

Tuesday 25 March 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rt Rev Dr Shaw James Paterson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 Report

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland – A Fair Trade Nation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-16854 Stuart McMillan: Peel Ports' Conservancy Fee Plans for Clydeport Area

Committee Meetings

9:00am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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1. Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider an independent external evaluation of the pilot scheme that provides victims in rape and serious assault cases with access to transcripts, in light of reports of some waiting a year for transcripts of their court cases. ([S6T-02446](#))

2. Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government what practical steps it is taking to review the funding model for Scottish universities, in light of recent reports that the number of international students enrolled at Scottish universities fell by more than 10% between 2023 and 2024. ([S6T-02448](#))

3. Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that the reported £203 million it spent on external advisers to help administer agricultural support payments to be good value for money. ([S6T-02447](#)) R

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The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

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Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-16854](#) Stuart McMillan: Peel Ports’ Conservancy Fee Plans for Clydeport Area—That the Parliament acknowledges reports that Peel Ports Clydeport is planning to introduce a conservancy fee for leisure craft sailing in the Clydeport area; understands that the boating sector has expressed concerns that such a charge could impact the marine tourism economy, including in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, as it could discourage boaters from sailing in Clydeport’s waters; believes that boaters have also expressed their anger at what it understands is Peel Ports’ lack of meaningful dialogue with the sector about these plans; further believes that this has led to questions arising over how the fee will be spent; understands that members of the Cross-Party Group on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism have agreed that their collective position is that these plans should be abandoned, and that a public petition has been launched to attract support for this view, which, it understands, has attracted over 4,600 signatures so far, and notes the view that Peel Ports should scrap its proposal and work with the sector to address any issues.

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Committee Meetings

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 10th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
- Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Eddie Follan, Chief Officer, Health and Social Care, COSLA;
Dr Sue Galea-Singer, Clinical Lead, Addiction Services, NHS Fife;
Flora Ogilvie, Public Health Consultant, NHS Lothian;
Gillian Robertson, Service Manager, Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership;
and then from—
Pamela Dudek, Independent Chair, Dundee Alcohol and Drug Partnership;
Kelda Gaffney, Chair and Interim Assistant Chief Officer of Adult Services, Glasgow City Alcohol and Drug Partnership;
Liam Wells, Lead Officer, East Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership.
- Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider written testimonies on the Bill received from individuals living with a terminal illness.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Health and Care Professions Council \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Rules Order of Council 2025](#)
- Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1 and the evidence heard at the previous week's meeting.
- Finance and Public Administration Committee Budget Process Inquiry:** The Committee will consider a draft response to the Finance and Public Administration Committee Budget Process Inquiry.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 12th Meeting, 2025

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 from—
Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, Carolyn Boyd, Solicitor, Gary Gray, Senior Policy Advisor, and Phil Leeks, Senior Policy Manager, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy) to move—S6M-16752— That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

4. **Environmental Standards Scotland (Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 and future priorities):** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Richard Dixon, Acting Chair, and Mark Roberts, Chief Executive, Environmental Standards Scotland.
5. **Environmental Standards Scotland (Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 and future priorities):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 11th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 10th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Building Safety and Maintenance:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Louise Butchart, Head of Housing, Construction and Communities, and Gary Brady, City Engineer, Design and Property Services, Dundee City Council;
Craig Dugdale, Surveying Manager, City of Edinburgh Council;
Susie Fitton, Policy Manager, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA);
Euan McCallum, Acting Housing Assets Manager, Angus Council;
Murray Sharp, Senior Manager, Housing, Clackmannanshire Council;
Jackie Timmons, Head of Area Based Regeneration and Shared Repairs, City of Edinburgh Council.
3. **Building Safety and Maintenance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Housing Inquiry:** The Committee will consider a draft report.
5. **Child poverty:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice.
6. **Electoral boundaries: Independent review of automaticity:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Minister for Parliamentary Business.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 11th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Environmental Protection \(Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/78)
3. **Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill at Stage 1.

