

Monday 17 March 2025

# Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

### Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

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## Meeting of the Parliament

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## Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

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## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 12 March 2025

### Tuesday 18 March 2025

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Carol Telfer, Chaplain of Glasgow Hospice, Marie Curie

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Protecting and Growing Scotland's Iconic Food and Drink Sector

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-16290 Clare Adamson: MacDiarmid's Brownsbank Cottage, a Scottish Cultural Treasure

### Wednesday 19 March 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 Labour Party Debate: Transport

**followed by** Scottish Labour Party Debate: Housing

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**5:10 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-16705 Tess White: Addressing Sexual Violence in Scotland's Hospitals

### Thursday 20 March 2025

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

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

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-16434 Michael Matheson: Awareness of Criminal Exploitation of Children

**2:15 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:15 pm** Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

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**2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

**followed by** Rural Affairs and Islands Committee Debate: Salmon Farming in Scotland

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

## **Tuesday 25 March 2025**

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

## **Wednesday 26 March 2025**

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Financial Resolution: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

**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 27 March 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: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill

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## 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>

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

18 March 2025

11th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.

#### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Peter McGrath on 85232 or at [peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot](mailto:peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot)

### Finance and Public Administration Committee

18 March 2025

10th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Public administration in government:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
John-Paul Marks, Permanent Secretary, Lesley Fraser, Director-General Corporate, Gregor Irwin, Director-General Economy, and Jackie McAllister, Chief Financial Officer, Scottish Government.
2. **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) report on review of the Scottish Fiscal Commission:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Scherie Nicol, Lead – Parliaments and Independent Fiscal Institutions, Public Management and Budgeting Division, Directorate for Public Governance, OECD.

#### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Joanne McNaughton, at [FPA.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:FPA.committee@parliament.scot).

### Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

18 March 2025

9th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Graham Simpson MSP will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
3. **Building Safety and Maintenance:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Sean Clerkin, Campaign Coordinator, Scottish Tenants Organisation;

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Aoife Deery, Senior Social Justice Policy Officer, Citizens Advice Scotland;  
Shona Gorman, Vice-Chair, Tenants Together Scotland;  
Yvette Hoskins, Vice Chair, Dundee RAAC Campaign Group;  
Emma Saunders, National Organiser, Living Rent;

and then from—

Peter Drummond, Chair of Practice Committee, Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland;

Gloria Lo, OiSA Designs Chartered Architect, OiSA Designs.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Council Tax \(Exempt Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/56)
5. **Building Safety and Maintenance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Scrutiny of the Scottish Housing Regulator:** The Committee will consider correspondence to the Scottish Housing Regulator.
7. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee and the Finance and Public Administration Committee.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jenny Mouncer at [localgov.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:localgov.committee@parliament.scot)

## **Health, Social Care and Sport Committee**

**18 March 2025**

**9th Meeting, 2025**

The Committee will meet at 9:35 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5, and equivalent items relating to evidence on the Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill on future agendas, in private.
2. **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Eleanor Deeming, Legal Officer, Scottish Human Rights Commission;  
Dr Tara Shivaji, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, Public Health Scotland;  
Hilary Steele, Solicitor, Law Society of Scotland;  
and then from—  
Dr Peter Rice, Former Chair, Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland;  
Lyndsey Turfus, Chair of Substance Use Subgroup, Social Work Scotland;  
Dr Chris William, Vice Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the National Health Service (Common Staffing Method) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 from—  
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Erin Murphy, Policy Manager, Nursing and Midwifery Policy Team, and Christopher Thompson, Team Leader - National Workforce Planning, Guidance and Strategy, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#)
5. **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.



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### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Alex Bruce on 85229 or at [Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot](mailto:Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot)

### **Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee**

**18 March 2025**

**10th Meeting, 2025**

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 in private.
- Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Social Security Information-sharing \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
- Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Police Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/58)
- Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Act of Sederunt \(Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment\) \(Nautical Assessors\) 2025](#) (SSI 2025/61)
- Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill at Stage 1.
- Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill :** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill after Stage 2.
- Product Regulation and Metrology Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Bill.
- Quarterly report:** The Committee will consider a draft report for the parliamentary quarter from 2 December 2024 to 23 February 2025.
- Framework legislation and Henry VIII powers:** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.

### **Proposed future business**

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

### **Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee**

**18 March 2025**

**8th Meeting, 2025**

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
John Wilkes, Head of Scotland, Jennifer Laughland, Head of Scotland Legal, and Bill Stephenson, Scotland Compliance Manager, Equality and Human Rights Commission Scotland;  
and then from—

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Kaukab Stewart, Minister for Equalities, Nick Bland, Deputy Director, Mainstreaming and Inclusion, Catherine McMeeken, Deputy Director, Equality, and Jennifer Singerman, Solicitor, Equalities and Criminal Justice Division, Scottish Government.

2. **Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Euan Donald on 85204 or at [euandonald@parliament.scot](mailto:euandonald@parliament.scot)

## **Education, Children and Young People Committee**

**19 March 2025**

**10th Meeting, 2025**

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

1. **University of Dundee:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Professor Shane O'Neill, Interim Principal and Vice Chancellor, Tricia Bey, Acting Chair of Court, Professor Blair Grubb, Vice Principal (Education), and Helen Simpson, Interim Director of Finance, University of Dundee;  
and then from—  
Francesca Osowska, Chief Executive Officer, Richard Maconachie, Director of Finance, and Jacqui Brasted, Interim Director of Access, Learning and Outcomes, Scottish Funding Council.
2. **Evidence Session (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, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at [Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot](mailto:Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot)

## **Rural Affairs and Islands Committee**

**19 March 2025**

**10th Meeting, 2025**

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/draft) from—  
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, George Burgess, Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy, Aileen Bearhop, Food and Drink Division, and Mairead McCrossan, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity to move—  
S6M-16490—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025 be approved.
4. **Future agriculture policy:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, George Burgess, Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy, Mandy Callaghan, Deputy Director, Agriculture and

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Land Transition, and Nick Downes, Deputy Director, Chief Digital and Data Office for Agriculture and the Rural Economy, Scottish Government.

