Thursday 15 May 2025 **Business Bulletin** *Iris Ghnothaichean*



Chamber Desk Arrangements - End of May Holidays

Members may wish to note that the Chamber Desk will be closed on Friday 23 May and Monday 26 May 2025. Arrangements for the lodging of First Minister's Questions, Topical Questions, motions and amendments for debate and the random draw for General and Portfolio Questions are set out below.

The deadline for submitting First Minister's Questions for Thursday 29 May is 9.30 am on Tuesday 27 May.

The deadline for submitting Topical Questions for Tuesday 27 May is 9.30 am on Tuesday 27 May.

Motions for debate on Tuesday 27 May should be lodged with the Chamber Desk by no later than 4.00 pm on Wednesday 21 May; amendments to these motions should be lodged by 4.00 pm on Thursday 22 May.

Motions for debate on Wednesday 28 May should be lodged with the Chamber Desk by no later than 4.00 pm on Thursday 22 May; amendments to these motions should be lodged by 4.00 pm on Tuesday 27 May.

Members are advised that the deadline for submitting names for Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 4 June, and Portfolio and General Questions on Thursday 5 June is 12 noon on Thursday 22 May. Members who are selected will be advised by email on that day and will have until noon on Wednesday 28 May to submit their questions.

Portfolio questions that week will be Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business, Justice and Home Affairs, and Education and Skills.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-17422 Ross Greer: Addressing the Impact of Second Home Ownership in Scotland

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Secure Care and the Wider Care System

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland in Today's Europe

followed by Appointment of the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

8:30am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security Committee

9:00am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

9:30am SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

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Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

1. Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will issue a formal public apology to members of the Gypsy/Traveller community, in light of reports of the harm caused by what was known as the Tinker Experiment. ($\underline{S60-04656}$)

2. Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the latest Public Health Scotland statistics on delayed discharges in NHS Scotland, which show that the average length of delay for March 2025 was 27 days. (<u>S60-04657</u>)

3. Collette Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of the East Kilbride Enhancement Project. (<u>S6O-04658</u>)

4. Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to roll out stroke thrombectomy services on a 24/7 basis across the country. (<u>S60-04659</u>)

5. Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has undertaken with stakeholders in response to reported concerns regarding the implementation of the revised non-domestic rates processes for self-catering operators. ($\underline{S60-04660}$)

6. Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with charitable and third sector organisations regarding the decision not to introduce legislation to end conversion therapy practices, and other equalities-related legislation, during the current parliamentary session. (S60-04661)

7. Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any progress towards a national smart ticketing scheme for public transport. (<u>S6O-04662</u>)

8. Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with the NHS and local authorities to support disabled people and carers in the North East Scotland region. (<u>S6O-04663</u>)

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

1. Russell Findlay: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-04069)

2. Anas Sarwar: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-04070)

3. Alex Cole-Hamilton: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-04071)

4. Collette Stevenson: To ask the First Minister, regarding any implications for its work to tackle poverty, what assessment the Scottish Government has made of the Department for Work and Pension's forecasts reportedly indicating that the UK Government's planned reductions to disability benefits will impact 700,000 families that are already in poverty. (<u>S6F-04087</u>)

5. Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the First Minister what steps the Scottish Government is taking to address the performance of NHS 24, in light of reports that nearly one in five calls to the service went unanswered last year. (S6F-04075) **R**

6. Michelle Thomson: To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made of the recently announced UK-USA trade deal and its potential implications for businesses in Scotland. (<u>S6F-04082</u>)

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

S6M-17422 Ross Greer: Addressing the Impact of Second Home Ownership in Scotland— That the Parliament is concerned about the reported impact of the expansion of second home ownership on communities across Scotland; believes that the impact of second home ownership is felt more keenly in some communities than in others, including in areas of natural beauty; notes with concern reports that, in Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, 5% of all houses are second homes or holiday lets, compared with 1% nationally, and that the figure is 12% in the Cairngorms National Park, rising to 20% in areas such as parts of Badenoch and Strathspey, that they account for over one third in Lochranza, on the Isle of Arran, and that in Coigach almost half of all homes are second homes or holiday lets; considers that recent changes to the additional dwelling supplement (ADS) and council tax have contributed to a reduction in second home purchases, with 2,455 fewer second homes bought in 2024 than in 2023; understands that the increased rate of ADS alone is expected to raise more than a guarter of a billion of pounds for public services, including the provision of affordable housing in 2025-26, and notes the view that further targeted measures, including potential tax reforms, should be considered to rebalance primary and second home ownership levels in communities where the housing crisis is particularly acute.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

1. Douglas Ross: To ask the Scottish Government which of the portfolio questions taken in the Chamber on 25 April 2025 raised matters that fall within the specific responsibilities of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, as listed on the Scottish Government website, in light of reported concerns about her missing the session for reasons not related to her ministerial duties. (S60-04664)

2. Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work that it is doing to support those affected by historic forced adoption. (<u>S6O-04665</u>)

3. Stephanie Callaghan: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the provision of vocational skills training, whether it will provide an update on its response to the 2025 ClimateXChange report, *Training provision in Scotland's onshore wind and solar industries*. (S6O-04666)

4. Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has undertaken with the education sector in island communities, such as Orkney, which are reportedly seeing increasing pressures around funding and staff retention, particularly in relation to the provision of additional support for learning. (<u>S6O-04667</u>)

5. Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that those identified with dyslexia at school leave education with the appropriate supporting information needed to secure reasonable adjustments in the workplace. (<u>S6O-04668</u>)

6. Willie Coffey: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how many school pupils are currently studying computing science and how this compares to recent years. $(\underline{S60-04669})$

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7. Sharon Dowey: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle any violence against teachers and school staff in South Ayrshire. ($\underline{S6O-04670}$)

8. Paul Sweeney: [Not Lodged] (S6O-04671)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Secure Care and the Wider Care System

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland in Today's Europe

<u>S6M-17539</u> Angus Robertson: Scotland in Today's Europe—That the Parliament agrees that the best relationship that Scotland and the UK can have with the EU is to be a member of the EU; calls on the UK Government to drop its red lines on the single market, customs union and freedom of movement; further calls on the UK Government, at its forthcoming summit with the EU, as a first step, to negotiate an ambitious veterinary, food and drink agreement, closer energy and climate co-operation, greater freedom of movement, including opportunities for young people, and further measures to lessen the ongoing economic, social and cultural damage of Brexit, and believes that it is unacceptable that the UK Government has not shared any draft summit texts with the Scottish or other devolved governments.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

<u>S6M-17539.4</u> Stephen Kerr: Scotland in Today's Europe—As an amendment to motion S6M-17539 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland in Today's Europe), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "recognises that foreign affairs, including the country's relationship with the EU, trade and immigration are reserved matters, and calls on the Scottish Government to dedicate more parliamentary time towards tackling the issues that matter to most people in Scotland, such as improving NHS waiting times, raising Scotland's falling attainment standards, addressing school violence and bringing down bills for taxpayers."

S6M-17539.1 Neil Bibby: Scotland in Today's Europe—As an amendment to motion S6M-17539 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland in Today's Europe), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "welcomes the UK Government resetting the UK's relationship with the EU following the chaotic and damaging approach of the previous UK Conservative administration; further welcomes the summit to be held on 19 May 2025; welcomes the commitment by the UK Government to create a strategic partnership between the UK and the EU to agree a path forward on trade, security and defence; believes that economic growth, raising living standards and defence and security must be the highest of priorities for the Scottish and UK governments; welcomes the UK Government's specific commitment to negotiate a sanitary and phytosanitary veterinary agreement so that agricultural products, food and drink can be traded more cheaply between the EU and the UK, which could boost agri-food exports to the EU by up to 22.5%; further welcomes the commitment by the Prime Minister to improve security co-operation with the EU and to increase defence spending to 2.5% of GDP from April 2027, which will benefit jobs and industries in Scotland; welcomes the UK Government's newly negotiated trade deals with the United States and India, noting the importance of the latter for Scotland's whisky industry; calls on the Scottish Government to support the UK Government's efforts to rebuild the relationship with European friends and neighbours, and further calls on the Scottish Government to set out what actions it will take to improve economic growth and living standards in Scotland, including whether its public procurement processes will emulate those in other European countries in driving placebased industrial development, using the powers that it has and the record funding settlement that it has received from the UK Government of £47.7 billion this financial year."

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followed by Appointment of the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland

<u>S6M-17485</u> Paul Sweeney on behalf of the Selection Panel: Appointment of the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland—That the Parliament nominates Karen Titchener to His Majesty The King for appointment as the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland under schedule 1 paragraph 4 of the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Act 2023.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 16th Meeting, 2025

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

- 1. BBC Scotland The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Lynda Rooke, President, and Paul W Fleming, General Secretary, Equity; Frank Gallagher, Actor, Member of the River City Cast.
- 2. **Review of the UK EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement Inquiry: Part 2 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Review of the UK EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement Inquiry: Part 2.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 15th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- 2. **Financial considerations when leaving an abusive relationship:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Lynne O'Brien, Chief Officer for Children and Families, Aberlour; Erica Young, Senior Policy Officer (Social Justice), Citizens Advice Scotland; Kirsty McKechnie, Early Warning System Project Manager (Scotland), Child Poverty Action Group Scotland.