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4. **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill at Stage 1.
5. **Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider an update to its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its upcoming session with the Minister for Parliamentary Business.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 19 March 2025

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 Ministerial Statement: Secure Accommodation in Scotland – Capacity

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)

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-16539 Maggie Chapman: Ending Destitution in Scotland – a Road Map for Policymakers

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 — S6M-16128 Liz Smith: 300 Years of The Black Watch

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Response to Fatal Accident Inquiries (Deaths in Custody)

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 1 April 2025

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1: Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill

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followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 2 April 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 Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 3 April 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 Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee and Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: The Aarhus Convention and Access to Environmental Justice

followed by Business Motions

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5:00 pm Decision Time

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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>

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

26 March 2025

11th Meeting, 2025

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to consider the evidence taken as part of its scrutiny of Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill at this and future meetings in private. The Committee will also decide whether to consider draft reports on the Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill at future meetings in private.
- Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Chief Inspector Michael Booker, Police Scotland;
Dr Paula Boyden, Veterinary Director, Dogs Trust;
Laura Buchan, Procurator Fiscal for Policy and Engagement, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;
Gilly Mendes-Ferreira, Director of Strategic Communications & Partnership Engagement, Scottish SPCA;
Mike Moore, Policy and Campaigns Manager (Scotland), Guide Dogs for the Blind Association;
Stuart Munro, Convener of the Criminal Law Committee, Law Society of Scotland.
- Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Criminal Justice Committee

26 March 2025

11th Meeting, 2025

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

- Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3).

Proposed future business

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee

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26 March 2025 11th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **The Promise:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Natalie Don-Innes, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, Gavin Henderson, Deputy Director, Keeping the Promise, and Iona Colvin, Chief Social Work Adviser, Scottish Government.
2. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2

Proposed future business

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

Public Audit Committee 26 March 2025 11th 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 and 5 in private.
2. **Administration of Scottish income tax 2023/24:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Alyson Stafford, Director-General Scottish Exchequer, and Lorraine King, Deputy Director, Tax Strategy, Engagement and Performance, Scottish Government;
Jonathan Athow, Director General for Customer Strategy and Tax Design, and Phil Batchelor, Deputy Director for Income Tax Policy, HM Revenue and Customs.
3. **Administration of Scottish income tax 2023/24:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Administration of Scottish income tax 2023/24:** The Committee will consider evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katrina Venters at Katrina.Venters@Parliament.scot

Economy and Fair Work Committee 26 March 2025 10th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4, and all future consideration of evidence heard in relation to its Scotland's skills system scrutiny, in private.
2. **Skills Delivery:** The Committee will take evidence from—
James Withers, Independent Advisor, JR Withers Advisory Ltd;
and then from—

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Frank Mitchell, Chair, Damien Yeats, Chief Executive, Gordon McGuinness, Director of Industry and Enterprise Networks, and Lynne Robson, Head of Evidence and Impact, Skills Development Scotland.

3. **Skills Delivery:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Proposed future business

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

27 March 2025

11th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of a draft submission to the UK Government's consultation on the UK Internal Market Act 2020 review should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **UK Internal Market Act 2020 - Consultation and Review:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Thomson, Chief Executive, Food and Drink Federation Scotland;
Marc Strathie, Senior Policy Advisor for Devolved Nations, Institute of Directors Scotland;
Mags Simpson, Scotland Deputy Director of Policy, CBI Scotland;
and then from—
Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Euan Page, Head of UK Frameworks, Scottish Government.

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

27 March 2025

10th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Financial considerations of leaving an abusive relationship (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.
2. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will, not before 9 am, consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

Proposed future business

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

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SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

27 March 2025

8th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

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

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

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

Motions for Debate

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Supported by: Jamie Hepburn*

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Supported by: Neil Bibby*

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***[S6M-16892](#) Mairi Gougeon: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill.

