

Monday 8 September 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 3 September 2025

Tuesday 9 September 2025

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Margot Henderson, Poet Storyteller

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Actions to Support Improved Relationships and Behaviour in Schools

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Twenty Years of Scotland's Railway Providing a Strong Platform for the Future

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-18576 Liz Smith: Celebrating Residential Outdoor Education for Young People

Wednesday 10 September 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 Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Economy

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Finance and Local Government

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-18138 Stuart McMillan: Improving Bladder Cancer Diagnosis in Scotland

Thursday 11 September 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

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2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing
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followed by Ministerial Statement: GFG Business Operations in Scotland

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Scottish Exports in Response to Global Uncertainty

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 September 2025

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 17 September 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 18 September 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

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2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee Debate: SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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>

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9 September 2025

26th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025 from—
Professor Gabi Hegerl, Professor of Climate System Science, University of Edinburgh;
Professor Fabrice Renaud, Professor of Environmental Risk & Community Resilience and Director of the National Centre for Resilience, University of Glasgow;
Dr Andrew Russell, Director, Environmental Change and Communities Research Centre;
Dr Ellie Murtagh, Post Doctoral researcher, Maynooth University;
and then from—
Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy, Philip Raines, Deputy Director, Domestic Climate Change, and Julia Burgham Pearson, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy) to move—S6M-18060—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025 be approved.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Peter McGrath on 85232 or at

peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

9 September 2025

18th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Angela O'Hagan, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission;
Emma Congreve, Equality and Human Rights Budget Advisory Group and Deputy Director and Principal Knowledge Exchange Fellow, Fraser of Allander Institute;
Sara Cowan, Director, Scottish Women's Budget Group;
Allan Faulds, Senior Policy Officer, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE);
and then from—

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Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Kaukab Stewart, Minister for Equalities, Rob Priestley, Head of Mainstreaming Unit, and Alasdair Black, Deputy Director, Budget and Fiscal Coordination, Scottish Government.

3. **Civil Legal Aid Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
4. **British Sign Language Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
6. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** 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, Euan Donald on 85204 or at euandonald@parliament.scot

Finance and Public Administration Committee

9 September 2025

24th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2026-27: Responding to long-term fiscal pressures:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland;
João Sousa, Deputy Director and Senior Knowledge Exchange Fellow, Fraser of Allander Institute;
and then from—
Michael Kellet, Director of Strategy, Governance and Performance, Public Health Scotland;
David Livey, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations;
Dave Moxham, Deputy General Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress;
Mike Brown, Treasurer, Social Work Scotland;
Ian McCall, Policy and Campaigns Officer, Walking Scotland.
3. **Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission:** The Committee will take evidence from the following nominees—
Dr Eleanor Ryan;
Justine Riccomini.
4. **Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Joanne McNaughton, at FPA.committee@parliament.scot.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9 September 2025

22nd Meeting, 2025

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

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- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
- Pre-budget scrutiny 2026-2027:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Neil Craig, Professor of Public Health Economics, Glasgow Caledonian University;
Dr Danny Ruta, Consultant in Public Health, NHS Grampian.
- Pre-budget scrutiny 2026-2027:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
- Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
- Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Alex Bruce on 85229 or at Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

9 September 2025

24th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
- Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Winter Heating Assistance \(Pension Age\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
[Social Security \(Residence and Presence Requirements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
- Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/239)
[Offshore Fishing \(Prohibition of Fishing Methods\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/240)
- Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Animal Products \(Control of Personal Importation\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/230)
- Ecocide (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
- Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
- Planning and Infrastructure Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Greg Black on 86266 or at Greg.Black@parliament.scot

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Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

9 September 2025

22nd Meeting, 2025

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
- Proposed National Good Food Nation Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, James Hamilton, Solicitor, Emma Henderson, Organics and Community Food Growing Policy Officer, Laura Hunter, Procurement Policy, and Tracy McCollin, Head of Good Food Nation Team, Scottish Government.
- Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—
Nikki Bridle, Chief Executive, Clackmannanshire Council;
Malcolm Burr, Chief Executive, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar;
Thomas Glen, Chief Executive, Perth & Kinross Council;
Ken Gourlay, Chief Executive, Fife Council;
Dr Dawn Roberts, Chief Executive, Dumfries and Galloway Council.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 4\) Regulations 2025](#)
- Proposed National Good Food Nation Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- Reform of Energy Performance Certificates:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of reform of Energy Performance Certificates.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jenny Mouncer at localgov.committee@parliament.scot

Education, Children and Young People Committee

10 September 2025

25th Meeting, 2025

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

- Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill from—
Natalie Don-Innes, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, Saskia Kearns, Team Leader, Learning for Sustainability and Outdoor Learning, Lewis Hedge, Deputy Director, Curriculum and Qualifications, and Kirstie McKerron, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
- Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Sheriff David Mackie, Chairperson, Hearings System Working Group;
Fiona Duncan, Independent Strategic Advisor, and Fraser McKinlay, Chief Executive, The Promise Scotland;
and then from—

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Claire Burns, Director, CELCIS;
 Kate Thompson, Policy Officer, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland;
 Katy Nisbet, Head of Legal Policy, Clan Childlaw;
 Maria Galli, Convener of the Child and Family Law Sub-Committee, Law Society of Scotland.

3. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda items 1 and 2.

Proposed future business

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

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

10 September 2025

24th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

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

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

10 September 2025

13th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Davy Russell will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - PE1947: Address Scotland's culture of youth violence;
 - PE2064: Ensure that under 16s charged with rape are treated as adults in the criminal justice system;
 - PE2089: Stop More National Parks in Scotland;
 - PE2109: Halt any further pump storage hydro schemes on Scottish lochs holding wild Atlantic salmon;
 - PE2110: Protect wild wrasse stocks;
 - PE2112: Conduct an independent review of childcare costs and availability in Scotland;
 - PE2120: Permanently remove peak fare pricing from ScotRail services; and
 - PE1864: Increase the ability of communities to influence planning decisions for onshore windfarms.
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 - PE2151: Grant protected status to primitive goat species in the Scottish Borders;
 - PE2153: Reduce council tax by 50% for single persons;
 - PE2157: Update planning advice for energy storage issues and ensure that it includes clear guidance for the location of battery energy storage systems near residences and communities;

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PE2158: Introduce a maximum temperature for serving hot liquids to children in childcare settings;

PE2162: Prevent strangers from filming or photographing children in public play parks; and

PE2161: Extend the time period for complaints through the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman for neurodivergent people to two years.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jyoti Chandola on 85227 or at jyoti.chandola@parliament.scot

Criminal Justice Committee

10 September 2025

22nd Meeting, 2025

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

- Inquiry into the harm caused by substance misuse in Scottish Prisons:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Phil Fairlie, Assistant General Secretary, and John Cairney, Scottish National Committee Chair, Prison Officers Association (Scotland);
and then from—
Dr Victoria Marland, Lead researcher for Scottish Prison Service research project, Leverhulme Research Centre for Forensic Science;
Detective Chief Superintendent Raymond Higgins, Police Scotland;
Jim Smith, Head of Operations and Public Protection, and Gillian Walker, Governor in Charge HMP Shotts, Scottish Prison Service.
- Inquiry into the harm caused by substance misuse in Scottish Prisons (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme and will further consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill and the Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

Proposed future business

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

Economy and Fair Work Committee

10 September 2025

24th Meeting, 2025

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

- Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Anne Peat on 0131 348 5182 or at anne.peat@parliament.scot

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Public Audit Committee

10 September 2025

23rd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **The Scottish National Investment Bank:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Gregor Irwin, Director-General Economy, Richard Rollison, Director for International Trade and Investment, and Andy Hogg, Deputy Director Investment and Financial Services, Scottish Government.
3. **Scottish National Investment Bank:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Catherine Young, Senior Manager, and Kirsty Ridd, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Scottish National Investment Bank:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katrina Venters at

Katrina.Venters@Parliament.scot

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

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

Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

***S6M-18752 Clare Adamson: Breast Cancer Now Awareness Day 2025 and Wear It Pink—**

That the Parliament recognises Breast Cancer Now Awareness Day 2025, which takes place on 24 October, and commends what it sees as the vital work of Breast Cancer Now, which, it understands, is the UK's leading breast cancer research and support charity; acknowledges what it considers the importance of the annual Wear It Pink initiative, which raises millions of pounds for lifesaving breast cancer research and care, and notes the calls for individuals, workplaces, schools and communities across Scotland to take part and show their support by wearing pink and fundraising on the day; pays special tribute to the late Christina McKelvie MSP, a dear friend and colleague, whose unwavering support for breast cancer awareness, equality and compassion continues to inspire; understands that around 4,700 people in Scotland are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and that early detection, timely treatment and ongoing support are crucial to improving outcomes; notes the view that there is a need for continued investment in research, improved access to care and increasing awareness of secondary breast cancer, for which, it understands, there is currently no cure, and further notes the view that, by working together, raising awareness and supporting vital initiatives like Wear It Pink, people can make a real difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer, now and in the future. **R**

Supported by: Emma Harper*, Monica Lennon*, Kevin Stewart*, Mark Ruskell*, Gordon MacDonald*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Liam McArthur*, Bill Kidd*, John Mason*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Brian Whittle*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S6M-18755 Tess White: 100 Years of Montrose Tennis Courts and Pavilion—**That the Parliament congratulates Montrose Tennis Club on the centenary of its tennis courts and pavilion; recognises the club's proud history of promoting tennis across the Montrose community, dating back to 1883, with 2025 marking 100 years since the tennis courts and pavilion opened as Dorward Place Tennis Courts, but which are now known as Montrose Tennis Club; notes that Sir James Howard Warrack KBE, born in Montrose, gifted £500 towards the creation of the tennis courts and a further £250 before they opened to the general public, with the pavilion being named in his honour; acknowledges that volunteer-led Montrose Tennis Club planned a summer of