- UK Government Welfare Reforms: The Committee will take evidence from— Fiona Collie, Head of Public Affairs and Communications, Carers Scotland; Emma Jackson, Head of Social Justice, Citizens Advice Scotland; Dr Hannah Randolph, Economist Fellow, Fraser of Allander Institute; Dr Rianna Price, Policy and Research Officer, Inclusion Scotland; Chris Birt, Associate Director for Scotland, Joseph Rowntree Foundation.
- 4. **Financial considerations when leaving an abusive relationship (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.
- 5. **UK Government Welfare Reforms:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 3.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 8th 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 item 3 in private.
- Committee effectiveness: The Committee will take evidence from— Douglas Ross, MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party; Willie Rennie, MSP, Scottish Liberal Democrats; Karen Adam, MSP, Scottish National Party; Rhoda Grant, MSP, Scottish Labour Party; Ash Regan, MSP, Alba Party;

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Ross Greer, MSP, Scottish Green Party; and then from—

Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Parliamentary Business, Steven Macgregor, Head of Parliament and Legislation Unit, and Ailsa Kemp, Parliament and Legislation Unit Team Leader, Scottish Government.

3. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee 12th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **SPCB supported bodies landscape review** The Committee will take evidence from— Jackson Carlaw MSP, and Maggie Chapman MSP, Members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body;

Allan Campbell, Head of Operations – Chief Executive Group, Scottish Parliament.

2. **SPCB supported bodies landscape review** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 14 May 2025

Tuesday 20 May 2025

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2025

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-17484 Beatrice Wishart: Radio Teleswitch Service Switch-off

Wednesday 21 May 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: Proposed Grangemouth Flood Protection Scheme

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Empowering Scotland's Island Communities

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-17172 Clare Adamson: The Harm of Gambling Addiction

Thursday 22 May 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-17330 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen to Welcome the Tall Ships Races

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

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followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Committee Effectiveness Inquiry

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 May 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 28 May 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands: Health and Social Care followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)
5:10 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 May 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11:40 am General Questions
12:00 pm First Minister's Questions
followed by Members' Business
2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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Future Committee Meetings

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

Motions

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

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

Motions for Debate

<u>S6M-17539</u> Angus Robertson: Scotland in Today's Europe—That the Parliament agrees that the best relationship that Scotland and the UK can have with the EU is to be a member of the EU; calls on the UK Government to drop its red lines on the single market, customs union and freedom of movement; further calls on the UK Government, at its forthcoming summit with the EU, as a first step, to negotiate an ambitious veterinary, food and drink agreement, closer energy and climate co-operation, greater freedom of movement, including opportunities for young people, and further measures to lessen the ongoing economic, social and cultural damage of Brexit, and believes that it is unacceptable that the UK Government has not shared any draft summit texts with the Scottish or other devolved governments.

Supported by: Jamie Hepburn

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*<u>S6M-17539.3</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: Scotland in Today's Europe—As an amendment to motion S6M-17539 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland in Today's Europe), after "young people" insert ", such as an EU Youth Mobility Scheme, a comprehensive UK-EU defence and security pact, which would include access to the Security Action for Europe fund, a roadmap and timeline for the creation of a bespoke UK-EU customs union that would cut the red tape brought in by the botched former UK Conservative administration deal".

*<u>S6M-17539.2</u> Patrick Harvie: Scotland in Today's Europe—As an amendment to motion S6M-17539 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland in Today's Europe), insert at end "; considers that on a wide range of economic, security, environmental and human rights issues, the UK currently faces a critical strategic choice between alignment with European democracies and alignment with a far-right United States administration, which has shown hostility toward

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democratic countries that were previously considered allies; regrets that the UK Government seems unwilling to acknowledge the need to make this choice, and believes that commitment to a European future would be in the interests of both Scotland and the rest of the UK."

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Supported by: Foysol Choudhury*

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

*S6M-17458 Annie Wells: ME Awareness Week 2025—That the Parliament notes that ME Awareness Week runs from 12 to 18 May 2025 and aims to raise awareness of the need for greater investment in care and support for people with ME, including through #MEAction Scotland's Missing Millions rally outside the Scottish Parliament on 14 May; welcomes the reported announcement of £4.5 million in the Scottish Budget to fund specialist support for long COVID, myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) and similar conditions; understands that, despite over an estimated 58,000 people across Scotland, including in Glasgow, having ME, there are virtually no specialist ME services in Scotland, except in NHS Lothian; further understands that NHS Fife has been unable to replace the only specialist ME nurse in Scotland due to a lack of suitably skilled and experienced candidates; notes the view that it is important to expand services committed to following the 2021 ME/CFS NICE guidance, which includes key recommendations relating to diagnosis, management and specific care for those with severe ME, as well as children and young people with the condition; further notes the updated 2024 NHS board survey, which aimed to understand the barriers to, and opportunities from, implementing the updated NICE guidance and identify how NHS boards can best be supported to create ME/CFS specific care in the future; understands that the report indicated that awareness of the 2021 guidance among NHS boards had not been converted into implementation of the recommendations due to a lack of resource, capacity, pathways and training; notes the view that there is a need for appropriate training of healthcare professionals to ensure that they can offer appropriate, effective support to people with ME; further notes the view that the involvement of patients and third sector organisations across

