17289](#) Emma Harper: International Nurses Day 2025 (lodged on 24 April 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Kevin Stewart*, Brian Whittle*, Elena Whitham*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-17288](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Glasgow's 46th Easter Egg Run in Aid of Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity (lodged on 24 April 2025)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Elena Whitham*

[S6M-17287](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Congratulating Maryhill-based Glasgow Tool Library on Transformation of New Arts Hub (lodged on 24 April 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-17286](#) Kenneth Gibson: Motherland Spice Crowned Best of Ayrshire at Curry Awards Again (lodged on 24 April 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-17285](#) Ruth Maguire: Stevenston's St John's Primary School's Gold Award (lodged on 24 April 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-17284](#) Willie Coffey: Kilmarnock Rugby Club League Winners (lodged on 24 April 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Brian Whittle*, Sharon Doweey*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-17283](#) Ruth Maguire: Irvine Rangers AFC Wins Ayrshire Sunday League Title (lodged on 24 April 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-17282](#) Ruth Maguire: Kilwinning Bravehearts Fundraising Rally (lodged on 24 April 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-17281](#) Clare Adamson: David Haggerty's London Marathon Run for Whizz Kidz (lodged on 25 April 2025)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-17280](#) Martin Whitfield: 25 Years of Haddington Farmers' Market (lodged on 24 April 2025)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-17279](#) Martin Whitfield: Gold School Sport Award for Dunbar Grammar School (lodged on 24 April 2025)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-17275](#) Willie Rennie: Fife Thistle AFC 30th Anniversary (lodged on 24 April 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*, Stephen Kerr*

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[S6M-17274](#) Tim Eagle: Moray Pooch Becomes First to Scale all of Scotland's Summits
(lodged on 24 April 2025)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-17245](#) Stuart McMillan: Recognising the Work of the Beacon Arts Centre and Dance for Parkinson's (lodged on 23 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-17233](#) Michelle Thomson: Martin Stuart Named Community First Aid Champion (lodged on 22 April 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-17232](#) Ruth Maguire: Irvine Sharks Basketball Club Wins Strathclyde League Basketball Association Second Division (lodged on 22 April 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-17231](#) Ruth Maguire: Irvine Student Awarded Prestigious Scholarship (lodged on 22 April 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-17226](#) Liz Smith: ME Awareness Day 2025 (lodged on 22 April 2025)

New Support: Fergus Ewing*

[S6M-17216](#) Liam Kerr: Recognising RAAC in Council and Former Council Housing (lodged on 24 April 2025)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, Stephen Kerr*, Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-17208](#) Maggie Chapman: Marking International Workers Memorial Day 2025 (lodged on 22 April 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Kevin Stewart* R, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-17185](#) Pam Gosal: Congratulating Scottish Asian Counselling Services (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S6M-17073](#) Emma Harper: World Asthma Day 2025 (lodged on 08 April 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16759](#) Gordon MacDonald: Construction Pathway Pilots Delivered across Edinburgh
(lodged on 11 March 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-16503](#) Michael Marra: Wraparound Care for Children with Additional Support Needs
(lodged on 17 February 2025)

New Support: Liam McArthur*, Willie Rennie*, Liz Smith*

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 29 April 2025

S6W-35730 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to develop a single passporting system of support for students in (a) further and (b) higher education to support widening access.

S6W-37075 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what immediate action it will take to ensure that all public bodies comply fully and without qualification with the Supreme Court's ruling that the term "woman" in the Equality Act 2010 refers to biological sex and not gender identity.

S6W-37077 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many of its public agencies, including NHS boards and local authorities, currently operate single-sex services based on gender identity rather than biological sex, and what steps are being taken to address this.

S6W-37078 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will instruct all public sector bodies in Scotland to conduct an urgent review of their equality, diversity and inclusion policies, in light of the Supreme Court ruling regarding *For Women Scotland Ltd v The Scottish Ministers*.

S6W-37079 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will issue formal guidance to schools, health services and prisons to ensure that the rights of women and girls to single-sex spaces are upheld, in full compliance with the Equality Act 2010.

S6W-37171 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to prevent further closures of nightclubs and live music venues in Scotland, in light of reports of a 30% decline in the UK since 2020.

S6W-37172 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that all retired police officers receive their full pension entitlements without any undue delay.

S6W-37174 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will offer compensation to any retired police officers who have been financially disadvantaged due to delays in implementing pension entitlements.

S6W-37175 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many former police officers are currently awaiting resolution of their pension scheme choice following the 2015 pension changes.

S6W-37190 Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what representation it has made to the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency and the UK Government regarding (a) reported long delays for practical driving test appointments in Scotland and (b) reports that third party resellers are using bot-based technologies to capture cancelled appointments, which are then being resold at a far higher price, resulting in increased pressure on driving test centres in Scotland.

S6W-37207 Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to promote the natural regeneration of woodland.

S6W-37246 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how many property factors have been removed from the property factor register as a result of contraventions of the *Code of Conduct for Property Factors* in each year since 2011.

S6W-37247 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-36190 by Angela Constance on 22 April 2025, when the peer review is expected to (a) commence and (b) conclude, and whether the final report will be published before the end of 2025.

S6W-37257 Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has made an estimate of the number of individuals in Scotland whose partner has died whilst under the age of 50.

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S6W-37258 Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government what support is available for (a) bereaved individuals under the age of 50 whose partner has died and (b) children of individuals where a parent has died under the age of 50.

S6W-37259 Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government what guidance is in place for education practitioners regarding how to support children and young people who have been bereaved of a parent.