Supported by: Jim Fairlie

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S6M-16901](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Scotland's Islands**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the social and economic importance and contribution of Scotland's islands, their residents and their businesses; further recognises what it considers are the challenges of living on and running a business on islands and delivering public services to island communities, but believes that islanders, including many from across the Highlands and Islands region, have remarkable entrepreneurship that has fostered advancements in a varied portfolio of sectors, including distilling, manufacturing, space exploration and a growing number of micro and social enterprises; values the distinctive and often unique cultural contribution of the islands to Scotland, the rest of UK and the world; believes that island communities provide many opportunities, but notes concerns that they can face many unique challenges, including the threat of depopulation, without the provision of adequate housing, healthcare, transport links and connectivity. **R**

Supported by: Douglas Ross*, Liam McArthur*, Edward Mountain*, Craig Hoy*, John Mason*, Alexander Stewart*, Tess White*, Miles Briggs*, Meghan Gallacher*, Douglas Lumsden*, Annie Wells*, Tim Eagle*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Liz Smith*, Murdo Fraser*, Daniel Johnson*, Rhoda Grant* **R**, Fergus Ewing*, Pam Gosal*, Jackie Baillie*, Katy Clark*, Beatrice Wishart*, Brian Whittle*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-16925](#) Pam Gosal: Celebration of Eid ul-Fitr 2025**—That the Parliament extends its warm wishes to all those celebrating the festival of Eid ul-Fitr in Scotland, the UK and across the world; notes that the joyous occasion follows 30 days of fasting during Ramadan; understands that it is a time to reflect on the values of Islam; recognises the immense contribution of Muslims in Scotland, and beyond, across various sectors, such as healthcare, education, business and politics; considers that Islam's values of family bonds, acts of charity and reflection are crucial, especially in times of adversity; believes that the inspiring contribution made by the Islamic community has helped create a more inclusive and vibrant society in Scotland; hopes that this Eid brings joy, unity and harmony to all, and wishes everyone an Eid Mubarak.

***[S6M-16887](#) Edward Mountain: Outstanding Work of Highland BlindCraft**—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding work of Highland BlindCraft, which is a charity founded in 1881 that has been dedicated to supporting people with visual impairments across the Highlands and Western Isles; commends its efforts in providing employment, training and rehabilitation services that empower its service users to live independently and contribute meaningfully to society; acknowledges what it believes has been the charity's historical commitment to skills development, from its early focus on basket weaving and sewing to its current expertise in manufacturing high-quality beds, mattresses and furniture; applauds its comprehensive sensory support, assistive technology and vocational training programmes, which enable people to gain essential life and work skills; applauds what it believes are the invaluable contributions of the entire Highland BlindCraft team, whose commitment ensures the delivery of exceptional products and services; understands that the collective efforts have led to significant achievements, including a notable partnership with Highland Coast Hotels, which has resulted in an order for 220

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handcrafted beds, mattresses and headboards for properties such as the Plockton Inn, Royal Golf Hotel in Dornoch and Royal Marine Hotel in Brora; applauds its advocacy work in promoting accessibility and inclusion for people with sight loss, and wishes Highland BlindCraft continued success in its vital mission to enhance the lives of visually impaired people in Scotland.

***[S6M-16886](#) Maggie Chapman: Solidarity with University of Dundee Trade Unions—**That the Parliament congratulates the campus trade unions at the University of Dundee for what it sees as their dedication, solidarity and joint working since the reported financial crisis at the institution came to light in November 2024; recognises the two all-staff town hall meetings that they arranged to hear their members' concerns; appreciates the organising and effort that has gone into the industrial action that has been agreed in response to the announced budget reductions and proposed redundancies; commends what it believes is their ongoing commitment to protecting jobs and ensuring fair treatment for staff and students, and extends its best wishes for their continued efforts in advocating for workers' rights and the future of the university.

Supported by: Mercedes Villalba* R, Monica Lennon*, Ariane Burgess*, Patrick Harvie*, Bill Kidd*, Ross Greer*, Carol Mochan*

***[S6M-16881](#) Jackie Dunbar: P&J Live Achieves A Greener Arena Certification—**That the Parliament congratulates everyone at P&J Live in Aberdeen Donside, which has achieved A Greener Arena (AGA) certification; understands that AGA is awarded by A Greener Future, which is a not-for-profit organisation that set the world's first event sustainability standards and has since evolved to become a leading authority in sustainability and event management, raising the bar for a more sustainable event ecosystem; believes that P&J Live now joins a handful of other venues across the UK, such as the OVO Hydro in Glasgow, to achieve such certification; recognises that this certification marks the latest step in the venue's mission to achieve net zero by 2050, and wishes it the best going forward.