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Scotland in the design and delivery of new services supported by this new funding is essential, and commends the volunteers and campaigners striving for better ME services for their continued efforts.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*<u>S6M-17512</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: Congratulations to 999 RE:SET for Supporting the Wellbeing of Emergency Responders—That the Parliament congratulates 999 RE:SET, a volunteer-led initiative founded by serving firefighters in Edinburgh, on what it sees as its outstanding work over the past three years in supporting the mental health and physical wellbeing of all blue light responders across Scotland and the UK; acknowledges what it sees as the significant impact the group has made through outdoor wellbeing programmes, CPR awareness training, peer mental health support, and community engagement activities; commends its efforts in strengthening community ties through public education and youth volunteer initiatives, including working with young people from Edinburgh; understands that 999 RE:SET's work has inspired collaboration with emergency service personnel across the UK, and praises the volunteers for their tireless dedication to preventing frontline worker suicide.

*<u>S6M-17511</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: Congratulating Blackhall Children's Sports Committee— That the Parliament congratulates Blackhall Children's Sports Committee, which has been successful in its bid to secure funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, the largest funder of community activity in the UK; celebrates the group for being awarded £6,713 from the National Lottery to help support children's sporting ambitions in Blackhall and the surrounding area; recognises that the National Lottery is supporting its sports day, and understands that there will be races, sports taster sessions, local community stalls, a tea tent, food stands, dancers and a pipe band playing.

*S6M-17509 Gordon MacDonald: Heriot-Watt University Team to Compete in the Monaco **Energy Boat Challenge**—That the Parliament congratulates a team of five engineering students from Heriot-Watt University on being selected to showcase their engineering talent on an international stage at the Monaco Energy Boat Challenge; understands that the Scotland PlusZero team marks the university's first ever entry into the prestigious challenge, which is regarded as the most advanced university competition on water; notes that the annual competition brings together more than 1,000 students, engineers and industry leaders from 21 countries at the Yacht Club de Monaco Marina; further notes that the competition showcases sustainable innovations in maritime technology in support of the sector's transition to a carbon-neutral future; notes that all competing teams must design and build boats powered by renewable energy sources, with Heriot-Watt University showcasing a vessel powered by green hydrogen generated through electrolysis; understands that this vessel uses an advanced energy storage and recharging system through which energy is stored and converted back into electricity for propulsion; acknowledges that the project is backed by a host of key industry partners, including Forth Ports, PlusZero, TCP eco, EPTechnologies, Scotcoin and Hydrogen Scotland; further acknowledges that the Heriot-Watt team is part of the university's Global Research Institute for Net Zero and Beyond (iNetZ+), a global centre of excellence and institute for research, innovation and teaching in its field, and wishes the team the very best in its efforts to demonstrate the potential of hydrogen as a maritime fuel.

*<u>S6M-17445</u> Michael Matheson: Falkirk Football Club Secures Promotion to the Scottish Premiership—That the Parliament congratulates Falkirk Football Club on winning the 2024-25

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Scottish Championship, securing promotion to the Scottish Premiership after a 15-year absence from the top flight of Scottish football; understands that this is a back-to-back promotion for The Falkirk Bairns following its unbeaten run in League One in the 2023-24 season, which has been dubbed its "invincible" season; notes that, at the 2024-25 PFA Scotland Awards on 3 May 2025, the Falkirk midfielder, Brad Spencer, was named Championship Player of the Year, while Bairns' boss, John McGlynn, was named overall Manager of the Year; notes that Falkirk Football Club is a fan-owned club, showing the benefits of communities coming together to support local football clubs in achieving for, and on behalf of, the supporters, their families and communities; commends the chief executive, Jamie Swinney, manager, John McGlynn, assistant manager, Paul Smith, and the whole team in achieving this down-to-the-wire win to secure promotion back to the top tier of Scottish football; hopes that the team can get a well-earned rest before pre-season starts back later in the summer, and wishes Falkirk Football Club the very best for the coming season as a Scottish Premiership team.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Emma Harper*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sandesh Gulhane*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