S6W-37260 Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to increase the uptake of Funeral Support Payment since its introduction in 2019.

S6W-37261 Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has conducted any analysis of the appropriate level of payment for Funeral Support Payment since its introduction in 2019.

S6W-37262 Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has reviewed, or plans to review, the eligibility criteria for Funeral Support Payment.

S6W-37263 Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government how many individuals were supported into employment through its No One Left Behind programme in each of the last three years, and what this figure was as a proportion of all individuals supported through the programme in each of those years.

S6W-37264 Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government how many individuals were supported into employment through its Parental Employability Support Fund in each of the last three years, and what this figure was as a proportion of all individuals supported through the programme in each of those years.

S6W-37265 Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government how many individuals were supported into employment through its Young Person's Guarantee in each of the last three years, and what this figure was as a proportion of all individuals supported through the programme in each of those years.

S6W-37266 Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has conducted any analysis on the cost per person to successfully transition an individual into employment through its No One Left Behind programme, and, if so, what that cost was.

S6W-37267 Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has conducted any analysis on the cost per person to successfully transition an individual into employment through its Parental Employability Support Fund, and, if so, what that cost was.

S6W-37268 Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has conducted any analysis on the cost per person to successfully transition an individual into employment through its Young Person's Guarantee, and, if so, what that cost was.

S6W-37269 Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it plans to take to address violence against women due to gender inequality.

S6W-37270 Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to ensure that all parties apply a gendered lens to discussions on school behaviour, in light of data showing that women make up approximately three quarters of the teaching profession.

S6W-37271 Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what measures it plans to implement to provide visible and strong leadership through the Gender Equality Taskforce in Education and Learning (GETEL) to achieve a gender-competent experience of education and learning for all girls.

S6W-37272 Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what commitments it plans to make to educate children, young people and school staff on the importance of gender equality by ensuring that schools explicitly teach students about misogyny and misogynistic attitudes.

S6W-37281 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how many full-time equivalent (FTE) (a) neuropsychiatrists and (b) neuropsychologists are employed in each NHS board.

S6W-37282 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what the current waiting time is to see a (a) neuropsychiatrist and (b) neuropsychologist in each NHS board.

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S6W-37283 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how it assesses how many (a) neuropsychiatrists and (b) neuropsychologists are needed in NHS Scotland.

S6W-37284 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how many people with a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease have been admitted to hospital because of mental health symptoms in each of the last three years.

S6W-37285 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that people with Parkinson's disease who experience mental health symptoms are able to access mental health support, including from psychiatrists, psychologists and community mental health teams.

S6W-37286 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to ensuring that providers of psychological therapies understand the additional issues that people with Parkinson's disease and other neurological conditions can face when accessing this support.

S6W-37287 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will work with Parkinson's UK Scotland to ensure that people with Parkinson's disease who experience mental health symptoms can access support that meets their needs.

S6W-37288 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to ensure that specialist consultants can prescribe clozapine for those people with Parkinson's disease who experience the most severe and distressing hallucinations, wherever they live in Scotland.

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Section 2

Ross Greer

519 In section 2, page 2, line 24, at end insert—

<() if so, whether or not it recommends to the Scottish Ministers that paragraph 4A of schedule 2A of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 should apply to the proposed rent control area, and>

Section 19

Meghan Gallacher

329K As an amendment to amendment 329, line 24, at end insert—

<(2A) Regulations under subsection (1)—

- (a) must include in the definition of an exempt property any property under a relevant tenancy for which the landlord works with a charity which has as its purpose, or among its purposes, the prevention of homelessness,
- (b) may include a list of organisations which the Scottish Ministers consider to be charities which have as their purpose, or among their purposes, the prevention of homelessness for the purposes of subsection (2A)(a).>

Meghan Gallacher

329L As an amendment to amendment 329, line 31, at end insert—

<(5) In this section, “charity” means a charity within the meaning of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.”.>

Before section 24

Meghan Gallacher

520 Before section 24, insert—

<Succession to tenancy

Succession to Scottish secure tenancy: qualified persons

- (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 3 (succession to Scottish secure tenancy: qualified persons)—
 - (a) in paragraph 2, sub-paragraph (2) is repealed,
 - (b) in paragraph 3, for the words “throughout the period of 12 months ending with”

- substitute “at the time of”,
- (c) in paragraph 4, for the words “throughout the period of 12 months ending with” substitute “at the time of”,
- (d) paragraph 4A is repealed,
- (e) in paragraph 11(3)—
 - (i) in sub-sub-paragraph (a) for the words “must vacate the house within 3 months of” substitute “is entitled to be the tenant for a period not exceeding 6 months beginning with”,
 - (ii) after sub-sub-paragraph (b) insert—
 - “(c) is entitled to receive reasonable assistance from the landlord to find suitable alternative accommodation.”.>

Meghan Gallacher

521 *In substitution for amendment 121*

Before section 24, insert—

<Succession to tenancy

Entitlement to inherit

- (1) The 2016 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 67 (partner’s entitlement to inherit)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) the “and” immediately following paragraph (a) is repealed,
 - (ii) paragraph (b) is repealed,
 - (b) subsections (3) and (4) are repealed.
- (3) In section 68 (other family member’s entitlement to inherit)—
 - (a) in subsection (2)(b)—
 - (i) the word “and” immediately following sub-paragraph (i) is repealed,
 - (ii) sub-paragraph (ii) is repealed,
 - (b) subsection (3) is repealed.
- (4) In section 69 (carer’s entitlement to inherit)—
 - (a) in subsection (2)(b), sub-paragraph (ii) is repealed,
 - (b) subsection (3) is repealed.
- (5) After section 69 insert—
 - “69A Entitlement to inherit: qualified person**
 - (1) A qualified person who is entitled to become a tenant under a tenancy by virtue of section 67, 68 or 69 may decline the tenancy by giving the landlord notice in writing within 4 weeks of the tenant’s death.
 - (2) Notice under subsection (1) has effect as if given at the time of the tenant’s death.
 - (3) A qualified person who declines the tenancy—