Supported by: Stephanie Callaghan*, Audrey Nicoll*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*

***[S6M-16880](#) Paul O'Kane: Two Pupils from Woodfarm High School Excel in Public Speaking Competition —**That the Parliament congratulates East Renfrewshire residents and Woodfarm High School pupils, Ben, on receiving the senior trophy and Lilou, for winning the junior trophy, for their impressive speeches in the Public Speaking Competition Final 2024-25; understands that 10 junior and 11 senior speakers qualified for this event and were given separate topics for each of their finals; commends Ben on his fantastic speech on the topic of "The most misunderstood concept in the world" and believes that Lilou showed her talent for public speaking on the topic of, 'What makes a hero'; understands that Young Speakers Scotland has been continually utilising this event to give bright young people in Scotland from all backgrounds the opportunity to develop their public speaking skills; congratulates the whole school community, which is extremely proud of both Ben and Lilou for their amazing achievements, and wishes them well in their bright futures ahead.

***[S6M-16879](#) Pam Gosal: Helensburgh Youth Complete Duke of Edinburgh Award at RNLI —**That the Parliament recognises that Logan Brown, Kyle Stratton and Austin Durrant, who are all from Helensburgh, have successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh awards with the support of the RNLI Helensburgh lifeboat station; understands that the station provided invaluable guidance and training in areas such as navigation, rope work, first aid and health and safety; notes that the training enabled participants to develop essential skills and confidence and has not only

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helped them achieve their bronze, silver and gold awards, but also fostered a deeper understanding of the vital work carried out by the RNLI; appreciates the dedication of the RNLI team in mentoring these young individuals and inspiring future generations, and wishes Logan, Kyle and Austin and the RNLI continued success in their future endeavours.

***[S6M-16878](#) Pam Gosal: Helensburgh's Gordon Reid Wins Men's Wheelchair Tennis Doubles at the 2025 Cajun Classic in Louisiana, USA**—That the Parliament congratulates Gordon Reid, who is from, Helensburgh on winning the men's wheelchair tennis doubles at the 2025 Cajun Classic in Louisiana, USA; notes that Gordon, along with his partner, Alfie Hewett, are now unbeaten in three doubles events encompassing eight matches in 2025 after their Melbourne Open Super Series and Australian Open victories in January; acknowledges that the 22-time Grand Slam champions have completed a trio of Cajun Classic doubles titles since 2023 and have won 13 career Super Series doubles titles together, and wishes the duo every success for future tournaments.

***[S6M-16877](#) Ariane Burgess: Congratulating Inveraray Primary School on its 10th Green Flag Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Inveraray Primary School on receiving its 10th Green Flag as part of the international Eco-Schools programme by the environmental charity, Keep Scotland Beautiful; understands that the Green Flag award is an internationally recognised achievement for schools and nurseries committed to learning for sustainability; recognises that Inveraray Primary has worked extremely hard to take action on three topics and fulfil all seven elements of the award criteria; acknowledges that Eco-Schools is currently celebrating its 30th anniversary, and believes that it is the largest sustainable schools programme in the world, which is operated internationally by the Foundation for Environmental Education and delivered by Keep Scotland Beautiful.

***[S6M-16876](#) Ruth Maguire: North Ayrshire Pupils Pitchin' In at Rugby Park**—That the Parliament acknowledges the efforts of secondary school pupils from Irvine Royal and Kilwinning Academy, who took part in the Pitchin' In programme at Rugby Park; recognises the initiative for what it sees as its promotion of positive community engagement, reducing youth offending and fostering strong relationships between young people, Police Scotland and local organisations; commends the young participants for their enthusiasm, teamwork and willingness to engage in discussions on social responsibility and personal development; notes that the programme, which is run in partnership with Kilmarnock FC and the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit, uses the power of football to inspire positive change; encourages the continued expansion of what it considers is this impactful initiative to empower more young people across Ayrshire; commends this project, and wishes it continued success.