5. **A climate transition for Scottish agriculture:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Dr Vera Eory, Reader, Scotland's Rural College;  
David McKay, Co-Director, Soil Association Scotland;  
Professor Dave Reay, Executive Director, Edinburgh Climate Change Institute, University of Edinburgh;  
Dr Mike Robinson, Chief Executive, Royal Scottish Geographical Society.
6. **Future agriculture policy:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Climate transition for Scottish agriculture:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at [emma.johnston@parliament.scot](mailto:emma.johnston@parliament.scot)

## **Economy and Fair Work Committee**

**19 March 2025**

**9th Meeting, 2025**

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S6-53) from—  
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Stephen Garland, Unit Head, Fair Work Division, Jo Mitchell, Procurement Policy Manager, and Megan Lawson, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
3. **New Deal for Business:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic, Scottish Government;  
Dr Poonam Malik, MBA, PhD, FRSE, FRSB, Co-chair, New Deal for Business Group (NDBG).
4. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **New Deal for Business (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.
6. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Anne Peat on 85182 or at [anne.peat@parliament.scot](mailto:anne.peat@parliament.scot)

## **Criminal Justice Committee**

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**10th Meeting, 2025**

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

1. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at [Stephen.Imrie@parliament.scot](mailto:Stephen.Imrie@parliament.scot)

### **Public Audit Committee**

**19 March 2025**

**10th 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 and 4 in private.
2. **Additional support for learning:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Alison Cumming, Executive Director, Performance Audit and Best Value, and Yoshiko Gibo, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland;  
Ruth MacLeod, Member, Accounts Commission.
3. **Additional support for learning:** 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 Yoshiko Gibo, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland;  
Ruth MacLeod, Member, Accounts Commission.
4. **Additional support for learning:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katrina Venters at [Katrina.Venters@Parliament.scot](mailto:Katrina.Venters@Parliament.scot)

### **Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee**

**19 March 2025**

**5th Meeting, 2025**

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—  
PE1859: Retain falconers' rights to practise upland falconry in Scotland;  
PE1953: Review Education Support staff roles;  
PE1976: Backdate council tax discounts for dementia to the date of GP certification;  
PE2021: Ensure the definition of protected animals in the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 applies to the sheep on St Kilda;  
PE2028: Extend the concessionary bus travel scheme to include people seeking asylum in Scotland;

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PE2074: Increase local government funding to help protect the vulnerable elderly population and prevent the closure of care homes;

PE2075: Prioritise local participation in planning decisions; and

PE2087: Pass a law making exercising a dog in a cemetery an offence.

3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—

PE2133: Expand ScotRail's InterCity routes to include Dunfermline;

PE2134: Introduce legislation to make it a requirement for swift bricks to be installed in all new developments in Scotland, and include swifts in building surveys; and

PE2136: Make non-fatal strangulation a standalone criminal offence in Scotland.

4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

**Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jyoti Chandola on 85227 or at [jyoti.chandola@parliament.scot](mailto:jyoti.chandola@parliament.scot)

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## Motions

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

**Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:**

- \*** before the number indicates publication for the first time
- \*...\*** around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R** indicates a member has declared a registered interest

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.

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

**\*[S6M-16803](#) Marie McNair: Testicular Cancer Awareness Month**—That the Parliament recognises Testicular Cancer Awareness Month, which runs throughout the month of April 2025; notes that this takes place to raise awareness about testicular cancer and educate people about early detection and treatment; understands that this disease most commonly affects people aged between 15 and 45, and that, if detected early, testicular cancer has more than a 95% cure rate; further understands that approximately 220 people in Scotland are diagnosed each year, with the most common symptoms being a lump or swelling in a testicle, or dull ache, pain or heaviness in the scrotum; recognises what it sees as the importance of this month in raising awareness of the symptoms, tackle common myths and encourage self-checking; commends the tireless work done by Scotland's only dedicated testicular cancer charity, Cahonas Scotland, based in Clydebank, and thanks it for the significant work that it has done to raise awareness, from its "Check Yer Bawballs" campaign, which garnered significant media attention, to its educational talks and free resources, and for its work supporting men beyond diagnosis with cancer care packs, a podcast and peer support programme, and hopes for a productive and successful Testicular Cancer Awareness Month.

## Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S6M-16813](#) Karen Adam: Dr Lynda McGuigan's 10 Years of Service to the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses**—That the Parliament commends Dr Lynda McGuigan for her dedicated service over the last 10 years highlighting Scotland's seafaring heritage in her role as manager of the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses in Fraserburgh; considers the museum a must-visit attraction in the Banffshire and Buchan coast area; believes that it preserves and shares the vital history of Scotland's lifesaving lighthouse buildings and the keepers who served in them; expresses its gratitude to the dedicated staff and volunteers who provide an outstanding visitor experience, led by Lynda, and wishes all involved continued success in the years ahead.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll\*, Colin Beattie\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**\*[S6M-16812](#) Karen Adam: Banff to Bethlehem Project**—That the Parliament applauds all at Banff Academy for the inspiring project, Banff to Bethlehem, which sees S2 pupils working on a



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project-based learning initiative on art and sustainability in partnership with a Palestinian street artist, Taqi Spateen, and the Bethlehem Cultural Festival; welcomes the school's plans to stage an exhibition showcasing the project, spanning Banff to Bethlehem, as a powerful platform for raising awareness, celebrating creativity and sharing stories of resilience; considers this a stellar example of collaboration, understanding and friendship-building, as well as an outstanding model of best practice for other schools to follow, and wishes all involved every success with the exhibition and the wider project.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll\*, Colin Beattie\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, George Adam\*

**\*[S6M-16811](#) Paul O'Kane: Renfrewshire Schools Houston Primary and Moorpark Primary Triumph in National Garden Competition** —That the Parliament congratulates the Renfrewshire schools Houston Primary and Moorpark Primary on being announced as winners in the Keep Scotland Beautiful 2025 Pocket Garden Design Competition; understands that the annual competition invited pupils, from ages three to 18, to design a pocket-sized garden that includes food for people, is beneficial for wildlife and reuses materials; further understands that there were more than 130 entries across 18 local authority areas, which surrounded the theme, Our Heritage, commends Houston Primary, in succeeding in the P5 – S2 category with the design, The Scot's Garden, and Moorpark Primary on winning in the Nursery - P4 category; understands how this competition enables children and young people to engage with heritage, food and nature, while also providing a learning environment that promotes sustainability; acknowledges that this competition also supports schools aiming to achieve Scotland's learning for sustainability action plan, Target 2030; commends the schools on their successes, and wishes them good luck in June 2025, when all winning entries will be shown in an online showcase and an overall winner will be chosen.