- (a) is entitled to be the tenant for a period not exceeding 6 months beginning with the date of the notice under subsection (1) declining the tenancy,
 - (b) is liable to pay rent which becomes due after the tenant's death only in respect of any rental period (that is to say, a period in respect of which an instalment of rent falls to be paid) during any part of which the qualified person has occupied the house after the tenant's death,
 - (c) is entitled to receive reasonable assistance from the landlord to find suitable alternative accommodation as specified in regulations by the Scottish Ministers.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (3)(c) are subject to the negative procedure.”.>

Section 29

Emma Roddick

522 In section 29, page 34, line 14, at end insert—

<(3A) Where a landlord considers that the tenant has not complied with the reasonable conditions imposed and withdraws consent, the tenant may appeal the withdrawal of consent under a process to be established by Scottish Ministers in regulations.>

Emma Roddick

523 In section 29, page 34, line 35, for “42” substitute “28”

Emma Roddick

524 In section 29, page 35, leave out lines 18 and 19

Emma Roddick

525 In section 29, page 35, line 24, leave out “(including any deemed refusal)”

Emma Roddick

526 In section 29, page 35, leave out lines 34 and 35

Emma Roddick

527 In section 29, page 36, leave out lines 17 to 25

Emma Roddick

528 In section 29, page 36, line 35, at end insert—

<(1A) Regulations under subsection (1) must specify that it is only reasonable for a landlord to refuse such consent—

- (a) on grounds which are necessary and proportionate, and
- (b) where clear reasoning or supporting evidence is provided.>

Emma Roddick

529 In section 29, page 36, line 35, at end insert—

<(1B) For the purposes of subsection (1A), grounds which are necessary and proportionate may include grounds in relation to—

- (a) the suitability of the let property for the pet,
- (b) the welfare of the pet,
- (c) demonstrable risks to the safety, health, or wellbeing of—
 - (i) another tenant of the let property,
 - (ii) any resident of a property neighbouring the let property.>

Section 30

Emma Roddick

530 In section 30, page 42, line 22, at end insert—

<(1A) Regulations under subsection (1) must specify that it is only reasonable for a landlord to refuse such consent—

- (a) on grounds which are necessary and proportionate, and
- (b) where clear reasoning or supporting evidence is provided.>

Emma Roddick

531 In section 30, page 42, line 22, at end insert—

<(1B) For the purposes of subsection (1A), grounds which are necessary and proportionate may include grounds in relation to—

- (a) the suitability of the let property for the pet,
- (b) the welfare of the pet,
- (c) demonstrable risks to the safety, health, or wellbeing of—
 - (i) another tenant of the let property,
 - (ii) any resident of a property neighbouring the let property.>

Emma Roddick

532 In section 30, page 43, line 19, for “one month” substitute “28 days”

Emma Roddick

533 In section 30, page 43, line 20, at end insert—

<8FA If an intimation is not provided in accordance with paragraph 8F, the landlord is to be deemed to have consented.>

Emma Roddick

534 In section 30, page 43, line 24, at end insert—

<8GA Where a landlord considers that the tenant has not complied with the reasonable conditions

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imposed and withdraws consent, the tenant may appeal the withdrawal of consent under a process to be established by Scottish Ministers in regulations.>

Before section 31

Maggie Chapman

535 Before section 31, insert—

<Guarantor scheme

Guarantor scheme for non-UK domiciled students

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations set up a scheme for a public body to act as guarantor for a tenant who is—
 - (a) a student, and
 - (b) not domiciled in the United Kingdom.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must be introduced no later than 1 year after Royal Assent.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must review the scheme no later than 3 years following the day on which regulations under subsection (1) are made.
- (4) A review under subsection (3) must include—
 - (a) impact of the scheme, and
 - (b) any changes required to improve the scheme.
- (5) In this section—

“guarantee” is a contractual promise to be responsible for the performance of an obligation owed by the tenant to a landlord under the tenancy if the tenant fails to perform the obligation,

“guarantor” is a person who enters into a guarantee in relation to a tenancy,

“public body” includes further or higher education institutions,

“tenant” means a person occupying a residential property under a lease, including student lets.>

Maggie Chapman

536 Before section 31, insert—

<Tenancy deposits review: non-UK domiciled students

Tenancy deposits review: non-UK domiciled students

- (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 120 (tenancy deposits: preliminary) insert—

“120A Tenancy deposits: non-UK domiciled students

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) review the payment of tenancy deposits by students not domiciled in the United Kingdom within 1 year of the coming into force of section (*Tenancy deposits review: non-UK domiciled students*) of the Housing

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(Scotland) Act 2025, and

- (b) publish a report on the review undertaken under subsection (1) within 2 years of the coming into force of that section.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, make provision for the purposes of restricting the value or number of tenancy deposits to be paid by students not domiciled in the United Kingdom.”.>