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celebrations for members and the wider community, which encouraged participation across all ages and abilities; further acknowledges the dedication of its members, volunteers and coaches, who have ensured the sustained growth of the club over the decades, and wishes Montrose Tennis Club continued success for the next century and beyond.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Alexander Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Craig Hoy*, Pam Gosal*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Brian Whittle*, Liz Smith*, Annabelle Ewing*, Meghan Gallacher*

***S6M-18754 Keith Brown: Calling for Forth Valley College's Clackmannanshire Campus in Alloa to be Kept Open**—That the Parliament notes with deep concern proposals from Forth Valley College, which could see its Clackmannanshire campus in Alloa close; believes that access to further education is vital for young people, working adults and families across Clackmannanshire; understands that when the merger creating Forth Valley College was agreed, there was an “absolute commitment” to maintain a strong presence in Clackmannanshire; believes that reducing provision in Clackmannanshire would represent a major setback for the area, particularly given the population growth, limited public transport links and the wider economic challenges facing the area; acknowledges the contribution of staff and students at the Alloa campus to the community and local economy; understands that uncertainty over the future of the campus is causing significant anxiety for staff, students and families, and calls on Forth Valley College and all partners to work together to secure a sustainable solution that safeguards jobs and protects the future of further education provision in Clackmannanshire.

***S6M-18753 Clare Adamson: Gas Safety Week 2025 – Protecting Your Business, People and Community**—That the Parliament recognises Gas Safety Week 2025, which is taking place from 8 to 14 September; commends the Gas Safe Register, along with registered engineers, partner organisations and campaigners for their continued efforts to raise awareness of gas safety across Scotland and the UK; notes that this year's theme, “Protecting your business, people and community”, highlights that gas safety is not only a technical or regulatory responsibility, but also a shared commitment that involves business leaders, employees, engineers and customers, all of whom are playing their part in keeping people and properties safe; acknowledges that previous surveys have shown that nearly one in five homes in Scotland contain unsafe gas appliances, underscoring the urgent need for awareness and regular checks; notes that gas incidents, including carbon monoxide poisoning, gas leaks, fires and explosions, remain serious risks when gas work is carried out by unqualified individuals; recognises the importance of engaging with landlords, tenants, businesses and vulnerable groups, and ensuring compliance with the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998, and encourages MSPs to support Gas Safety Week in their constituencies and regions, by promoting safe practices, access to qualified engineers, and helping to ensure that homes and workplaces across Scotland remain safe and protected. **R**

Supported by: Fulton MacGregor*

***S6M-18751 Clare Adamson: Condolences on the Passing of Bobby Graham**—That the Parliament notes with sadness the passing of former footballer Bobby Graham; recognises that Bobby was born in Motherwell and was signed to play for Liverpool at the age of 17 by legendary manager Bill Shankly in November 1961; acknowledges that he broke into the first team three years later before moving on to play for Coventry City and later for Tranmere Rovers on loan; notes that, in 1973, he was signed by his former teammate, Ian St John, to play for Motherwell, where he formed a prolific partnership with Willie Pettigrew; further notes that Bobby made over 180 appearances for the Steelmen across four seasons, scoring 48 goals, and was inducted into

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the Motherwell FC Hall of Fame in November 2022; recognises what it sees as Bobby's outstanding contribution to Scottish football and the lasting impact he had on the clubs and communities he was part of, and extends its sincere condolences to his family, friends, former teammates, and all who knew and admired him.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*

***S6M-18750 Clare Adamson: Congratulations to Stuart Gillespie on Winning Pride in the Job 2025 Quality Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Stuart Gillespie, a site manager from Wishaw, on receiving a Pride in the Job 2025 Quality Award from the National House-Building Council (NHBC); recognises that Stuart was honoured for his outstanding work at the Oakwood View development in Hamilton; understands that the Pride in the Job awards are now in their 45th year and are widely regarded as the "Oscars" of the house-building industry, celebrating site managers' dedication to raising standards in new home construction, showcasing best practice and rewarding excellence; notes that Quality Award winners, such as Stuart, will now progress to compete for Seal of Excellence and regional awards in the autumn, with national Supreme Award winners to be announced in January 2026; commends what it sees as Stuart's professionalism and leadership, and wishes him all the best in the next stage of the competition and in his continued career in the construction industry.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, Miles Briggs*, Stephanie Callaghan*

***S6M-18749 Daniel Johnson: Celebrating the Contribution of Dr Liz Cameron**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the outstanding contribution of Dr Liz Cameron CBE as chief executive of Scotland's largest business network, the Scottish Chambers of Commerce; commends Dr Cameron for her two decades of leadership of the Chambers, from the inception of the Parliament to Brexit and the COVID-19 pandemic; appreciates what it sees as her commitment and effectiveness in promoting the interests of Scottish businesses in the Scottish and UK parliaments, and wishes her well in her future endeavours.