**\*[S6M-16809](#) Kevin Stewart: Financial Fairness Trust Report**—That the Parliament acknowledges the findings of the abrdn Financial Fairness Trust report, *Scottish Household Finances: An overview of financial wellbeing in Scotland*; notes that the report states that 32% of Scotland's households report having no savings, an increase of 3% since 2023, with 14% stating that they are "very worried" about their financial situation over the next 12 months; further notes the finding that 36% of households feel that they have no control over their financial situation, with 35% reporting poor sleep due to financial worries and 37% indicating their financial situation is causing their mental health to deteriorate; believes that these findings are an indictment of what it sees as the poor state of the economy thanks to decades of mismanagement from UK administrations of all hues, a situation that it considers is being exacerbated by the UK Labour administration's reductions to the winter fuel payment and reported planned £6 billion reduction to the welfare budget, and further believes that this is evidence that Scotland is not being served well by the union and that the only way to ensure the people of Scotland can prosper is with the full powers of independence.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Karen Adam\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Colin Beattie\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Audrey Nicoll\*

**\*[S6M-16808](#) Michelle Thomson: Sacred Heart Early Learning Centre Wins Top Prize in Keep Scotland Beautiful Pocket Garden Design Competition 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates Sacred Heart Early Learning Centre (ELC) on its successful entry in the Keep Scotland Beautiful Pocket Garden Design competition 2025; recognises that Sacred Heart ELC's entry was titled *BP/Ineos Oil Refinery*; notes that nursery and school pupils within the age range of three to 18 were invited to design a miniature pocket-sized garden that included food for people, made a positive impact on wildlife and reused something; recognises that more than 130 entries

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were received from across 18 local authority areas in Scotland, all utilising imagination and creativity within Keep Scotland Beautiful's theme for 2025, which was Our Heritage; understands that there were a total of 32 winning entries, which have now been invited to build and grow their garden at their local school before being displayed as part of an online garden showcase, which will be delivered in June 2025, with an open vote for the favourite design; congratulates Sacred Heart ELC on its successful design, and wishes it the best of luck with its project for the upcoming showcase in June 2025.

**\*[S6M-16805](#) Michelle Thomson: Salman Javed Recognised at the Scottish Local Retailer Above and Beyond Awards 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates Salman Javed on the recognition that he received at the Scottish Local Retailer's Above and Beyond Awards 2025; recognises that the Above and Beyond Awards seek to recognise the staff at local convenience stores who strive to make a positive difference within their own store and the wider community; understands that Salman received his award within the Astonishing Act category; recognises that Salman was shortlisted for the award following his heroic actions assisting a member of the community who experienced a medical emergency at the Javed family's local Alloa Road shop, by utilising the store's community defibrillator; notes that the awards were presented to recipients during a celebratory lunch held in Glasgow on 12 March 2025; congratulates Salman once more on winning this award, and thanks him for the hard work and extra effort that he puts into delivering a stellar service to his local community.

**\*[S6M-16802](#) Emma Roddick: 2025 Scottish Countryside Alliance Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates all of the finalists honoured at the 2025 Countryside Alliance Awards; notes that a reception to celebrate the Scottish finalists took place on 12 March 2025 at the National Museum of Scotland; understands that the Countryside Alliance Awards serve to highlight the best rural businesses across all four nations of the UK; notes that the awards are split into six categories, covering key areas across rural business; congratulates, in particular, Laide Post Office in Wester Ross and Macbeth's Butchers in Forres on receiving highly commended awards in the village shop and butcher categories respectively, as well as Glencoast in Helmsdale on receiving the overall winner award for Scotland in the rural enterprise category; appreciates that Glencoast will now be in the grand final, competing against all category winners from across the UK, and sends its best wishes for continued success to every business recognised this year.

**\*[S6M-16801](#) Sue Webber: 18-year-old James Wilson Named in Scotland's Football Squad for Nations League Play-off Matches with Greece**—That the Parliament congratulates 18-year-old Balerno High School pupil, James Wilson, on earning a Scotland call-up for two crucial Greece play-off matches in the Nations League; understands that James, who is a Heart of Midlothian striker, only turned 18 recently but has become a mainstay in the Hearts team since making his senior debut as a 16-year-old in January 2024; acknowledges that, so far this season, he has netted six times in 24 matches for the Tynecastle side; further acknowledges that, if he were to feature in either of the matches against Greece, in the first leg in Piraeus or the return leg at Hampden Park, he would become the third youngest player to represent Scotland; wishes the Scotland team well in these forthcoming matches, and wishes James continued footballing success.

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**\*[S6M-16800](#) David Torrance: Kinghorn RNLI Celebrates 60 Years of Saving Lives at Sea**—That the Parliament congratulates the Kinghorn Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) on the



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60th anniversary of its formation in 1965, and on the remarkable achievements of its many members in saving lives and rescuing those in danger over these years across the Firth of Forth and beyond; acknowledges what it sees as the huge impact the RNLI has in Kinghorn, which has a strong relationship with the sea as an ancient coastal village; further acknowledges the contribution of all those who help to support the work of the Kinghorn RNLI, from fundraisers to volunteers, and wishes the Kinghorn RNLI every success for the future as it continues with its vital mission of saving lives at sea.

**\*S6M-16798 Jackie Dunbar: Purple Day 2025**—That the Parliament recognises that 26 March 2025 marks Epilepsy Awareness Day, which is better known as Purple Day; understands that epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions in the world with more than 58,000 people in Scotland living with the condition; believes that people with epilepsy are more likely to develop mental health conditions, including depression and anxiety, as a result of it; understands that epilepsy is defined as the tendency to have repeated seizures, which start in the brain; recognises that a seizure can be a one-off occurrence triggered by extreme events, such as sustaining a serious head injury; understands that anyone can develop epilepsy at any time in their life, irrespective of their age, gender or background, with every individual's epilepsy, as well as how they manage it, being different; notes that Epilepsy Scotland takes the opportunity each Purple Day to encourage people to take about epilepsy and dispel the myths and stigmas attached to the condition; recognises that landmarks, including Marischal College and His Majesty's Theatre, in Aberdeen, will be lit purple to mark the day, and commends the efforts of volunteers at Epilepsy Scotland's Aberdeen Support Group for their continued efforts in supporting people living with epilepsy across Aberdeen.