***[S6M-16875](#) Ruth Maguire: London Marathon Challenge for Kilwinning's Mhairi McCandless**—That the Parliament congratulates Kilwinning resident, Mhairi McCandless, on her commitment to running the London Marathon on 27 April 2025 in memory of her late brother-in-law, Drew Hunter; recognises Mhairi's dedication to raising funds and awareness for the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society, a cause close to her heart, given the impact of MS on individuals and families across Scotland; commends her rigorous training and perseverance in preparing for the 26.2-mile challenge; acknowledges the generosity of the community members and businesses who have supported her fundraising efforts through donations and sponsorships, and wishes Mhairi the best of luck on race day as she takes on this remarkable challenge in honour of her brother-in-law and all those affected by MS.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-16929](#) Shona Robison: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Group Relief and Sub-sale Development Relief Modifications) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] (lodged on 24 March 2025)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

[S6M-16893](#) Richard Leonard: Scotland in the Red 2024 StepChange Scotland (lodged on 21 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Mercedes Villalba*

[S6M-16874](#) Fulton MacGregor: The Plight of Albion Rovers and Preserving Scotland's Historic Football Clubs (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Bob Doris*, Foyso Choudhury*

[S6M-16872](#) Douglas Lumsden: Santander Branch Closures (lodged on 21 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16870](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Ramblers Scotland 60th Anniversary (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Sarah Boyack*, Paul Sweeney*, Mercedes Villalba*

[S6M-16869](#) Jackie Dunbar: Global Intergenerational Week 2025 (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-16868](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Wildfire Awareness (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16867](#) Clare Adamson: St Aidan's Primary School Awarded 10th Green Flag (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16866](#) Maurice Golden: WeeCOOK Success at the British Pie Awards (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-16865](#) Christine Grahame: Happy 100th Birthday to Broughton and District Bowling Club (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16864](#) Willie Rennie: Fife's Sight Loss Charity Seescape Celebrates its 160th Anniversary (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16863](#) Liam Kerr: Ferryhill Railway Heritage Trust Celebrates 175th Anniversary of the First Railway Reaching Aberdeen (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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S6M-16862 Humza Yousaf: Fourth Annual Govan Music Festival (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-16854 Stuart McMillan: Peel Ports' Conservancy Fee Plans for Clydeport Area (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Ross Greer*

S6M-16853 Alexander Burnett: A Bear Named Buttony Celebrates 10th Anniversary in May 2025 (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tess White*, Edward Mountain*, Craig Hoy* R, Pam Gosal*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Alexander Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Liam Kerr*, Kevin Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Jamie Greene*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Meghan Gallacher*, Murdo Fraser*, Colin Beattie*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*

S6M-16851 Karen Adam: The Importance of Macduff Harbour (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Joe FitzPatrick*

S6M-16850 Kenneth Gibson: Isle of Arran Music School Celebrates Pipe Band Victory (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-16849 Ariane Burgess: Recognising the Potential of Cohousing in Scotland (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Liam McArthur*, Kenneth Gibson*, John Mason*, Stuart McMillan*, Ross Greer*

S6M-16842 Humza Yousaf: Commemorating Belarusian Freedom Day on 25 March (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*

S6M-16836 Kevin Stewart: Impact of National Insurance Hikes on Pharmacies (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Gordon MacDonald*, Joe FitzPatrick* R

S6M-16835 Patrick Harvie: Congratulating Women on Wheels and Sunny Cycles on their Inaugural Ride Bright for International Women's Day (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*

S6M-16827 Alexander Stewart: Commending NHS Forth Valley Lead Parkinson's Nurse, Kay Mair (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, Stuart McMillan*, Brian Whittle*

S6M-16826 Alexander Stewart: Go Forth Stirling BID Spring Clean (lodged on 18 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, Stuart McMillan*, Brian Whittle*

S6M-16824 Evelyn Tweed: Stirling Sisters Honour Mum by Raising Over £20,000 for the Stroke Association (lodged on 18 March 2025)