***S6M-18748 Liam Kerr: Congratulating Maryculter House on the Occasion of its 800th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Maryculter House on the occasion of its 800th anniversary, marking eight centuries of history on the banks of the River Dee near Aberdeen; notes that the estate was gifted by King William the Lion to the Knights Templar in 1187; further notes its passage through the Knights Hospitaller, the Menzies of Pitfodels during the Jacobite risings, the Gordon family in the 19th century, including Titanic survivor Sir Cosmo Duff-Gordon, and its transformation into a hotel in the 20th century, with part of the estate gifted to the Scouts for Templar Park; understands that, under private family ownership, the hotel has undergone recent refurbishment to blend its medieval heritage with modern Scottish hospitality, and wishes the team continued success in sharing this remarkable legacy with visitors and the local community.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-18742 Kevin Stewart: A Pragmatic and Regulated Approach to Oil and Gas (lodged on 04 September 2025)

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New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

S6M-18738 Annie Wells: Springburn Community Festival, Celebrating Heritage, Fun and Togetherness (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, Edward Mountain*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tess White*

S6M-18736 Fulton MacGregor: Commending Give Blood 4 Good's Efforts to Secure Scotland's Blood Supply (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, John Mason*

S6M-18733 Clare Haughey: The Award-winning Wee Gurkha Curry House (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

S6M-18731 David Torrance: Congratulations to Fife College on Being Awarded a £2.4 Million Modern Apprenticeship Contract (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

S6M-18729 Annie Wells: Flamingo Beach Makes Waves for Glasgow Children's Hospital (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, Tess White*

S6M-18728 Rachael Hamilton: Duns Food Bank (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

S6M-18725 Alexander Burnett: Celebrating 150 Years of the Albert Memorial Hall in Ballater (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

S6M-18723 Sandesh Gulhane: National Eye Health Week (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Tess White*, John Mason*

S6M-18721 Colin Beattie: Bombay Lounge, Dalkeith, Wins Best Indian Takeaway in Scotland Award (lodged on 03 September 2025)

New Support: Clare Haughey*, Annabelle Ewing*, Emma Harper*, Jeremy Balfour*

S6M-18716 Alexander Burnett: How a Tiny Beetle is Wiping Out British Heather (lodged on 03 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

S6M-18715 Alexander Burnett: Gairnshiel Jubilee Bridge Wins 2025 RIAS Award for Architectural Excellence (lodged on 03 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

S6M-18714 Rachael Hamilton: GoFibre Named Best Broadband Provider in Scotland (lodged on 03 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

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S6M-18712 Pam Gosal: Celebrating First Anniversary of Daydreams Bookshop, Milngavie
(lodged on 03 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

S6M-18710 Emma Roddick: Increasing Frequency and Intensity of Wildfires (lodged on 03 September 2025)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

S6M-18707 Kenneth Gibson: World Sepsis Day 2025 (lodged on 03 September 2025)

New Support: John Mason*

S6M-18705 Claire Baker: Joining Children with Cancer UK in Marking Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Over September (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

S6M-18688 Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Dumbarton Credit Union on its 35th Anniversary
(lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

S6M-18667 Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Stenhousemuir Through the Asda Foundation (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Ross*

S6M-18666 Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Newmains Through the Asda Foundation (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Ross*

S6M-18665 Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Motherwell Through the Asda Foundation (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, Tess White*

S6M-18664 Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Hamilton Through the Asda Foundation (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, Tess White*

S6M-18663 Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Grangemouth Through the Asda Foundation (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, Tess White*

S6M-18662 Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Falkirk Through the Asda Foundation (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, Tess White*

S6M-18661 Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Cumbernauld Through the Asda Foundation (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

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S6M-18660 Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Coatbridge Through the Asda Foundation (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

S6M-18659 Meghan Gallacher: Congratulating Monklands Replacement Project (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

S6M-18658 Meghan Gallacher: Congratulating Keep Larbert and Stenhousemuir Beautiful (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

S6M-18642 Fulton MacGregor: Celebrating Parent Action for Safe Play's Work with Families (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

S6M-18641 Fulton MacGregor: Recognition of Friends of Monkland Canal and Support from Asda Foundation (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

S6M-18624 Paul Sweeney: Dying in Poverty at the End of Life in Scotland 2025 (lodged on 27 August 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S6M-18615 Rona Mackay: Celebrating the Compassion, Humility and Tenacity of Seamus Harkin (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

S6M-18611 Liz Smith: Strathearn Music Society 60th Anniversary (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

S6M-18610 Claire Baker: Welcoming a Grant of £40,000 to Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club in Fife from the FCC Scottish Action Fund (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

S6M-18608 Tim Eagle: Merchant Navy Day 2025 (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

S6M-18605 Tim Eagle: Praising Murray and Mairead Sim for 29 Years in Hospitality (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