**\*S6M-16797 Jackie Dunbar: £1.3 Million Self-screening Trial to Close the Inequality Gap in Scotland's Cervical Cancer Deaths**—That the Parliament welcomes the recent award of £1.3 million to the AYEScreen project, which aims to understand the barriers to screening for a preventable cancer and to encourage women in the most deprived parts of Scotland to take part in cervical screening by self-testing; understands that researchers from the University of Aberdeen, led by Dr Sharon Hanley, who is a cancer epidemiologist at the university, will lead the Cancer Research UK-funded initiative to find new ways of reaching women who are least likely to engage with cervical screening and who are at the greatest risk of dying from cervical cancer; notes that this is a largely preventable cancer and since 2008, girls aged between 11 and 13 years old have been eligible to receive the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine which protects against around 90% of cervical cancers; recognises that cervical screening remains an important way to help to prevent the disease, particularly for those who did not receive the HPV vaccine in their childhood; understands that data from Public Health Scotland has shown that women in the most deprived areas are twice as likely as those in more affluent areas to develop the disease and are three times more likely to die from it; understands that AYEScreen will explore the reasons why women do not engage with screening, including lack of time or childcare, fear, embarrassment and cultural and social barriers, which will then inform a trial where women will be provided with self-sampling kits, which will allow them to conduct tests at a time and place of their choosing and without the need for a medical professional; notes that it is hoped that AYEScreen will provide a much-needed evidence base to inform future Scottish Government policy, and looks forward to seeing the results of this study.

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**\*[S6M-16796](#) Bob Doris: Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Jessie Stephen**—That the Parliament congratulates Maryhill Burgh Halls on the opening of a new exhibition celebrating the life of the Scottish suffragette, Jessie Stephen; notes that the exhibition, which opened on 11 March 2025, brings to the public attention the achievements of a remarkable working class activist; acknowledges that Jessie, who was born in 1893 in Maryhill, dedicated her life to women's suffrage as well as championing workers' rights and social justice; recognises her significant contributions as a trade unionist, councillor and advocate for equality; appreciates the efforts of women's history enthusiast, Anabel Marsh, in curating this exhibition; commends Sheana Stephen, Jessie's great-niece, for providing personal items for the display, including a banner made in 2018; encourages the public to visit the exhibition, which runs until 13 June 2025, to learn more about what it believes was Jessie's inspirational life and contributions to society, and considers that this exhibition will ensure that Jessie's contributions are never forgotten.

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**\*[S6M-16795](#) Fulton MacGregor: Shining Stars ASN Theatre School Wins Specialist Theatre School of the Year Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Shining Stars ASN Theatre School on being awarded the Specialist Theatre School of the Year – Scotland (Lanarkshire) at the Prestige Awards 2025/2026; recognises what it sees as the invaluable work that Shining Stars does in providing inclusive theatre opportunities for children and young people with additional support needs; commends the dedication and passion of its staff and volunteers and the families involved with it in fostering creativity, confidence and community through the performing arts; notes that this achievement comes as the organisation celebrates its 10th anniversary, marking a decade of exceptional contribution to the arts and accessibility in Lanarkshire; and wishes Shining Stars continued success in the years ahead.

**\*[S6M-16794](#) Jeremy Balfour: Welcoming the Creation of a Construction Pathway for Young People**—That the Parliament welcomes the creation of a structured construction pathway through National 5 qualifications, including Creative Industries in Roof Slating, Creative Industries in Stone Carving and Reimagining Spaces for students in Edinburgh; notes that these provide hands-on experience and a direct route into the construction industry; recognises what it sees as the success of the pilot programmes, with one young person already securing an apprenticeship in roof slating and tiling; welcomes the upcoming construction skills demonstration on the lawn of the Parliament, which is scheduled for 14 and 15 May 2025, where young people undertaking these courses will assist tradespeople in showcasing their construction skills; believes that these pathways are important in addressing skills shortages and promoting careers in construction, and commends all those involved in supporting and delivering this initiative, which, it understands, is generating significant interest across Scotland.

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**\*[S6M-16793](#) Elena Whitham: Recognising the Retirement of Open University in Scotland Director, Susan Stewart**—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding contribution of Susan Stewart, who will retire as director of the Open University (OU) in Scotland after nine years of dedicated service; understands that Susan confirmed her retirement in January 2025 and will be stepping down at the end of March; welcomes the appointment of Martin Boyle, and considers that he will continue the success of the OU and help it to thrive; wishes Martin every success in his new role; thanks Susan for her service, and wishes her all the best in her future endeavours.

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**\*[S6M-16791](#) Sharon Dowey: Triple Award Success for Ayr's Abbotsford Hotel—**That the Parliament congratulates the owners and staff of the Abbotsford Hotel, in Ayr, on it winning at the National Hotels of the Year Awards; understands that the famous Ayr hotel, which was taken over by Brian and Tina Daly in 2023, won Rising Star Hotel of the Year, Ayr Hotel of the Year and Best Bedroom Design; further understands that the hotel has continued to go from strength to strength and has seen a successful refurbishment; commends the work of the whole team at the Abbotsford, and wishes it every success for the future.

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**\*[S6M-16788](#) Maggie Chapman: International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination—**That the Parliament notes that 21 March 2025 marks the UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; considers that the recommendations made by the UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination specifically for the Scottish Government must be implemented immediately to support Black and minority ethnic people facing racial inequality and racism in Scotland; commends the efforts of the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights, Dundee International Women's Centre, Grampian Region Equality Council and other third sector organisations, whose work directly addresses racial disparities across different areas of life and tackles systemic racism; recognises that these structural inequalities create worse outcomes for Black and minority ethnic people who are, it understands, twice as likely to experience poverty than White Scottish/British people, and urges the Scottish Government to ensure that structural racial inequality is properly understood by, and addressed across, all public sector agencies.

**\*[S6M-16786](#) Tim Eagle: Double Island School Success at the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships—**That the Parliament congratulates the Lewis & Harris Youth Pipe Band and Sgoil Bhàgh a' Chaisteil on winning a duo of awards at the 2025 Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships, which were held in Kilmarnock in March 2025; understands that the Lewis & Harris Youth Pipe Band picked up the Eilidh MacLeod Endeavour Award, which is sponsored by Eilidh's Trust and celebrates a band that goes beyond just competitive success and demonstrates perseverance, resilience, community contribution, enthusiasm, camaraderie, innovation and efforts to include everyone regardless of circumstances; recognises that Sgoil Bhàgh a' Chaisteil competed against four other schools to become the outright winner of the Freestyle award; believes that there were a record number of pipe bands at the championships, with 94 participants in competition, of which 16 were island-based; welcomes the continued efforts of the Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust, which runs the championships, which has helped make pipe band participation accessible to young people across Scotland through the provision of grants, internships, free instrument loans and tuition, and believes in the importance of ensuring young people can continue to access and get involved in piping.