After section 31

Pam Duncan-Glancy

537 After section 31, insert—

<Pre-tenancy requirements: student funding

Pre-tenancy requirements: student funding

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, provide that, for the purposes of pre-tenancy requirements, student funding has equal status to other forms of income.
- (2) For the purposes of this section—
 - “pre-tenancy requirements” includes the requirement for a deposit or guarantor,
 - “student funding” includes any grant, loan or other form of funding provided to an individual for the purpose of undertaking a course of education.>

After section 38

Emma Roddick

444A As an amendment to amendment 444, line 5, at end insert—

- <() Regulations under subsection (1) must provide for a process to require a landlord, where they have failed to comply with their obligations under those regulations, to make a compensatory payment to the tenant.>

Ariane Burgess

538 After section 38, insert—

<Housing standards: local authority inspections

Housing standards: local authority inspections

- (1) A local authority may make arrangements to inspect the house entered in a person’s entry in the authority’s landlord register who—
 - (a) has been entered in the authority’s register for a period of 3 years, and
 - (b) is renewing the person’s application to be entered in the authority’s register.
- (2) Where the house is currently let to a tenant, the local authority may enter the house only with the consent of the tenant.
- (3) Where the authority is satisfied that the house of the person does not meet the tolerable standard within the meaning of section 86 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (or future equivalent standard), the authority may require the person to pay an amount not exceeding £10,000.

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- (4) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make provision for a process by which a person fined under subsection (3) may appeal.
- (5) In this section—
 - “house” is to be construed in accordance with section 101 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004,
 - “landlord register” in relation to a local authority, means the register prepared and maintained by the local authority for the purpose of Part 8 of that Act.>

Ariane Burgess

539 After section 38, insert—

<Housing standards: local authority inspections

Housing standards: local authority inspections: further provision

- (1) A local authority may at any time carry out an inspection of a house entered in a person’s entry in the authority’s landlord register.
- (2) Where the house is currently let to a tenant, the local authority may enter the house only with the consent of the tenant.
- (3) Where the authority is satisfied that the house of the person does not meet the tolerable standard within the meaning of section 86 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (or future equivalent standard), the authority may require the person to pay an amount not exceeding £10,000.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make provision for a process by which a person fined under subsection (3) may appeal.
- (5) In this section—
 - “house” is to be construed in accordance with section 101 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004,
 - “landlord register” in relation to a local authority, means the register prepared and maintained by the local authority for the purpose of Part 8 of that Act.>

Ross Greer

540 After section 38, insert—

<Termination of student residential tenancies

Tenant’s ability to bring tenancy to an end

- (1) A tenant may bring to an end a student residential tenancy by giving to the landlord a notice which fulfils the requirements described in subsection (3).
- (2) A tenancy comes to an end in accordance with subsection (1) on the day on which the notice states (in whatever terms) that it is to come to an end.
- (3) A notice fulfils the requirements referred to in subsection (1) if—
 - (a) it is in writing, and
 - (b) it states, as the day on which the tenancy is to end, a day that is after the last day of the minimum notice period.
- (4) In subsection (3)(b), “the minimum notice period” means a period which—

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- (a) begins on the day the notice is received by the landlord, and
- (b) ends on the day falling—
 - (i) in a case where subsection (5) applies, 7 days after the period begins, or
 - (ii) in any other case, 28 days after the period begins.
- (5) This subsection applies where—
 - (a) the tenancy was entered into before the coming into force of this Part, and
 - (b) the let property was occupied by the tenant under the tenancy at any time before the coming into force of this Part.
- (6) In this section—
 - “student” has the same meaning as in paragraph 5 of schedule 1 of the 2016 Act,
 - “student residential tenancy” means a tenancy—
 - (a) the purpose of which is to confer on the tenant the right to occupy the let property while the tenant is a student, and
 - (b) to which sub-paragraph (2) or (3) of paragraph 5 of schedule 1 (tenancies which cannot be private residential tenancies) of the 2016 Act applies,
 - “tenancy” includes sub-tenancy,
 - “tenant” includes sub-tenant.
- (7) In a case where two or more persons jointly are the landlord under a tenancy, references in this section to the landlord are to any of those persons.
- (8) In a case where two or more persons jointly are the tenant under a tenancy, references in this section to the tenant are to all of those persons (except in subsection (5)).
- (9) In a case where two or more persons jointly are the tenant under the tenancy, the reference in subsection (5) to the tenant is to any of those persons.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

541 After section 38, insert—

<Power to enable tenants to terminate student residential tenancies

Power to enable tenants to terminate student residential tenancies

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, make such provision as they consider necessary to provide for a student residential tenancy to be terminated by a tenant in the same manner as a private residential tenancy may be terminated by a tenant under Part 5 of the 2016 Act.
- (2) In this Part, “student residential tenancy” means a tenancy the purpose of which is to confer on the tenant the right to occupy the let property while the tenant is a student, and to which paragraph 5(2) or (3) of schedule 1 (tenancies which cannot be private residential tenancies: student lets) of the 2016 Act applies.>

After section 51

Ross Greer

192A As an amendment to amendment 192, line 7, at end insert—

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<(c) after subsection (2A), insert—

“(2B) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide that—

- (a) where there is a variation to increase the amount of council tax payable, and
- (b) the owner of the dwelling is not ordinarily resident in Scotland, an additional variation to further increase the amount of council tax payable, as determined by the local authority, may be applied.”.>

Ross Greer

542 After section 51, insert—

<Council tax arrears

Review of council tax arrears: scale and impact

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, no later than six months after Royal Assent, undertake a review of the scale and impact of council tax arrears.
- (2) On completing the review, the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) lay a report on the review before the Scottish Parliament,
 - (b) publish the report in such manner as they consider appropriate.
- (3) The report under subsection (2) must include a statement of the action, if any, the Scottish Ministers intend to take as a result of the review.>