<u>S6M-17508</u> Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to the University of Aberdeen and NHS Grampian (lodged on 13 May 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Emma Roddick*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17507</u> Kevin Stewart: NHS Grampian UNICEF Baby Friendly Gold Award (lodged on 13 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Emma Roddick*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-17506 Kevin Stewart: North Sea Job Losses (lodged on 13 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17505</u> Paul O'Kane: Johnstone Restaurant Named Best Family Restaurant in Scottish Entertainment and Hospitality Awards (lodged on 13 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17504</u> Paul O'Kane: Include Me 2 Club Family Festival to Take Place in Cowan Park, Barrhead (lodged on 13 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Martin Whitfield*, Miles Briggs*, Monica Lennon*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*

<u>S6M-17503</u> Paul O'Kane: Barrhead Primary School Awarded Funding for Tree Planting Initiatives (lodged on 13 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*

<u>S6M-17501</u> Paul O'Kane: Election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Bob Doris*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17500</u> Bill Kidd: Congratulates the Association of Chinese Entrepreneurs and Saltire and Alum (lodged on 13 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Bob Doris*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17499</u> Alexander Stewart: Dr Joshua Smith, Postgraduate Research Student Teacher of the Year, at the RATE Teaching Awards 2025 (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stephen Kerr*

<u>S6M-17498</u> Jackie Dunbar: NHS Grampian Achieves UNICEF Baby Friendly Gold Award (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17497</u> Clare Adamson: Patricia Allison and Margaret Ellen Gunn - Service to the Scouts and Guides Movement across Wishaw (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17496</u> Craig Hoy: Noting the Closure of the Shop Owned by Norman T Craig (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Stephen Kerr*

<u>S6M-17495</u> Murdo Fraser: Civic Reception for Royal Perth Golfing Society (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stephen Kerr*

<u>S6M-17494</u> Clare Haughey: Welcoming the Election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as Pope Leo XIV (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17493</u> Emma Roddick: Highlands and Islands Schools Recognised with Gold Sport Awards (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Emma Harper*, David Torrance*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Fulton MacGregor*, Beatrice Wishart*, Stuart McMillan*

S6M-17492 Miles Briggs: Volunteer Edinburgh at 25 (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stephen Kerr*

<u>S6M-17491</u> Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Donside Pupil Recognised with Kindness Award (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17489</u> Kenneth Gibson: 75th Anniversary of the Schuman Declaration (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17488</u> Jackie Dunbar: Commemorative Plaque for Denis Law Agreed (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Bob Doris*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stephen Kerr*

<u>S6M-17487</u> Sharon Dowey: Ayr RFC Wins National Premiership Title (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Stephen Kerr*

<u>S6M-17485</u> Paul Sweeney: Appointment of the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

<u>S6M-17484</u> Beatrice Wishart: Radio Teleswitch Service Switch-off (lodged on 08 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Elena Whitham*

<u>S6M-17482</u> Pam Gosal: Launch of the Helensburgh Girls' Netball Team (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

S6M-17481 Pam Gosal: Cardross Spring Beach Clean-up (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

<u>S6M-17480</u> Jackie Dunbar: University of Aberdeen Lecturer Completes First Gaelic translation of The Hobbit (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17479</u> Jackie Dunbar: Rubberatkins Honoured with King's Award (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17478</u> Douglas Ross: Thanking Major General Seymour Monro CBE LVO for His Service as Lord-Lieutenant of Moray (lodged on 08 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-17476</u> Colin Beattie: Musselburgh Athletic, East of Scotland Premier Division Champions 2024-25 (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17475</u> Kenneth Gibson: Celebrating Brisbane's 200th Anniversary (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17474</u> Foysol Choudhury: Lauriston Farm Given Award from RSE and Williamson Trust (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-17473</u> Emma Roddick: Celebrating David Attenborough's 99th Birthday and his Legacy in Marine Conservation (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-17472 Jamie Halcro Johnston: Celebrating Highlands and Islands' Success in the Gold School Sport Awards (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17465</u> Marie McNair: The Honeybee Bakery Celebrates 10th Anniversary (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Bob Doris*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stephen Kerr*

<u>S6M-17463</u> Rhoda Grant: Congratulating Skye and Lochalsh Young Carers on its 25th Anniversary (lodged on 09 May 2025) New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17462</u> Willie Coffey: European Union of Music Youth Winner (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17460</u> Murdo Fraser: Scotch Whisky Industry Heralds Free Trade Agreement Between India and the UK (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

S6M-17459 Foysol Choudhury: Andy's Man Club (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba*, Fulton MacGregor*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-17456</u> Finlay Carson: David McKie Gains Prestigious Butler Trust Award (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