**\*[S6M-16785](#) Tim Eagle: Circulation Rises for Three Top West Coast Newspapers—**That the Parliament welcomes the news that the *Campbeltown Courier* and the *Argyllshire Advertiser* both recorded an increase in their weekly sales in 2024; understands that they recorded a 10.3% increase in average weekly sales, according to data from the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC), while the *Oban Times* recorded a flat year-on-year circulation; notes that sales across the whole Wyvex Media portfolio grew 5.7%; understands that it was the only UK publisher to increase its overall circulation in 2024; further understands that the *Campbeltown Courier* and *Argyllshire*

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*Advertiser* doubled their number of digital subscribers, while the *Oban Times* saw an 84% increase in its digital subscribers; recognises what it sees as a combination of top quality journalism across Wyvex Media's titles, and a focus on delivering local news and a loyal readership being the main reasons for these positive ABC figures; believes in the value and importance of local media, and congratulates all involved in Wyvex Media's titles for what it sees as this tremendous success.

**\*[S6M-16784](#) Tim Eagle: Trio of Mid Argyll Businesses Secure Wins at 21st Hotels of the Year Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates three businesses from the Mid Argyll area on their success at what it sees as the prestigious National Hotels of the Year Scotland awards in Glasgow in February 2025; understands that the George Hotel in Inveraray won the National Inn of the Year award, as well as the Regional Whisky Bar of the Year title; recognises that Brambles of Inveraray secured the Casual Dining of the Year category and Loch Fyne Hotel and Spa picked up the Rural Spa Hotel of the Year award; acknowledges the hard work that everyone involved with all of the winners puts into the successful running of each business, especially given the ever-challenging climate for many small and medium-sized businesses in rural Scotland, and wishes the George Hotel, Brambles of Inveraray and the Loch Fyne Hotel and Spa all the very best for the future.

**\*[S6M-16783](#) Tim Eagle: Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association Raises Nearly £2,500**—That the Parliament welcomes the recent news that Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) successfully raised £2,422; understands that over £1,700 of the sum was raised at a quiz night at Campbeltown Bowling Club, with a further £550 raised by quizmaster Helen Gilchrist and her Jolly Monday Show fundraising, and an additional £100 returned to the fund by the winners; recognises the contributions made by local businesses to support the catering, venue and raffle prizes; understands that Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association facilitates grassroots football in Campbeltown and surrounding communities for around 300 young people aged between three and 18, delivering over 30 hours of football each week, and wishes everyone involved with the CDJFA all the best for the future.

**\*[S6M-16781](#) Tim Eagle: Congratulating Duncan Smith Following his Retirement from Stornoway Airport**—That the Parliament congratulates Duncan Smith, from the Isle of Lewis, following his retirement after an 18-year career with Highlands and Islands Airport Limited (HIAL) at Stornoway Airport; recognises that Duncan initially joined HIAL in 2007 as the manager for Stornoway Airport before becoming its general manager in 2020; understands that Duncan has been at the forefront of several major investment projects over the years at the airport and that he was thanked for his many years of exemplary service, and wishes Duncan well in his retirement.

**\*[S6M-16780](#) Tim Eagle: Welcoming Argyll and Bute's Rural Growth Deal**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the Argyll and Bute Rural Growth Deal, which, it understands, is worth £70 million, has been signed-off by the UK and Scottish governments; recognises that the Rural Growth Deal policy was instigated by the former UK Conservative administration, and that Argyll and Bute Council's bid was originally confirmed in 2021; understands that the funding will help deliver at least 300 additional jobs, training opportunities for more than 6,000 people, support for business growth, new housing and worker accommodation and more than 70,000 additional visitors to the area every year; notes that a range of projects will receive funding from the Rural Growth Deal, including £9 million for the refurbishment of Rothesay Pavilion, £2 million for a new water sports hub on Campbeltown Loch and up to £4 million of investment in new business park infrastructure at Oban Airport to allow it to become a leading research and development centre for



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UAV technologies, and welcomes what it sees as a transformational investment in communities across Argyll and Bute.

### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

#### **S6M-16778 Meghan Gallacher: Dalziel High School Participates in SP Energy Networks Warrior Championship** (lodged on 13 March 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Liam Kerr\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Miles Briggs\*, Tim Eagle\*, Colin Beattie\*, Craig Hoy\*, Pam Gosal\*, Sharon Dowey\*

#### **S6M-16776 Colin Beattie: Sisaltech Wins a VIBES Scottish Environment Business Award** (lodged on 13 March 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Miles Briggs\*, David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*

#### **S6M-16775 Alexander Stewart: Alloa Community Enterprise 40th Birthday** (lodged on 13 March 2025)

New Support: Douglas Ross\*, Annie Wells\*, Craig Hoy\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Pam Gosal\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Liz Smith\*, Jamie Greene\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, David Torrance\*, Brian Whittle\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Alex Rowley\*, Colin Beattie\*, Sharon Dowey\*

#### **S6M-16773 Michelle Thomson: Polmont's Anne McDonald Named Recipient of the Pavers Community Champion Award** (lodged on 13 March 2025)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing\*, Sharon Dowey\*

#### **S6M-16772 Craig Hoy: Congratulating the East Lothian Courier** (lodged on 13 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*, Sharon Dowey\*

#### **S6M-16771 Douglas Ross: Who Cares? Scotland Action on Advocacy Campaign** (lodged on 13 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*, Sharon Dowey\*

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

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*

#### **S6M-16756 Kevin Stewart: Backing Acorn CCS** (lodged on 13 March 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Emma Harper\*, Colin Beattie\*, Bob Doris\*, David Torrance\*, Karen Adam\*

#### **S6M-16747 Alexander Burnett: Aswanley, Huntly, Wins Exclusive Use Wedding Venue** (lodged on 11 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*

#### **S6M-16742 Gillian Mackay: 1st Grangemouth Boys' Brigade Battalion Drill** (lodged on 11 March 2025)

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New Support: Emma Harper\*

**[S6M-16741](#) Gillian Mackay: Welcome to Your Vote Week 2025** (lodged on 11 March 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper\*

**[S6M-16739](#) Humza Yousaf: Marking 10 Years of Marion's House** (lodged on 11 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Miles Briggs\*, Colin Beattie\*

**[S6M-16736](#) Humza Yousaf: Congratulating Govan's Gilded Lily on International Women's Day** (lodged on 11 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Miles Briggs\*, Colin Beattie\*

**[S6M-16721](#) Paul Sweeney: Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2025** (lodged on 06 March 2025)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing\*, Alex Rowley\*