Ross Greer

543 After section 51, insert—

<Council tax arrears

Review of council tax arrears: joint and several liability

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, no later than six months after Royal Assent, undertake a review of the impact of joint and several liability for council tax arrears on those who have experienced, or are experiencing, domestic abuse.
- (2) On completing the review, the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) lay a report on the review before the Scottish Parliament,
 - (b) publish the report in such manner as they consider appropriate.
- (3) The report under subsection (2) must include a statement of the action, if any, the Scottish Ministers intend to take as a result of the review.
- (4) In this section, “domestic abuse” means abusive behaviour within the meaning of section 2 of the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Act 2021 (as read with sections 1 and 3 of that Act).>

Ross Greer

544 After section 51, insert—

<Land and buildings transaction tax

Additional amount surcharge: rent control areas

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- (1) The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 is modified as follows.
 - (2) In section 68 (subordinate legislation), in subsection (2), after paragraph (j) insert—

“(jza) paragraph 4A(3) or (4) of schedule 2A.”.
 - (3) In schedule 2A (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.)—
 - (a) in paragraph 4, in sub-paragraph (2), after “consideration” insert “, except where paragraph 4A applies”,
 - (b) after paragraph 4 insert—

“Additional amount surcharge: rent control areas
- 4A(1) This paragraph comes into force on the day after the Housing (Scotland) Act 2025 receives Royal Assent.
- (2) Where—
 - (a) this schedule applies to a chargeable transaction,
 - (b) the transaction is a residential property transaction,
 - (c) the dwelling is in a rent control area designated by Scottish Ministers under section 9 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2025, and
 - (d) the Scottish Ministers have not prescribed in regulations under sub-paragraph (4) that this paragraph does not apply to the rent control area in which the dwelling is situated,

the amount of tax chargeable in respect of the transaction (as determined under section 25(1) or 26(1)) is increased by the additional amount mentioned in sub-paragraph (3).
 - (3) The additional amount is an amount prescribed by the Scottish Ministers in regulations exceeding the amount specified in paragraph 4(2).
 - (4) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, set out the rent control areas designated under section 9 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2025 which this paragraph does not apply to.
 - (5) Where the Scottish Ministers make regulations under sub-paragraph (4), the Scottish Ministers must publish the reasons for doing so.
 - (6) Regulations under sub-paragraphs (3) and (4) may make different provision for different purposes or areas.”.>

Ross Greer

545 After section 51, insert—

<Land and buildings transaction tax

Additional amount surcharge: National Parks

- (1) The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 68 (subordinate legislation), in subsection (2), after paragraph (j) insert—

“(jza) paragraph 4A(2) or (5) of schedule 2A.”.
- (3) In schedule 2A (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.)—
 - (a) in paragraph 4, in sub-paragraph (2), after “consideration” insert “, except where

paragraph 4A applies”,

(b) after paragraph 4 insert—

“Additional amount surcharge: National Parks

4A(1) This paragraph comes into force on the day after the Housing (Scotland) Act 2025 receives Royal Assent.

(2) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations set out the National Parks designated under section 6 of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 which this paragraph applies to.

(3) In making regulations under sub-paragraph (2), the Scottish Ministers must have regard to the views of the relevant National Park authorities.

(4) Where—

(a) this schedule applies to a chargeable transaction,

(b) the transaction is a residential property transaction,

(c) the dwelling is in an area of a National Park designated by Scottish Ministers under section 6 of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000, and

(d) the Scottish Ministers have prescribed in regulations under sub-paragraph (1) that this paragraph applies to the area of the National Park in which the dwelling is situated,

the amount of tax chargeable in respect of the transaction (as determined under section 25(1) or 26(1)) is increased by the additional amount mentioned in sub-paragraph (4).

(5) The additional amount is an amount prescribed by the Scottish Ministers in regulations exceeding the amount specified in paragraph 4(2).

(6) Regulations under sub-paragraphs (2) and (5) may make different provision for different purposes or areas.”.>

Ross Greer

546 After section 51, insert—

<Land and buildings transaction tax

Additional amount surcharge: buyers not ordinarily resident in Scotland

(1) The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 is modified as follows.

(2) In section 68 (subordinate legislation), in subsection (2), after paragraph (j) insert—

“(jza) paragraph 4A(3) of schedule 2A.”.

(3) In schedule 2A (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.)—

(a) in paragraph 4, in sub-paragraph (2), after “consideration” insert “, except where paragraph 4A applies”,

(b) after paragraph 4 insert—

“Additional amount surcharge: buyers not ordinarily resident in Scotland

4A(1) This paragraph comes into force on the day after the Housing (Scotland) Act 2025 receives Royal Assent.

(2) Where—

- (a) this schedule applies to a chargeable transaction,
- (b) the transaction is a residential property transaction,
- (c) the buyer is not ordinarily resident in Scotland, and
- (d) the buyer does not intend to use the dwelling as their only or main residence,

the amount of tax chargeable in respect of the transaction (as determined under section 25(1) or 26(1)) is increased by the additional amount mentioned in subparagraph (3).

(3) The additional amount is an amount prescribed by the Scottish Ministers in regulations exceeding the amount specified in paragraph 4(2).”.>

Ross Greer

547 After section 51, insert—

<Land and buildings transaction tax

Transactions of £1 million or more

- (1) The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 24 (tax rates and tax bands), after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) The tax bands above the nil rate tax band mentioned in subsection (2)(c) and specified in an order under subsection (1) must include a tax band for properties for which the chargeable consideration is £1,000,000 or more.