S6M-18604 Jackie Baillie: Commending the Surgical Day Bed Unit at the Vale of Leven Hospital on the Opening of its New Hospital Garden Space (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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[S6M-18603](#) Tim Eagle: Welcoming the Launch of Mind Hop Brewery in Alves (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-18602](#) Jackson Carlaw: Successful Fundraiser at East Renfrewshire Golf Club to Support Charity (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-18601](#) Tim Eagle: Kompassion Kombucha's Double Win at the Great Taste Awards 2025 (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-18600](#) Murdo Fraser: 150th Anniversary of Birth of John Buchan (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-18597](#) Alexander Stewart: Dollar Academy Named European School of the Year (lodged on 25 August 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-18596](#) Emma Roddick: Congratulating Chelsey Main of NHS Highland on Winning RCN Scotland Nursing Support Worker of the Year 2025 (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-18594](#) Beatrice Wishart: Tribute to SaxaVord Spaceport CEO Frank Strang (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-18593](#) David Torrance: 20 Years of Rock the Rovers (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-18573](#) Foyso Choudhury: Craigroyston Community Youth Football Club Gifted New Pavilion (lodged on 22 August 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-18495](#) Monica Lennon: Condemning the Rising Culture of Misogyny and Violence Against Women and Girls (lodged on 14 August 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S6M-18475](#) Mark Griffin: Support for Shared Parenting Scotland's Work with Separated Families and Veterans (lodged on 06 August 2025)

New Support: Willie Coffey*

[S6M-18456](#) Jackie Baillie: Congratulating the Sir Walter Scott Trust on the 125th Anniversary of the Steamship's First Sail (lodged on 05 August 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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[**S6M-18422**](#) **Annie Wells: Youth Mental Health Day 2025** (lodged on 30 July 2025)

New Support: John Mason*

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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 05 September 2025

S6W-40371 Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-38735 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 1 July 2025, what its response is to the new research on the welfare benefits system and premenstrual dysphoric disorder published in the report, *Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder: The Welfare State: Recommendations for Reform*.

S6W-40372 Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recently published report, *Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder; The Welfare State: Recommendations for Reform*, how it will (a) act to improve the experiences of people with premenstrual dysphoric disorder applying for a social security benefit and (b) implement the report's recommendations.

S6W-40373 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government when applicants to the Future Farming Investment Scheme will be informed whether their application has been approved. **R**

S6W-40374 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many applications it received to the Future Farming Investment Scheme in 2025. **R**

S6W-40375 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered increasing the budget allocated to the Future Farming Investment Scheme in the event that it is oversubscribed.

R

S6W-40376 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many ScotRail services have been (a) cancelled, (b) part-cancelled and (c) delayed by at least (i) one minute, (ii) 15 minutes, (iii) 30 minutes and (iv) 60 minutes in (A) each of the last three financial years and (B) 2025-26 to date, and how many of these were attributed to (1) air conditioning/cooling failures, (2) other rolling-stock defects, (3) train crew availability, (4) infrastructure or signalling faults, (5) the weather and (6) other causes, also broken down by ScotRail service group.

S6W-40377 Stephanie Callaghan: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to support and accelerate economic growth across Scotland's circular fashion and sustainable textiles sector; what consideration it has given to establishing a national industrial cluster for circular fashion and sustainable textiles, and what steps it will take to engage with Scottish operators, such as ACS Clothing, in its design and delivery of policies to support Scotland's circular economy and net zero commitments.

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Amendments to Bills lodged on 5 September 2025

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

Section 2

Angela Constance

59 In section 2, page 2, line 7, at end insert—

<() consider the provision of information to victims and other persons and the making of representations under Part 2 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003,>

Section 23

Angela Constance

60 In section 23, page 12, line 28, at end insert—

<“prescribed relative” means a relative prescribed by the Scottish Ministers by an order made under section 2(6) or 6(2)(b) of the 2014 Act,>

Angela Constance

61 In section 23, page 12, leave out lines 29 to 32 and insert—

<“victim” means a person to whom one or more of the following applies—

- (a) an offence, or harmful behaviour by a child, has been, or is suspected to have been, committed or carried out against or in respect of the person,
- (b) the person has suffered harm as a direct result of having seen, heard, or otherwise directly experienced the effects of an offence, or harmful behaviour by a child, at the time the offence or harmful behaviour occurred,
- (c) the person is entitled to receive information under section 16 or 16A of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003,
- (d) the person is a prescribed relative of—
 - (i) a person against or in respect of whom an offence, or harmful behaviour by a child, has been, or is suspected to have been, committed or carried out,
 - (ii) a person who has died as a direct result of an offence, or harmful behaviour by a child,>

After section 26

Angela Constance

62 After section 26, insert—

<Fatal accident inquiries: conduct of proceedings

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- (1) The Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 36 (power to regulate procedure)—
 - (a) in subsection (2), after paragraph (b) insert—

“(ba) ensuring inquiry proceedings are conducted in a way that accords with trauma-informed practice,”
 - (b) after subsection (5) insert—

“(5A) For the purposes of this section, “trauma-informed practice” has the meaning given by section 69 of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Act 2024.”.>

Before section 29A

Russell Findlay

63 Before section 29A, insert—

<Victim’s right to information about plea agreements, etc.