**[S6M-16717](#) Fulton MacGregor: Baby Loss Retreat Recognised at the People's Choice Awards 2025.** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S6M-16710](#) Foyso Choudhury: Ramadan 2025** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S6M-16707](#) Colin Smyth: Implementing the National Primary Care Diagnostic Pathway for Lower Gastrointestinal Symptoms** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S6M-16683](#) Stuart McMillan: Cholangiocarcinoma Awareness Month** (lodged on 10 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S6M-16659](#) Miles Briggs: Young Carers Action Day 2025** (lodged on 04 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S6M-16655](#) Elena Whitham: Shelter Scotland-commissioned Research Regarding Children's Experiences in Temporary Accommodation** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-16653](#) Jackie Dunbar: NHS Grampian Catering Team Wins Green Star Award** (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-16652](#) Jackson Carlaw: Maidenhill Site Manager, David McClure, Wins Prestigious National Award** (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

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**[S6M-16647](#) Jackie Dunbar: Woodside Network Hosts Women's Day Event** (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-16646](#) Liam Kerr: Celebrating the Success of the Taste of Buchan Festival 2025** (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-16641](#) Foyso Choudhury: 75th Anniversary of the British Holiday and Home Parks Association** (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S6M-16640](#) Jackie Dunbar: Cummings Park Community Flat Marks Over 10 Years of Intergenerational Working** (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-16634](#) Foyso Choudhury: Brain Tumour Awareness Month 2025** (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S6M-16633](#) George Adam: Celebrating the University of the West of Scotland's Groundbreaking Foundation Academy** (lodged on 03 March 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-16622](#) Bob Doris: YoMo's Food Pantry at The Base, Gilshochill** (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-16614](#) Ruth Maguire: ASN Support - Ayrshire Donates to Crosshouse Children's Fund** (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-16613](#) Ruth Maguire: 1st & 6th Ayrshire (Irvine) Scout Group** (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-16612](#) Ruth Maguire: David Mann, Director of Scottish Maritime Museum, Irvine, Set to Retire** (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-16611](#) Ruth Maguire: Kelvin TOP-SET Community Support** (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-16605](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Commending Versus Arthritis on the Publication of its Workplace Adjustment Plan Tool** (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

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**[S6M-16574](#) Paul Sweeney: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Blue Triangle** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S6M-16557](#) Stuart McMillan: Bladder Cancer in Scotland** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S6M-16530](#) Monica Lennon: World Hearing Day** (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S6M-16513](#) Monica Lennon: Congratulations to Lanarkshire Rape Crisis Centre on Award from the National Lottery Community Fund's Improving Lives Programme** (lodged on 24 February 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S6M-16512](#) Monica Lennon: Celebrating SELECT's 125th Anniversary** (lodged on 24 February 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S6M-16452](#) Sharon Dowey: Improving Access to Hearing Care for Scotland's Ageing Population** (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\* R

**[S6M-16406](#) Ash Regan: Speak with One Voice to Protect Scotland's National Refinery Capacity at Grangemouth** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-16356](#) Sarah Boyack: Scottish Youth Parliament's Work on Transport** (lodged on 07 February 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*



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## Written Questions

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

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

### Government initiated questions lodged on 14 March 2025

**[S6W-35936](#) Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to address skills in Scotland's planning system and planning services.

### Written questions lodged on 14 March 2025

**[S6W-35621](#) Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to answer to question S6W-35211 by Fiona Hyslop on 11 March 2025, what its response is to claims that not incorporating the existing heavy rail connection to East Kilbride within the scope of Clyde Metro does not represent effective, joined-up, public policymaking.

**[S6W-35643](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to address any pressures on GP surgeries caused by the reported (a) decline in the number of fully qualified GPs, (b) rising patient demand, (c) challenges with practice infrastructure and (d) financial pressures faced by GP partners, and what plans are in place to ensure a sustainable, well-funded and adequately staffed GP workforce.

**[S6W-35644](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is implementing to provide timely support for carers and families in emergency situations, particularly where people are entitled to funding but face extended waiting times or financial hardship due to a lack of support or delayed assessments.

**[S6W-35645](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce 15 hours of funded childcare per week for children aged nine months to three years, similar to that in England, and, if so, what the timescale will be.

**[S6W-35670](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many cases of skin cancer have been diagnosed in each year since records began.

**[S6W-35671](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to review the legal status of first-cousin marriages.

**[S6W-35672](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding how many people seeking asylum are living in hotels in Scotland, and how many hotels are being used (a) partially and (b) wholly to accommodate asylum seekers.

**[S6W-35673](#) Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding has been allocated specifically to support the implementation of The Promise in each financial year since it was made.

**[S6W-35674](#) Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with the UK Government to ensure that reserved policy areas, such as social security and asylum, align with Scotland's commitments under The Promise.

**[S6W-35675](#) Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that care experienced young people receive (a) appropriate housing and (b) financial support as they transition into adulthood.

**[S6W-35676](#) Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the progress made by (a) local authorities and (b) partner organisations in embedding the principles of The Promise in their policies and practices.

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**S6W-35677 Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent evaluation it has carried out of the impact of 1,140 hours of funded childcare on (a) children's development and (b) parental employment.

**S6W-35678 Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to address any staffing shortages in the early years sector that may be impacting the delivery of 1,140 hours of funded childcare.

**S6W-35679 Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of eligible children have accessed their full entitlement of 1,140 hours of funded childcare in each of the last three years.

**S6W-35680 Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to (a) support childminders in delivering the 1,140 hours of funded childcare and (b) address the reported decline in the number of childminders.

**S6W-35681 Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will require the return of the option of shared cabins for passengers on the Northern Isles Ferry Service as part of the next Northern Isles Ferry Service contract.

**S6W-35682 Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Northern Isles Ferry Service booking system will open for bookings for dates beyond 31 December 2025.

**S6W-35683 Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will change the booking system for travel on the Northern Isles Ferry Service, to ensure a continual rolling system, as part of the next Northern Isles Ferry Service contract.

**S6W-35684 Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29010 by Neil Gray on 28 August 2024, when it will confirm a start date for the review of the NHS Scotland patient travel scheme.

**S6W-35685 Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the proposed review of the NHS Scotland patient travel scheme will include the impact of local authority visitor levies on NHS patients travelling for treatment.

**S6W-35686 Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that the final version of the Islands Connectivity Plan will be published.

**S6W-35687 Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people are currently working on the Islands Connectivity Plan.

**S6W-35688 Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government how many times its (a) ministers and (b) officials have met with the advertising website, Vivastreet, in each year since 2018.

**S6W-35689 Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government how many times its (a) ministers and (b) officials have met with the advertising website, Adultwork, in each year since 2018.