(2B) The Scottish Ministers must make an order under subsection (1) for the 2026-27 financial year.”.>

Ross Greer

548 After section 51, insert—

<Student residential tenancies

Development of model terms and conditions

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, no later than 18 months after Royal Assent, publish a model terms and conditions for student residential tenancies.
- (2) The model terms and conditions mentioned in subsection (1) must include provisions on—

(a) the rent payable, including—

- (i) the affordability of the rent payable, including with reference to available financial support for students,
- (ii) that the rent payable cannot be increased more than once in any period of 12 months,
- (iii) that the landlord must provide the tenant with a minimum of 3 months’ notice before any rent increase takes effect,

(b) tenancy deposits, including—

- (i) that deposits cannot be an amount exceeding the monthly rent payable under the

- tenancy,
- (ii) that where a person is required, as a condition of the grant of a tenancy, to provide a guarantor in relation to the observance or performance of the tenant's obligations under the tenancy, the landlord must not require that the guarantor is resident in Scotland,
 - (c) ending the tenancy, including—
 - (i) ending the tenancy before the tenancy commences,
 - (ii) the notice period for ending the tenancy,
 - (iii) the rights of the tenant,
 - (d) the rights and responsibilities of the tenant and landlord in relation to the maintenance and repair of the property, including—
 - (i) rights of access to the property for maintenance and repair,
 - (ii) that the landlord must provide a minimum notice of 24 hours before the property is accessed for maintenance and repair,
 - (e) the provision of information from the landlord to the tenant on matters including—
 - (i) complaints and redress,
 - (ii) financial and debt advice,
 - (iii) financial support,
 - (iv) other support, including pastoral support,
 - (f) arrangements for—
 - (i) communication between the tenant and landlord,
 - (ii) data sharing,
 - (iii) insurance,
 - (iv) the provision of receipts for the payment of rent.
 - (3) The model terms and conditions mentioned in subsection (1) may include provisions on any other matters the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
 - (4) In developing the model terms and conditions mentioned in subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult any persons they consider appropriate.
 - (5) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, make provision as they consider appropriate to require landlords of student residential tenancies to comply with any terms and conditions set out in the model terms and conditions.
 - (6) In this Part, “student residential tenancy” means a tenancy the purpose of which is to confer on the tenant the right to occupy the let property while the tenant is a student, and to which paragraph 5(2) or (3) of schedule 1 (tenancies which cannot be private residential tenancies: student lets) of the 2016 Act applies.>

Ross Greer

549 After section 51, insert—

<Student residential tenancies

Development of model complaints procedure

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- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, no later than 18 months after Royal Assent, publish a model complaints procedure for student residential tenancies.
- (2) The model complaints procedure mentioned in subsection (1) must include a procedure by which a tenant under a student residential tenancy may make complaints (or other representations) in relation to the landlord.
- (3) The model complaints procedure mentioned in subsection (1) may include—
 - (a) different provisions for different types of landlord,
 - (b) provisions on any other matters the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate,
- (4) In developing the model complaints procedure mentioned in subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult any persons it considers appropriate.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, make provision to require landlords of student residential tenancies to comply with the model complaints procedure.>

Ross Greer

550 After section 51, insert—

<Infrastructure levy

Infrastructure levy: housing developments

- (1) The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 58 (lapsing of power to provide for levy)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), after “exercisable” insert “in relation to developments other than housing developments”,
 - (b) subsection (2) is repealed.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

551 After section 51, insert—

<Accessibility of housing

Adaptations to housing

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide for a scheme to provide adaptations to housing to improve accessibility.
- (2) The scheme referred to in subsection (1) must—
 - (a) apply irrespective of housing tenure,
 - (b) integrate adaptations into planned repair, maintenance, and upgrade programmes,
 - (c) include a mechanism for evaluating the adaptations made for the purposes of informing future strategy and resource allocation,
 - (d) ensure that the evaluation referred to in paragraph (c) involves engagement with relevant advocacy organisations.>

Jamie Halcro Johnston

552 After section 51, insert—

<Direct emission heating systems: residential housing

Direct emission heating systems: residential housing

- (1) When the Scottish Ministers consider the regulation of direct emission heating systems, there must be a presumption in favour of enabling direct emission heating systems which provide secondary heating to be installed in any dwelling in—
 - (a) a remote or rural area,
 - (b) an island,
 - (c) any other circumstances Scottish Ministers consider appropriate,
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations define “remote or rural area” for the purposes of subsection (1).
- (3) In this section—

“dwelling” includes a new build home under construction,

“new build home” has the same meaning as in section 138 of the Building Safety Act 2022,

“secondary heating” has the same meaning as in paragraph 6.11 of schedule 5 of the Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004.>

Ariane Burgess

553 After section 51, insert—

<Self-build register

Registers of persons seeking to acquire land to build a home

- (1) The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 is modified as follows.
- (2) Section 16E is repealed.
- (3) After section 20AA insert—

“Self-build register

20AB Registers of persons seeking to acquire land to build a home

- (1) In this section and sections 20AD and 20AH, “self-build and custom housebuilding” means the building or completion by—
 - (a) individuals of houses to be occupied as homes for those individuals,
 - (b) a qualifying body (as defined by subsection (6)) of a house or houses.
- (2) But it does not include the building of a house on a plot acquired from a person who builds the house wholly or mainly to plans or specifications decided or offered by that person.
- (3) Each local authority must keep a register of—
 - (a) individuals, and
 - (b) qualifying bodies,

who are seeking to acquire a plot or plots of land capable of being developed in the authority’s area for their own self-build and custom housebuilding.
- (4) Each local authority must publicise its register under this section.