<u>S6M-17455</u> Sue Webber: Sofie Hooper Appointed as Deputy CEO of The Association for Project Safety (APS) (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Stephen Kerr*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17454</u> Alexander Stewart: Stirling and District Classic Car Club's Annual Show 2025 (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17447</u> Colin Beattie: Mrs Sarah Barron DL Appointed Midlothian Lord-Lieutenant (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17446</u> Colin Beattie: Congratulating Midlothian Lord-Lieutenant Colonel Richard Callander on His Retirement (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17444</u> Liam Kerr: Jamieson & Carry Marks 100 Years Since the Opening of its Landmark Store in Aberdeen (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17442</u> Stephen Kerr: Falkirk Football Club Wins the 2024-25 Scottish Championship (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-17441</u> Tess White: Angus Dundee Distillers Announces Major UK Supermarket Deal (lodged on 07 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-17440</u> Tess White: Southesk Primary School Pupils Crowned Sumdog Angus Champions (lodged on 07 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-17439</u> Liam Kerr: Unlocking the Opportunities of the Fraserburgh Harbour Masterplan (lodged on 07 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-17432</u> Liam Kerr: Pitullie Resident, Isobel Gregory, AKA Grandma Griggly, Reaches 100,000 Subscribers on Social Media Channel (lodged on 07 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-17431</u> Liam Kerr: Commending Aberdeen Hindu Temple Trust (AHTT) for its Community Activities (lodged on 07 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-17426</u> Douglas Ross: Trio of Awards Received at Moray and Banffshire Heroes Event (lodged on 07 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-17421</u> Pam Gosal: 40 Young Dancers from Clydebank Travel to Los Angeles (lodged on 07 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-17420</u> Pam Gosal: Success for the Helensburgh and Lomond's Kiltwalk 2025 (lodged on 07 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-17419</u> Michelle Thomson: 30 Years on from the Bosnian Genocide in Srebrenica (lodged on 13 May 2025)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Martin Whitfield*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-17418</u> Alexander Burnett: Braemar Community Limited Volunteers Win the Heritage Heroes Award (lodged on 07 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-17411</u> Edward Mountain: 80th Anniversaries of Victory in Europe (VE) Day and Victory over Japan (VJ) Day (lodged on 06 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-17357</u> Elena Whitham: Auchinleck Talbot Wins West of Scotland Cup (lodged on 30 April 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-17313</u> Elena Whitham: Coylton Primary School Achieves Gold School Sport Award (lodged on 29 April 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

<u>S6M-16920</u> Kenneth Gibson: Marine Conservation Society Publishes 2024 State of our Beaches Report (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 21 May 2025

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

1. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact on Scotland's economic growth of the UK Government white paper on immigration. (<u>S6O-04672</u>)

2. Elena Whitham: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry. (<u>S60-04673</u>)

3. John Mason: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact on Scotland's labour market of the Prime Minister's recent statement on immigration policy. (S60-04674)

4. Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the effectiveness of its current export and investment support policies. (S60-04675)

5. Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the economic impact of the closure of the Grangemouth oil refinery. (<u>S6O-04676</u>) **R**

6. Douglas Ross: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the economy secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the potential impact on businesses and residents in the Highlands should a visitor levy be introduced. (S6O-04677)

7. Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what impact the National Strategy for Economic Transformation is having on the economy of the West Scotland region. (S6O-04678)

8. Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the future of the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal. (<u>S6O-04679</u>)

Finance and Local Government

1. Stephanie Callaghan: [Not Lodged]

2. Gordon MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with the UK Government regarding the impact of the increase to employer national insurance contributions on local government finances. (<u>S60-04681</u>)

3. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its decisions on local authority budget allocations, what discussions it has had with Midlothian and East Lothian councils regarding any impact on their budgets as a result of providing support in schools for additional support needs. (S6O-04682)

4. Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what it estimates the cost to local authorities has been since May 2021 of dealing with planning applications and appeals relating to new energy infrastructure, such a wind farms, pylons and battery storage facilities. (<u>S6O-04683</u>)

5. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government how much additional funding Inverclyde Council has received since 2016, over and above its annual funding allocations. (S60-04684)

6. Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the impact of its Scottish income tax policy on the median income in Scotland, in light of this estimated to be £29,750 in 2025-26, based on its current policy. (S6O-04685)

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7. Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the setting of budget allocations, what discussions the finance secretary has had with NHS boards regarding the National Resource Allocation Formula. (<u>S60-04686</u>)

8. Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to allocate additional funding to Argyll and Bute Council, in light of reports of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership's funding deficit. (<u>S6O-04687</u>)

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 22 May 2025

Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

1. Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it decided to make a direct award of the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services contract to CalMac. (<u>S6O-04696</u>)

2. David Torrance: [Not Lodged]

3. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government to what extent current projects will be included when making a cumulative impact assessment for a section 36 application under the Electricity Act 1989. (S6O-04698) **R**