**S6W-35690 Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government how many times its (a) ministers and (b) officials have met with the advertising website, Escort Scotland, in each year since 2018.

**S6W-35691 Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-35132 by Ivan McKee on 27 February 2025, for what reason it only carried out a partial island communities impact assessment (ICIA), instead of a full ICIA, for the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill prior to the Parliament's consideration of the Bill at stage 1, in light of the assessment in the partial ICIA published in May 2023, which noted that "the geographical remoteness of islands can generate a number of particular challenges".

**S6W-35693 Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will investigate the recent fire at the battery energy storage system site at Rothienorman in Aberdeenshire.

**S6W-35694 Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what the (a) ages and (b) prior qualifications, by SCQF level, were of people starting a graduate apprenticeship in each year since 2017-18.

**S6W-35695 Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people were convicted of aggravated offences under section 1(1)(a) of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland)

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Act 2016 in 2022-23; of those convicted, how many (a) were given (i) prison sentences of 12 months or longer and (ii) community payback orders and (b) are subject to multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA) notification requirements.

**S6W-35696 Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government what the cost was in 2022-23, per offender, of multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA).

**S6W-35697 Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government what the average cost per member of staff was in 2022-23 to support multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA) in each relevant public body, including Police Scotland, the Scottish Prison Service, NHS boards and local authorities.

**S6W-35698 Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government what the average cost per member of staff was in 2022-23 to manage registered sex offenders in each relevant public body, including Police Scotland and local authorities.

**S6W-35700 Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government what the average cost per offender was of (a) in-prison rehabilitation programmes and (b) the Caledonian System programme, in 2022-23.

**S6W-35701 Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government how many offenders participated in the Caledonian System rehabilitation programme in 2022-23, and how many local authorities currently deliver the Caledonian System.

**S6W-35702 Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding was provided in 2022-23 to deliver work in schools as part of the Equally Safe at School programme, and to which organisations any such funding was allocated.

**S6W-35703 Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government how many schools were covered by the Equally Safe at School programme in 2022-23.

**S6W-35704 Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to reform the process for exhumation applications for ashes, in light of reports that the new system has moved away from independent crematory management, which was inexpensive, and now requires families to go through solicitors, which can reportedly cost more than £5,000.

**S6W-35705 Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact of increases in council tax and water and sewerage bills on household disposable incomes and consumer spending.

**S6W-35706 Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to issue guidance regarding any increasing need for intelligent policing.

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## Amendments

### Amendments to Bills lodged on 14 March 2025

#### Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

*Social Justice and Social Security Committee Daily List*

#### Before section 41

**Sarah Boyack**

**1077** Before section 41, insert—

*<Homelessness register*

#### **Homelessness register**

- (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 is modified as follows.
- (2) Before Part 1 (provision of housing) insert—

#### **“PART A1**

#### REGISTER OF HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS

#### *Duty on Scottish Ministers*

#### **A1 Register of homeless households**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations establish and maintain a register of homeless households.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may make provision about—
  - (a) the information to be contained on the register,
  - (b) the process for entering information on the register,
  - (c) the process for removing and updating information on the register,
  - (d) the bodies that may have access to the register,
  - (e) how the information on the register may be used,
  - (f) such other provision as required to enable the register to be maintained.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”>

**Paul O’Kane**

**1078** Before section 41, insert—

*<Duty on Scottish Ministers*

#### **Duty on Scottish Ministers: provision of housing**

- (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 is modified as follows.
- (2) Before section 1 (duty of local authority to consider needs of their area for further housing accommodation) insert—

*“Duty on Scottish Ministers*

#### **A1 Duty on Scottish Ministers: provision of housing**

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The Scottish Ministers are under a duty to prioritise introducing housing accommodation into the available social housing stock of an adequate size to accommodate people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness with whom dependent children reside or might reasonably be expected to reside.”.>

## Section 41

### Mark Griffin

**1053A** As an amendment to amendment 1053, line 10, leave out <16> and insert <18>

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**1054A** As an amendment to amendment 1054, line 10, leave out <16> and insert <18>

### Mark Griffin

**1055A** As an amendment to amendment 1055, line 12, leave out <16> and insert <18>

### Mark Griffin

**1015A** As an amendment to amendment 1015, line 4, leave out from third <the> to end of line 6 and insert <—

- (a) the person arising from their protected characteristics within the meaning of the Equality Act 2010,
- (b) any person who is required to relocate for purposes related to employment,
- (c) any person who requires any other additional adaptations that cannot be served by or accessed from their existing housing arrangements.”.>

### Sarah Boyack

**1079** In section 41, page 55, line 9, at end insert—

#### <36CA Information sharing

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make provision for a system of information sharing between relevant bodies where a relevant body has reason to believe that a person is homeless or threatened with homelessness.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may provide that information may be shared with relevant bodies unless the person who is believed to be homeless or threatened with homelessness opts out of the system.
- (3) Before making regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
  - (a) each relevant body,
  - (b) organisations supporting people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness,
  - (c) the Information Commissioner,
  - (d) such other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

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### **Sarah Boyack**

**1080** In section 41, page 55, line 23, at end insert—

- <(za) the board of management of a college of further education (those expressions having the same meanings as in section 36(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992),
- (zb) the British Waterways Board,
- (zc) the Crofting Commission,>

### **Sarah Boyack**

**1081** In section 41, page 55, line 25, at end insert—

- <(aa) Highlands and Islands Enterprise,>

### **Sarah Boyack**

**1082** In section 41, page 55, line 28, at end insert—

- <(ca) A National Park authority established by virtue of a designation order under section 6 of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000,>

### **Sarah Boyack**

**1083** In section 41, page 55, line 29, at end insert—

- <(da) a regional Transport Partnership established by virtue of section 1(1)(b) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005,>

### **Sarah Boyack**

**1084** In section 41, page 55, line 31, at end insert—

- <(ea) the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service,
- (eb) Scottish Enterprise,
- (ec) the Scottish Environment Protection Agency,
- (ed) the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service,>

### **Sarah Boyack**

**1085** In section 41, page 55, line 37, at end insert—

- <(fa) Scottish Natural Heritage,
- (fb) the Scottish Police Authority,
- (fc) Scottish Water,
- (fd) Social Security Scotland,
- (fe) South of Scotland Enterprise,>

### **After section 41**

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**Jamie Halcro Johnston**

**1086** After section 41, insert—

*<Rough sleeping*

**Duty to end rough sleeping**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must take reasonable steps to ensure that, by 31 December 2029, there is no rough sleeping in Scotland.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must publish and lay a report before the Scottish Parliament on the progress that has been made towards meeting the duty mentioned in subsection (1)—
  - (a) in the case of the first report, by no later than 31 December 2027, and
  - (b) in the case of the second report, by no later than 31 December 2028.
- (4) In this Part—
 