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- (5) It is the responsibility of an individual or qualifying body (as the case may be) to ensure that their entry on the register is up to date.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (1), a “qualifying body” means—
 - (a) an association of individuals who are custom builders,
 - (b) a cohousing group,
 - (c) a community benefit society,
 - (d) a community interest company,
 - (e) a third sector or charitable organisation, or
 - (f) any other community housing body that meets the criteria set out in subsection (7).
- (7) The criteria are—
 - (a) the body has the explicit purpose of benefiting a defined local authority area,
 - (b) the body is not-for-profit, with any surpluses used for the benefit of the local community,
 - (c) when engaged in housing, the body can demonstrate that—
 - (i) members of the local community have been able to participate in defining local housing needs and demands, and
 - (ii) those local housing needs and demands form the basis of the community housing body’s housing project or projects (as the case may be).
- (8) In this section, “home” in relation to an individual, means the individual’s sole or main residence.

20AC Duty as regard to registers

- (1) Each local authority must have regard to its register when carrying out the functions mentioned in subsection (2).
- (2) The functions are functions in relation to—
 - (a) planning,
 - (b) housing,
 - (c) disposal of land by the authority,
 - (d) regeneration.

20AD Duty as regard to planning permission

- (1) This section applies where the local authority is acting in its capacity as planning authority.
- (2) The authority must give consideration to giving development permission for the carrying out of self-build and custom housebuilding on enough plots of land to meet the demand for self-build and custom housebuilding in the authority’s area in respect of each base period.

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- (3) Regulations must specify the time allowed for compliance with the duty under subsection (2) in relation to any base period.
- (4) The first base period, in relation to an authority, is the period—
 - (a) beginning with the day on which the register under section 20AB kept by the authority is established, and
 - (b) ending with 31 March 2028.
- (5) Each subsequent base period is the period of 12 months beginning immediately after the end of the previous base period.
- (6) In this section, “development permission” means planning permission or permission in principle (within the meaning of this Act).
- (7) Regulations may make provision specifying descriptions of planning permissions or permissions in principle that are, or are not, to be treated as development permission for the carrying out of self-build and custom housebuilding for the purposes of this section.
- (8) For the purposes of this section—
 - (a) the demand for self-build and custom housebuilding in an authority’s area in respect of a base period is the aggregate of—
 - (i) the demand for self-build and custom housebuilding arising in the authority’s area in the base period, and
 - (ii) any demand for self-build and custom housebuilding that arose in the authority’s area in an earlier base period and in relation to which—
 - (A) the time allowed for complying with the duty in subsection (2) expired during the base period in question, and
 - (B) the duty in subsection (2) has not been met,
 - (b) the demand for self-build and custom housebuilding arising in an authority’s area in a base period is evidenced by the number of entries added during that period to the register under section 20AB kept by the authority,
 - (c) an authority gives development permission if such permission is granted—
 - (i) by the authority,
 - (ii) by the Scottish Ministers.
- (9) A grant of development permission in relation to a particular plot of land may not be taken into account in relation to more than one base period in determining whether the duty in this section is discharged.
- (10) No account is to be taken for the purposes of this section of development permission granted before the start of the first base period.
- (11) Regulations under subsection (3)—
 - (a) may make different provision for different authorities or descriptions of authority,
 - (b) may make different provision for different proportions of the demand for self-build and custom housebuilding in respect of a particular base period.

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20AE Exemption from duty

- (1) If an authority applies for exemption to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with regulations, the Scottish Ministers may direct that the authority is not subject to the duty in section 20AD.
- (2) The regulations may specify the cases or circumstances in which an authority may apply for exemption.
- (3) Regulations may make further provision about applications under subsection (1), and may in particular—
 - (a) require an application to be supported by specified information and by any further information that the Scottish Ministers require the authority to provide,
 - (b) require an authority that is granted exemption to notify persons on the register kept under section 20AB.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.

20AF Guidance

- (1) A relevant authority must have regard to any guidance issued by the Scottish Ministers when exercising any function conferred or imposed by or under section 20AB.
- (2) An authority that is subject to the duty in section 20AD must have regard to any guidance issued by the Scottish Ministers in relation to that duty.

20AG Regulations

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision about the register maintained under section 20AB.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may make provision about—
 - (a) the form in which a register is to be kept,
 - (b) the content of an entry in a register (including matters not to be included in an entry),
 - (c) amending an entry,
 - (d) removal of an entry,
 - (e) the periodic renewal of an entry,
 - (f) eligibility to be on the register,
 - (g) applications to be entered on the register.
- (3) Regulations making provision in respect of subsection (2)(c) and (d) must ensure that the individual or qualifying body (as the case may be) is responsible for ensuring that information on the register relating to them is kept up to date.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.