4. Audrey Nicoll: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the net zero secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding how the recently announced Proof of Concept Fund will encourage an innovative just transition in the North East Scotland region. (S6O-04699)

5. James Dornan: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding progress on the recommendations in the final report by the Social Tariff Working Group. (S60-04700)

6. Ben Macpherson: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with partners to support the Port of Leith's contribution to Scotland's net zero ambitions. (<u>S6O-04701</u>)

7. Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans to improve transport infrastructure in the Highlands and Islands, particularly in response to the reported request from Highland Council for additional support to run its six ferry services. (<u>S60-04702</u>)

8. Evelyn Tweed: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with stakeholders regarding safe parking and road use in popular rural areas, including Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. (<u>S6O-04703</u>)

General Questions selected for answer on 22 May 2025

1. Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to implement any necessary measures as a consequence of the interim update from the Equality and Human Rights Commission, following the Supreme Court's ruling on the legal definition of "woman". (<u>S60-04688</u>)

2. Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the justice secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the reported findings from a survey by the Fire Brigades Union that there is support and a need for 52 weeks of full pay for firefighters on maternity leave. (S60-04689)

3. Michelle Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government to what extent it considers workers in the health and social care sector to be skilled. (<u>S6O-04690</u>)

4. Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its work to support faith and belief communities, what plans it has to join the Buddhist community in Scotland in celebrating the 90th birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama on 6 July. (<u>S6O-04691</u>)

5. Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what recent action it has taken to improve the prevention and monitoring of malnutrition and dehydration. (<u>S6O-04692</u>)

6. Marie McNair: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further details of its initial assessment of the potential impact of the UK Government's immigration plans on Scotland's care sector. (<u>S6O-04693</u>)

7. Sharon Dowey: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to support dental practices. (<u>S60-04694</u>)

8. Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further details of its decision to escalate NHS Grampian to stage 4 of NHS Scotland's National Performance Framework. (S60-04695)

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 May 2025

<u>S6W-37686</u> George Adam: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered the future location of the Registrar of Independent Schools following the decision to refocus Education Scotland.

Written questions lodged on 14 May 2025

<u>S6W-37061</u> Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recently published Fisheries Management and Conservation Group stakeholder survey showing that 21 out of 23 participating marine stakeholders believe that FMAC is not delivering on its current aims and responsibilities, what conclusions it has drawn from the stakeholder response, and what specific changes it is planning to make to co-management arrangements to address the issues raised in the survey.

<u>S6W-37312</u> Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Supreme Court judgment in the case For Women Scotland Ltd v The Scottish Ministers, whether the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service will change its donor questionnaire to ensure that questions about pregnancy are only required to be answered by biological women, and whether it will issue apologies to any biological men who may have been unable to give blood as a result of not answering any such questions.

<u>S6W-37362</u> Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential implications of the UK Government's consideration of zonal electricity pricing for any progress towards statutory net zero targets in Scotland, and whether it will publish any underlying modelling or analytical tables.

<u>S6W-37585</u> Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government which local authorities it is working with during the academic year 2025-26 to pilot approaches that amplify good practice in supporting school leavers into positive destinations, as part of its commitment to focus on areas with the lowest rates of school leavers entering such destinations, and how it will report on the progress of these pilots.

<u>S6W-37587</u> Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government whether fisheries management measures for the remaining inshore Marine Protected Areas and a programme of protection for Priority Marine Features outside inshore Marine Protected Areas will be fully consulted on and adopted in statute before the end of the current parliamentary session.

<u>S6W-37588</u> Foysol Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) adults and (b) children with type 1 diabetes it expects to onboard to closed-loop systems in 2025.

<u>S6W-37589</u> Foysol Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-36792 by Jenni Minto on 7 May 2025, how much funding it has allocated to expanding access to diabetes technology for people with type 1 diabetes in the financial year 2025-26, broken down by NHS board.

<u>S6W-37590</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what work it is doing to develop the Scottish supply chain for the subcontract design, manufacture and export of pressure vessels for small modular reactors globally.

<u>S6W-37591</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on its financial support of the Scottish Events Campus expansion project.

<u>S6W-37592</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing for the renovation and restoration of the People's Palace Museum and Winter Gardens at Glasgow Green.

<u>S6W-37593</u> Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-36629 by John Swinney on 3 April 2025, how much funding it anticipates will be made available for public spending in 2025-26 as a result of the decision to equalise the MSP element of minsters' salary with that of MSPs who are not currently serving ministers.

<u>S6W-37594</u> Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what steps have been taken to ensure compliance with the new requirement of keepers for all captive birds to be registered on the Scottish Kept Bird Register.

<u>S6W-37595</u> Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed the levels of compliance by different sectors with the requirements of the Scottish Kept Bird Register to date.