“rough sleeping” means people sleeping, about to bed down, or bedded down in—

  - (a) the open air, including on the streets, in tents, doorways, parks, bus shelters or encampments, or
  - (b) buildings or other places not designed for habitation, including stairwells, barns, sheds, car parks, cars, derelict boats, or stations,

“about to bed down” means lying down or sitting on or near a sleeping bag or other bedding,

“bedded down” means lying down or sleeping.>

**Jamie Halcro Johnston**

**1087** After section 41, insert—

**<Rough sleeping action plan**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, by no later than 31 December 2026, prepare an action plan on how they intend to meet the duty under section (*Duty to end rough sleeping*).
- (2) The action plan mentioned in subsection (1) must set out—
  - (a) the Scottish Ministers’ objectives with regards to ending rough sleeping,
  - (b) the Scottish Ministers’ plans for meeting those objectives (including priorities for action),
  - (c) arrangements for monitoring progress towards meeting the objectives.
- (3) In preparing the action plan mentioned in subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
- (4) The action plan prepared under subsection (1) must be published and laid before the Scottish Parliament.>

**Before section 43**

**Katy Clark**

**1088** Before section 43, insert—

*<Review of temporary housing*



### Review of women's refuges

- (1) Within 1 year of Royal Assent, the Scottish Ministers must carry out a review of temporary housing provided for persons who have left their homes as a result of domestic abuse.
- (2) The review under subsection (1) must consider, in particular—
  - (a) whether such housing is compliant with international standards in respect of the number of spaces, distribution and suitability,
  - (b) the availability of specialist provision,
  - (c) whether funding for such housing is sustainable.
- (3) In undertaking a review under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
  - (a) organisations providing such housing,
  - (b) local authorities, in particular on the extent to which they are able to provide adequate provision,
  - (c) such other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish a report of the review.
- (5) A report under subsection (4) must set out any action the Scottish Ministers plan to take as a result of the review.
- (6) For the purposes of 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),

“international standards” includes the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention).>

### Section 45

#### Katy Clark

- 1089** In section 45, page 58, line 15, after <14A(6A)> insert <, including consideration of writing off the whole or any part of the rent arrears or taking other mitigating action in relation to the rent arrears>



## Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 4 February 2025

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

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

### **Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill (G)**

Passed, 25 February 2025

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

Stage 2 completed, 4 March 2025

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

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

Stage 1 Report (Criminal Justice Committee) published, 11 March 2025

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

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

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### **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 26 February 2025

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 23 April 2025

*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 2 April with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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

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

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), 20 March 2025

*The deadline has passed for amendments specifically on matters relating to the part 5 homelessness prevention provisions or the part 6 fuel poverty provisions, except any such amendments to the schedule or the long title.*

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 29 April 2025

*All amendments other than those that are to be considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 23 April with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 26 March 2025

Stage 1 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 18 March 2025

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (5<sup>th</sup> Report, 2025)*

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 18 February 2025

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (12<sup>th</sup> Report, 2025)*

### **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 12 March 2025

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

Stage 2 completed, 28 January 2025

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 March 2025

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 18 March 2025

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

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62<sup>nd</sup> Report, 2024)*

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 27 March 2025

*Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (1<sup>st</sup> Report, 2025)*

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

Stage 2 completed, 11 December 2024

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

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*Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (14<sup>th</sup> Report, 2025)*

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

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

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

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 March 2025

*Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People*

### **UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Introduced, 12 March 2025

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

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Criminal Justice Committee), 19 March 2025

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

Passed, 23 January 2025

## **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

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

Lodged on 12 March 2025

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

Lodged on 22 November 2024

*Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (2<sup>nd</sup> Report, 2025)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6<sup>th</sup> Report, 2025)*

### **Employment Rights Bill LCM-S6-53**

Lodged on 11 December 2024

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 19 February 2025

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*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (16<sup>th</sup> Report, 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) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

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

### **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*

### **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) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

### **Tobacco and Vapes Bill LCM-S6-51**

Lodged on 21 November 2024

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 17 December 2024

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (15<sup>th</sup> Report, 2025)*

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

### **Affirmative instruments**

#### **Subject to approval by 13 March 2025**

[Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (24 January 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

#### **Subject to approval by 16 March 2025**

[Community Care \(Personal Care and Nursing Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (27 January 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (27 January 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

#### **Subject to approval by 18 March 2025**

[Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Treatment of Qualifications Scotland as Specified Authority\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (29 January 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

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[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (30 January 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

### Subject to approval by 24 March 2025

[Local Government Finance \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (4 February 2025) (The Parliament)

### Subject to approval by 27 March 2025

[Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

### Subject to approval by 28 March 2025

[Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (re-laid 10 February 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

### Subject to approval by 29 March 2025

[Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Part 2 Further Extension\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (18 February 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

### 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)

### Negative instruments

#### Subject to annulment 19 March 2025

#### Lead committee report due by 17 March 2025

[Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/18\)](#) (30 January 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rating \(Valuation of Utilities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/19\)](#) (30 January 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

#### Subject to annulment 23 March 2025

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/24\)](#) (3 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Fees for Scheme Membership and Disclosure Applications \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/25\)](#) (3 February 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Level 1 and Level 2 Disclosure Review Application \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/26\)](#) (3 February 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

**Subject to annulment 27 March 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025**

[Environmental Protection \(Injurious Articles\) \(Fixed Penalty Notices and Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/28\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Saving Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/29\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/30\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/31\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

**Subject to annulment 28 March 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025**

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2025 \(SI 2025/124\)](#) (12 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

**Subject to annulment 30 March 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025**

[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/36\)](#) (19 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

**Subject to annulment 31 March 2025**  
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[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/37\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/38\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/39\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)



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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Hospitality Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/40\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Environmental Protection \(Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/42\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/43\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/44\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

**Subject to annulment 1 April 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 31 March 2025**

[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/48\)](#) (21 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

**Subject to annulment 27 April 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 21 April 2025**

[Council Tax Reduction and Council Tax \(Discounts\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/55\)](#) (3 March 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Council Tax \(Exempt Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/56\)](#) (3 March 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Health and Care Professions Council \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Rules Order of Council 2025 \(SI 2025/240\)](#) (3 March 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

**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)



## New Documents

### Committee Reports

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Finance and Public Administration Committee, 4th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Part 2 Further Extension) Order 2025 [draft] (SP Paper 757)

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