20AH Disposal of land for self-build

When disposing of a plot of land for self-build, a local authority must make a

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calculation as to whether it should be sold at market value or best value in accordance with any guidance prepared by Scottish Ministers in pursuance of section 2(1)(a) of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.”.>

Ariane Burgess

554 After section 51, insert—

<Housing co-operative advisory body

Housing co-operative advisory body

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations designate a public body to exercise the functions set out in subsection (2).
- (2) The functions referred to in subsection (1) are to—
 - (a) provide advice and support to any person seeking to establish a housing co-operative, including in relation to—
 - (i) incorporation,
 - (ii) financing,
 - (iii) governance
 - (iv) property acquisition,
 - (b) support established housing co-operatives with issues including—
 - (i) asset locks,
 - (ii) conflict resolution,
 - (iii) governance,
 - (iv) property acquisition,
 - (v) retrofitting,
 - (vi) scaling,
 - (vii) tax,
 - (c) work with parties to promote, identify and facilitate opportunities to develop property for housing cooperative use or to establish new housing co-operatives,
 - (d) collaborate with and advise housing co-operatives in relation to negotiating the purchase of land,
 - (e) act as a guarantor against the demutualisation of a housing co-operative,
 - (f) any other functions related to the support and promotion of housing co-operatives that the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular, include provision about—
 - (a) the status and membership of the body designated by the regulations,
 - (b) the organisation and procedure of the body,
 - (c) reports and accounts (including audit).
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) may enable the Scottish Ministers to give directions to the body in relation to the matters mentioned in subsection (2).

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- (5) Regulations under subsection (1) may make incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional or saving provision, which may include provision amending, repealing or revoking an enactment.
- (6) In this section—
- “housing co-operative” means a housing provider that is a registered co-operative society incorporated under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and may include a secondary housing co-operative,
- “secondary housing co-operative” means multiple housing co-operatives acting together.>

Section 52

Jamie Halcro Johnston

- 555 In section 52, page 61, line 17, after <(4)> insert <or (*Secondary heating systems: residential housing*)(2)>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

- 556 In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Pre-tenancy requirements: student funding*)(1)>

Ariane Burgess

- 557 In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Housing standards: local authority inspections*)(1)>

Ariane Burgess

- 558 In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Housing standards: local authority inspections: further provision*)(1)>

Ross Greer

- 559 In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Development of model terms and conditions*)(5)>

Ross Greer

- 560 In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Development of model complaints procedure*)(5)>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

- 561 In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Adaptations to housing*)(1)>

Ariane Burgess

- 562 In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Housing cooperative advisory body*)(1)>

Schedule

Emma Roddick

563 In the schedule, page 63, line 26, after <36A(6)> insert <or paragraph 8GA of schedule 5>

Emma Roddick

564 In the schedule, page 65, line 6, after <51A(6),> insert <64A(3A),>

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 22 April 2025

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 17 December 2024

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

Care Reform (Scotland) Bill (G) (introduced as the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill)

Stage 2 completed, 4 March 2025

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 22 April 2025

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

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Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 2 April 2025

Lead committee – Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice

Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 2 April 2025

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

Stage 1 completed, 1 April 2025

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Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 Report (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee) published, 10 December 2024

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 23 April 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (26th Report, 2025)

Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 30 April 2025

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.

Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 23 April 2025

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 6 May 2025

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 26 March 2025

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Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 29 April 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (12th Report, 2025)

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 30 April 2025

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 April 2025

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 28 January 2025

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Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 17 March 2025

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 25 March 2025

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 11 March 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62nd Report, 2024)

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

Stage 1 completed, 27 March 2025

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Scottish Languages Bill (G)

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Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (14th Report, 2025)

Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 20 February 2025

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 25 March 2025

Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 April 2025

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 12 March 2025

Lead committee – Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture

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

Stage 2 completed, 2 April 2025

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Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 27 March 2025

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Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill LCM-S6-54

Lodged on 12 March 2025

Lead committee – Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2025)

Data (Use and Access) Bill LCM-S6-52

Lodged on 22 November 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 1 April 2025

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (2nd Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6th Report, 2025)

Employment Rights Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-53a

Lodged on 3 April 2025

Great British Energy Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-48c

Lodged on 24 February 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 February 2025

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

Planning and Infrastructure Bill LCM-S6-56

Lodged on 27 March 2025

Meeting (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 22 April 2025

Product Regulation and Metrology Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-50a

Lodged on 3 March 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 March 2025

Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill LCM-S6-55

Lodged on 21 March 2025

Lead committee – Social Justice and Social Security

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 19 February 2025

Report – Lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning) (9th Report, 2024)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69th Report, 2024)

Tobacco and Vapes Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-51a

Lodged on 28 March 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 April 2025

Lead committee – Health, Social Care and Sport

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Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 23 April 2025

[Environmental Authorisations \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (*re-laid 27 February 2025*) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 4 May 2025

[Social Security Information-sharing \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (*10 March 2025*) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to approval by 18 May 2025

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Group Relief and Sub-sale Development Relief Modifications\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (*24 March 2025*) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval by 3 June 2025

[Town and Country Planning \(Marine Fish Farming\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (*25 April 2025*) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 30 April 2025

Lead committee report due by 28 April 2025

[Police Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/58\)](#) (*6 March 2025*) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 7 May 2025

Lead committee report due by 5 May 2025

[Recognition of Overseas Qualifications \(Charges\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/67\)](#) (*13 March 2025*) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 12 May 2025

Lead committee report due by 5 May 2025

[Environmental Protection \(Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/78\)](#) (*18 March 2025*) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 15 May 2025

Lead committee report due by 12 May 2025

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[Railway Closure \(Exclusion\) \(Hairmyres\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/81\)](#) (21 March 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 26 May 2025
Lead committee report due by 19 May 2025

[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/101\)](#) (1 April 2025) (Criminal justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 28 May 2025
Lead committee report due by 26 May 2025

[Disease Control \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/108\)](#) (3 April 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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