- (1) The 2014 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 6 insert—

“6A Disclosure of information about plea agreements, etc.

- (1) This section applies where, in solemn proceedings, one or more of the following events has, as a result of agreement between the prosecutor and the accused, occurred—
 - (a) a relevant charge libelled in the indictment has been amended and the prosecutor has accepted a guilty plea to that charge,
 - (b) the prosecutor has accepted a plea of not guilty to a relevant charge.
- (2) The prosecutor must inform a person mentioned in subsection (3) (a “victim”) of the event mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1)—
 - (a) as soon as reasonably practicable after the event has occurred, or
 - (b) where the prosecutor considers it is in the interests of justice, as soon as reasonably practicable after the proceedings have been substantively concluded.
- (3) The person is—
 - (a) a natural person against whom an offence libelled in the indictment is alleged to have been committed, or
 - (b) in a case where the death of a person mentioned in paragraph (a) was (or appears to have been) caused by the offence or alleged offence, a prescribed relative of the person.
- (4) In this section—

“prescribed relative” means a person prescribed by the Scottish Ministers for the purposes of section 6(2)(b),

“prosecutor” means the Lord Advocate, Crown Counsel or the procurator fiscal (and any person duly authorised to represent or act for them),

“relevant charge” means a charge relating to an offence alleged to have been

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committed against the person mentioned in subsection (3)(a),

“substantively concluded”, in relation to criminal proceedings, means whichever is the earlier of—

- (a) the accused being convicted or, as the case may be, acquitted in relation to all charges, or all charges remaining, in the indictment, or
 - (b) the proceedings otherwise being finally disposed of.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify this section to provide for its application in summary proceedings.
- (6) Regulations under subsection (5)—
- (a) may include incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision,
 - (b) may make different provision for different purposes,
 - (c) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”.>

Jamie Greene

64 Before section 29A, insert—

<Victims’ right to be informed of decision not to prosecute or to discontinue proceedings

- (1) The 2014 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) Before section 4 (rules: review of decision not to prosecute) insert—

“3K Victims’ right to be informed of decision not to prosecute or to discontinue proceedings

 - (1) Where a prosecutor decides—
 - (a) not to prosecute a person for an offence or alleged offence, or
 - (b) to discontinue criminal proceedings against a person for an offence or alleged offence,

the prosecutor must, as soon as reasonably practicable, inform any person who is, or appears to be, a victim in relation to that offence or alleged offence of the prosecutor’s decision.
 - (2) In this section, “prosecutor” means the Lord Advocate, Crown Counsel or the procurator fiscal (and any person duly authorised to represent or act for them).”.
- (3) The italic cross heading immediately preceding section 4 becomes “*Decisions not to prosecute or to discontinue proceedings*”.>

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the prosecutor must, as soon as reasonably practicable, inform any person who is, or appears to be, a victim in relation to that offence or alleged offence of the prosecutor's decision, unless the prosecutor considers that it would be inappropriate to do so.
- (2) In this section, “prosecutor” means the Lord Advocate, Crown Counsel or the procurator fiscal (and any person duly authorised to represent or act for them).”.
- (3) The italic cross heading immediately preceding section 4 becomes “*Decisions not to prosecute or to discontinue proceedings*”.>

After section 29A

Siobhian Brown

66 After section 29A, insert—

<Right of eligible persons to receive information in event of death or incapacity of victim

Part 1 of schedule 2A modifies the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 to make provision for the designation of a person to receive information under Part 2 of that Act, in the event that the natural person against whom an offence has been committed has died or is incapable.>

Siobhian Brown

67 After section 29A, insert—

<Victim notification and right to make representations where offender is a child

- (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 16 (victim's right to receive information concerning release etc. of offender)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), paragraph (c) and the “or” immediately preceding it are repealed,
 - (b) subsection (2) is repealed,
 - (c) in subsection (3)(a), for “or the 1993 Act” substitute “, the 1993 Act or the 1995 Act”,
 - (d) after subsection (3)(d) insert—

“(da) that the local authority intends to review for the first time the case of the convicted person under section 44(6)(b) of the 1995 Act,”,
 - (e) in subsection (3)(e)—
 - (i) after “prison,” insert “a”,
 - (ii) for “or hospital” substitute “, secure accommodation or a hospital”,
 - (f) in subsection (3)(f)(ii)—
 - (i) after “prison,” insert “a”,
 - (ii) for “or hospital” substitute “, secure accommodation or a hospital”.
- (3) In section 16ZA (provision of information to person supporting victim), subsection (4) is

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repealed.