<u>S6W-37596</u> Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide resources to support local authorities to develop a renewable energy mapping tool, enabling residents to understand the cumulative impact of proposed renewable projects across their local authority.

<u>S6W-37608</u> Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Programme for Government 2025-26 announcement of 20,000 additional orthopaedic, ophthalmology and general surgery procedures is in addition to the announcement of 30,000 procedures contained within the *NHS Operational Improvement Plan*, which was published in March 2025.

<u>S6W-37609</u> Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government when children living with Duchenne muscular dystrophy will have access to the drug, givinostat, through the NHS. <u>S6W-37610</u> Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase the number of plumbers in Scotland.

<u>S6W-37611</u> Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether local authorities have the power to prescribe or restrict the type of vehicular traffic that can use a particular road.

<u>S6W-37612</u> Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government whether it or its relevant agencies have the power to prescribe or restrict the type of vehicular traffic that can use a particular road. <u>S6W-37613</u> Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government how the public can access performance metrics for the Home Energy Scotland Grant and Loan Scheme to show monthly applications and average processing times.

<u>S6W-37614</u> Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Home Energy Scotland Grant and Loan Scheme has ever been subject to an audit process, and, if not, what plans it has to do so.

<u>S6W-37621</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that any future phase of City and Regional Growth Deals is not hampered by what have reportedly been described by some MSPs on the Economy and Fair Work Committee as "slow and overly bureaucratic processes."

<u>S6W-37622</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to reform governance arrangements for growth deals to ensure greater transparency and accountability to local communities.

<u>S6W-37623</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has conducted of the economic outcomes achieved through the first round of City and Regional Growth Deals.

<u>S6W-37624</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to ensuring that the small business sector is given a formal role in the design and delivery of any future growth deals.

<u>S6W-37625</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of funding it expects to commit to growth deals in the next financial year, and how this funding will be distributed regionally.

<u>S6W-37626</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has received any formal requests from the UK Government for collaboration on a second phase of Scottish City and Regional Growth Deals.

<u>S6W-37627</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the reported decision by the SQA to not approve over 90% of exam appeals made on the grounds of bereavement.

<u>S6W-37628</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what guidance or oversight it has provided to the SQA on how to assess compassionate or exceptional circumstances in relation to appeals.

<u>S6W-37629</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many representations it has received from parents, schools and MSPs in the last five years regarding bereavement-based appeals not being accepted by the SQA.

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New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 14 May 2025

Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to provide for the creation of a criminal offence of destroying, damaging or desecrating a war memorial. (SP Bill 68) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Meghan Gallacher

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 68–EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 68–FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 68–PM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 68–LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

New accompanying documents printed on 14 May 2025

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)—A revised version of the Explanatory Notes has been printed. (SP Bill 25A–EN) (Government Bill)

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 completed, 13 May 2025

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (<u>legislationteam@parliament.scot</u>)

Care Reform (Scotland) Bill (G) *(introduced as the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill)* Stage 2 completed, 4 March 2025

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 22 April 2025 Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 30 April 2025

Lead committee – Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice

Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 2 April 2025

Lead committee – Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice

Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Criminal Justice Committee), 11 June 2025 All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 5 June with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 14 May 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)), 23 April 2025 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (26th Report, 2025)

Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 7 May 2025 Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged 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.

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

Introduced, 23 April 2025 Lead committee – Rural Affairs and Islands

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 4) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 20 May 2025

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee), 3 June 2025 All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 28 May with the clerks in the Legislation Team (<u>legislationteam@parliament.scot</u>)

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 6 May 2025 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (12th Report, 2025)

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 14 May 2025 Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 April 2025

Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 7 May 2025

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 20 May 2025 Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (24th Report, 2025)

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

Introduced, 17 March 2025 Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 13 May 2025 Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 11 March 2025 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62nd Report, 2024)

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

Stage 1 completed, 27 March 2025

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (<u>legislationteam@parliament.scot</u>)

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 11 December 2024 Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot) Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (14th Report, 2025)

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 8 May 2025 Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 25 March 2025

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People), 14 May 2025 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (31st Report, 2025)

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture)), 8 May 2025

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

Stage 2 completed, 2 April 2025 Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M) Introduced, 27 March 2025

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

Lodged on 12 March 2025 Meeting (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 6 May 2025 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2025)

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

Lodged on 22 November 2024 Meeting of the Parliament, 1 April 2025 Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (2nd Report, 2025) Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6th Report, 2025)

Employment Rights Bill LCM-S6-53

Lodged on 11 December 2024 Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 14 May 2025 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (16th Report, 2025)

Employment Rights Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-53a

Lodged on 3 April 2025 Lead committee – Health, Social Care and Sport Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (32nd 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

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