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New Support: Kenneth Gibson*

[S6M-16815](#) Kevin Stewart: African Women's Group Scotland (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[S6M-16807](#) Edward Mountain: 50th Anniversary of Balintore Community Fire Station (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16800](#) David Torrance: Kinghorn RNLI Celebrates 60 Years of Saving Lives at Sea (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Alexander Stewart*, Murdo Fraser*, Liam McArthur*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Foyso Choudhury*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-16795](#) Fulton MacGregor: Shining Stars ASN Theatre School Wins Specialist Theatre School of the Year Award (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*

[S6M-16788](#) Maggie Chapman: International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Ross Greer*, Foyso Choudhury*, Patrick Harvie*, Mercedes Villalba*, Humza Yousaf*, Ariane Burgess*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-16746](#) Ariane Burgess: Celebrating the Witches of Scotland Memorial Tartan Campaign (lodged on 18 March 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

[S6M-16728](#) Mercedes Villalba: Fire Brigades Union "Fight for 52" Campaign and International Women's Day 2025 (lodged on 06 March 2025)

New Support: Sarah Boyack*

[S6M-16654](#) Paul Sweeney: Findings of See Me's "If it's Okay" Campaign (lodged on 03 March 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

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Oral Questions

Topical Questions selected for answer on 25 March 2025

- Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider an independent external evaluation of the pilot scheme that provides victims in rape and serious assault cases with access to transcripts, in light of reports of some waiting a year for transcripts of their court cases. ([S6T-02446](#))
- Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government what practical steps it is taking to review the funding model for Scottish universities, in light of recent reports that the number of international students enrolled at Scottish universities fell by more than 10% between 2023 and 2024. ([S6T-02448](#))
- Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that the reported £203 million it spent on external advisers to help administer agricultural support payments to be good value for money. ([S6T-02447](#)) R

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 27 March 2025

- Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03938](#))
- Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03939](#))
- Patrick Harvie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03940](#))
- Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the UK Government's Spring Statement. ([S6F-03941](#))
- Murdo Fraser:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to reduce waiting times for children and adolescents for the diagnosis of autism and ADHD. ([S6F-03944](#))
- Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to prevent instances of water scarcity in 2025. ([S6F-03968](#))
- Ash Regan:** To ask the First Minister, in light of reports of an escalation in gang-related violence in Edinburgh, with recent shootings in Niddrie and West Pilton, what immediate action can be taken to support the emergency services in ensuring the safety and reassurance of communities in the Edinburgh Eastern constituency. ([S6F-03970](#))

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 02 April 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 26 March 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 27 March 2025.

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- Roz McCall
- Emma Roddick

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3. Elena Whitham
4. Pauline McNeill
5. Tess White
6. Graham Simpson
7. Monica Lennon
8. Ash Regan

Health and Social Care

1. Meghan Gallacher
2. Neil Bibby
3. Colin Smyth
4. Fergus Ewing
5. Katy Clark
6. Fulton MacGregor
7. Colin Beattie
8. Marie McNair

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 03 April 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 26 March 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 27 March 2025.

Social Justice

1. Michelle Thomson
2. Foysol Choudhury
3. David Torrance
4. Sue Webber
5. Murdo Fraser
6. Craig Hoy
7. Alexander Burnett
8. Liam McArthur

Members selected for General Questions on 03 April 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 26 March 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 27 March 2025.

1. Daniel Johnson
2. Liz Smith
3. Richard Leonard
4. Paul Sweeney
5. Douglas Lumsden
6. Martin Whitfield
7. Kevin Stewart
8. Michael Marra

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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 24 March 2025

S6W-36035 Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the delay in implementing the Fracture Liaison Service audit on the ability to (a) evaluate gaps in osteoporosis care and (b) prevent avoidable fractures. **R**

Amendments

Amendments to Bills lodged on 24 March 2025

Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

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Section 19

Daniel Johnson

61A As an amendment to amendment 61, line 3, leave out <more> and insert <no less>

Daniel Johnson

61B As an amendment to amendment 61, line 13, leave out <more> and insert <no less>