- (4) In section 16A(1) (victim's right to receive information concerning offender subject to compulsion order)—
 - (a) in paragraph (b) (as amended by this Act), at the end, insert “and”,
 - (b) paragraph (d), and the word “and” immediately preceding it, are repealed.
- (5) In section 16D (provision of information concerning offender subject to compulsion order to person supporting victim), subsection (5) is repealed.
- (6) In section 17 (release on licence: right of victim to receive information and make representations)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) in the opening words, the words “, (3)” are repealed,
 - (ii) in paragraph (b), after “imprisonment” insert “or detention without limit of time”,
 - (b) subsection (3) is repealed.
- (7) In section 17ZA, subsection (4) is repealed.
- (8) After section 17A, insert—

“17AA Release under section 44 of the 1995 Act: victim's right to make representations

- (1) This section applies where a person (“P”) is entitled to receive information under section 16, or a supporter or nominee is entitled to receive information under section 16ZA, as respects a child who has been detained and—
 - (a) that child is due to be released by virtue of section 44(6)(a) of the 1995 Act, or
 - (b) the local authority—
 - (i) intends to review the case of that child under section 44(6)(b) of the 1995 Act, and
 - (ii) considers that such review might result in the release of the child in accordance with sub-paragraph (ii) of that paragraph.
- (2) Where the child is due to be released by virtue of section 44(6)(a) of the 1995 Act, P must be afforded the opportunity to make written representations as to the supervision requirements or conditions which might be specified in relation to such release.
- (3) Where the local authority intends to review the case of the child under section 44(6)(b) of the 1995 Act, and considers that the review might result in release of the child in accordance with sub-paragraph (ii) of that paragraph, P must be afforded the opportunity to make written representations as to—
 - (a) the potential release of the child,
 - (b) supervision requirements or conditions which might be specified in relation to such release.
- (4) Subsections (2) and (3) apply only if P has notified the Scottish Ministers that P wishes to be given the opportunity to make representations under the relevant subsection.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) fix a time within which any written representations under subsection (2) or (3) require to be made to them in order to be considered by them or the local authority, and

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- (b) notify P and any supporter or nominee entitled to receive information under section 16ZA of the time fixed.”.
- (9) In section 18A (interpretation of part), in subsection (1), after the definition of “restricted transfer” (as inserted by section (*Transfers of convicted persons*) insert—
 - ““secure accommodation” has the meaning given by section 202(1) of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011.”.>

Siobhian Brown

68 After section 29A, insert—

<Provision of information where victim is a child

- (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 16 (victim’s right to receive information concerning release etc. of offender)—
 - (a) after subsection (4) insert—
 - “(4A) If the victim is a child, then subsection (1) applies as if references in it to the victim were references to the victim and to a person who cares for the victim.
 - (4B) Where an intimation is made under subsection (1) by a victim who is a child or, by virtue of subsection (4A), by a person who cares for the victim, the Scottish Ministers must determine whether the information should be provided to—
 - (a) the victim,
 - (b) the victim and the person who cares for the victim,
 - (c) the person who cares for the victim, or
 - (d) another person over the age of 18 years with a relationship to the victim,
 but only if the Scottish Ministers are satisfied that the person consents to being given the information.
 - (4C) When making a determination under subsection (4B), the Scottish Ministers must have regard to—
 - (a) the victim’s age and maturity,
 - (b) any views expressed by the victim, and
 - (c) the best interests of the victim.
 - (4D) When making a determination under subsection (4B), the Scottish Ministers must also have regard to the code of practice issued under section 18ZA.
 - (4E) The Scottish Ministers may—
 - (a) review a determination made under subsection (4B)—
 - (i) of their own accord, or
 - (ii) at the request of the victim or the other person (if any) to whom the determination relates,
 - (b) following a review, make a new determination under subsection (4B).
 - (4F) Where a determination has been made under subsection (4B)—
 - (a) before the victim attains the age of 18 years, the Scottish Ministers must contact

the victim to establish how the victim wishes to receive information under this section after they attain the age of 18 years,

- (b) after the victim attains the age of 18 years, the most recent determination made under subsection (4B) in relation to the victim continues to have effect until a new intimation under subsection (1) is made.”,

- (b) for subsection (8) substitute—

“(8) In this section, the expression “cares for” is to be construed in accordance with the definition of “someone who cares for” in paragraph 20 of schedule 12 to the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.”.

- (3) In section 16B (person entitled to ask to be given information under section 16A)—

- (a) in subsection (1), after paragraph (c) insert—

“(d) if V is a child, the person who cares for V.”,

- (b) subsection (2) is repealed,

- (c) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) Where V is a child and V or the person who cares for V has asked to be given information under section 16A, the Scottish Ministers must determine whether the information should be provided to—

- (a) V,
- (b) V and the person who cares for V,
- (c) the person who cares for V, or
- (d) another person over the age of 18 years with a relationship to V,

but only if the Scottish Ministers are satisfied that the person consents to being given the information.

- (2B) When making a determination under subsection (2A), the Scottish Ministers must have regard to—

- (a) V’s age and maturity,
- (b) any views expressed by V, and
- (c) the best interests of V.