Daniel Johnson

63A As an amendment to amendment 63, line 4, leave out <no more> and insert <less>

Daniel Johnson

64A As an amendment to amendment 64, line 5, leave out <more> and insert <no less>

Daniel Johnson

64B As an amendment to amendment 64, line 8, leave out <more> and insert <no less>

Daniel Johnson

64C As an amendment to amendment 64, line 13, leave out <no more> and insert <less>

After section 40

Daniel Johnson

247 After section 40, insert—

<Landlord's duties to provide information to tenant

Private residential tenancies: duty to provide information about rent payable under previous tenancies

- (1) The 2016 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 10 (duty to provide written terms of tenancy), insert—

“10A Duty to provide information about rent payable under previous tenancies

- (1) The landlord must provide the tenant with information on the rent payable for the property under any previous tenancy for each month of the period of 36 months ending on the day on which the tenancy commences.
- (2) The information under subsection (1) must be provided before the day on which the tenancy commences.”.>

Daniel Johnson

248 After section 40, insert—

<Landlord's duties to provide information to tenant

Scottish secure tenancies: duty to provide information about rent payable under previous tenancies

- (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 23 (tenant's right to written tenancy agreement and information), after subsection (6) insert—
 - “(7) The landlord must provide the tenant with information on the rent payable for the property under any previous tenancy for each month of the period of 36 months ending on the day on which the tenancy was created.
 - (8) The information under subsection (7) must be provided before the creation of a Scottish secure tenancy.”.>

Daniel Johnson

249 After section 40, insert—

<Repairing standard

Right of tenant to withhold rent in event of failure to remedy serious repairs

- (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 is modified by subsection (2).
- (2) In section 24 (determination by First-tier Tribunal), after subsection (5) insert—
 - “(5A) Where the First-tier Tribunal determines that the landlord has failed to comply with the duty imposed by section 14(1)(b), the tenant may withhold payment of the rent payable to the landlord under the tenancy until the date on which the work required by the repairing standard enforcement order is completed.”.
- (3) The 2016 Act is modified by subsection (4).
- (4) In schedule 3 (eviction grounds), paragraph 12, after sub-paragraph (1) insert—
 - “(1A) Where the tenant has withheld payment of the rent payable to the landlord under section 24(5A) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, the ground named by sub-paragraph (1) does not apply.”.>

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New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following draft instrument was laid before Parliament on 24 March 2025 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Group Relief and Sub-sale Development Relief Modifications\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 68(2)(c) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

Not subject to parliamentary procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 24 March 2025 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

[Disclosure \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 5, Saving and Transitional Provision\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/84 \(C.9\)\)](#)

Laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Economy and Fair Work Committee), 26 March 2025

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 1 April 2025

Stage 1 Report – Criminal Justice Committee (3rd Report, 2025)

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)), 26 March 2025

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

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 2) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), 27 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)

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

Stage 1 Report – Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee (5th Report, 2025)

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

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

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

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

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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

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

[*\(legislationteam@parliament.scot\)*](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Introduced, 17 March 2025

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

Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (1st 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 (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), 18 March 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 (Day 3) (Criminal Justice Committee), 26 March 2025

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

Lodged on 12 March 2025

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

Lodged on 22 November 2024

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

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

Employment Rights Bill LCM-S6-53

Lodged on 11 December 2024

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

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (16th 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) (9th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th 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

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

Lodged on 21 March 2025

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 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 (15th Report, 2025)

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

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)

Subject to approval by 19 March 2025

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

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 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)

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)

Negative instruments

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025

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

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levy and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) 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)

[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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[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 25 April 2025
Lead committee report due by 21 April 2025

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

Subject to annulment 30 April 2025
Lead committee report due by 28 April 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

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

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Petitions

The following petitions were lodged by the Parliament on 24 March 2025:

PE2148: Improve Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services to Adult Mental Health Services transition

PE2149: Install speed cameras near schools

<https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions>

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 24 March 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 21st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Inquiry into Framework Legislation and Henry VIII powers (SP Paper 762)

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