- (2C) When making a determination under subsection (2A), the Scottish Ministers must also have regard to the code of practice issued under section 18ZA.

- (2D) The Scottish Ministers may—

- (a) review a determination made under subsection (2A)—
 - (i) of their own accord, or
 - (ii) at the request of V or the other person (if any) to whom the determination relates,
- (b) following a review, make a new determination under subsection (2A).

- (2E) Where a determination has been made under subsection (2A)—

- (a) before V attains the age of 18 years, the Scottish Ministers must contact V to establish how V wishes to receive information under section 16A after they attain the age of 18 years,

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- (b) after V attains the age of 18 years, the most recent determination made under subsection (2A) in relation to V continues to have effect until a new intimation under section 16A(1) is made.”.
- (4) In section 17 (Release on licence: right of victim to receive information and make representations)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), for “(the “victim”)” substitute “(“P””,
 - (b) in subsection (2), for “the victim” substitute “P”,
 - (c) in subsection (5), for “the victim” substitute “P”,
 - (d) in subsection (6),
 - (i) in paragraph (a), for “the victim” substitute “P”,
 - (ii) in paragraph (b), for “the victim” substitute “P”,
 - (iii) in paragraph (c)—
 - (A) in both places it occurs, for “the victim” substitute “P”,
 - (B) for “the victim’s” substitute “P’s”,
 - (iv) in the closing words, for “the victim” substitute “P”,
 - (e) in subsection (8), for “the victim” substitute “P”,
 - (f) in subsection (9), for “the victim” substitute “P”,
 - (g) in subsection (10), for “the victim” substitute “P”,
 - (h) in subsection (11), for “the victim” substitute “P”.
- (5) In section 17A (temporary release: victim's right to make representations about conditions), in subsection (1)(a), after “(1)” insert “, (4B)”.>

Siobhian Brown

69 After section 29A, insert—

<Notification of individual other than supporter to receive information

Part 2 of Schedule 2A modifies the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 to make provision for the nomination of a person other than a supporter to receive information, as well as or instead of the natural person against whom an offence has been committed, under Part 2 of that Act.>

Siobhian Brown

70 After section 29A, insert—

<Transfers of convicted persons

- (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 16 (victim’s right to receive information concerning release etc. of offender)—
 - (a) after subsection (1), insert—
 - “(1A) Where a person was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment or detention in respect of an offence in any part of the United Kingdom outwith Scotland, or any of the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, and has been transferred to Scotland—

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- (a) by unrestricted transfer, subsection (1) applies as though the person was convicted and sentenced in Scotland,
 - (b) by restricted transfer, subsection (1) does not apply.”,
- (b) in subsection (3)—
 - (i) in paragraph (c), after “Scotland” insert “and, unless the Scottish Ministers have cause to believe that it would not be in the interests of justice to provide such information, the jurisdiction to which the convicted person is subject as a result”,
 - (ii) after paragraph (c), insert—
 - “(ca) where the convicted person was previously transferred to a place outwith Scotland, that the convicted person has been returned to Scotland to serve the remainder, or any part of the remainder, of the sentence imposed in respect of the offence referred to in subsection (1),”.
- (3) After section 16ZA (provision of information to person supporting victim), insert—

“16ZB Rights under section 16 where convicted person is transferred outwith Scotland: unrestricted transfer

 - (1) Subsection (2) applies where a person (“the convicted person”) is transferred to any part of the United Kingdom outwith Scotland, or to any of the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, by unrestricted transfer.
 - (2) Section 16(1) ceases to apply in relation to the convicted person on the day on which the Scottish Ministers notify, in accordance with section 16(3)(c), a person who would otherwise be entitled to receive information about the convicted person under section 16 (“P”) that the person has been so transferred.
 - (3) Where a transfer described in subsection (1) takes place, the Scottish Ministers must, when notifying P of the information set out in section 16(3)(c), also notify P—
 - (a) that, by virtue of the transfer, no further information will fall to be given under section 16 unless the convicted person is returned to custody in Scotland to serve the remainder, or any part of the remainder, of the sentence to which P’s rights relate (“the relevant sentence”),
 - (b) that P may be entitled to receive information about the convicted person from the jurisdiction to which the convicted person is subject as a result of the transfer (“the receiving jurisdiction”), and
 - (c) of such other information as is reasonably available to the Scottish Ministers as to the availability of information for victims of crime in the receiving jurisdiction.
 - (4) Where a transfer described in subsection (1) has taken place and the convicted person is subsequently returned to Scotland to serve the remainder, or any part of the remainder, of the relevant sentence, section 16(1) applies with effect from the day on which the return takes place.
 - (5) Where a person (“the applicant”) intimates under section 16(1) that they wish to receive information, and the convicted person to whom that information relates has been transferred as described in subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must inform the applicant—
 - (a) that the convicted person has been so transferred, and the jurisdiction to which the convicted person is subject as a result,
 - (b) that the applicant does not have the right to receive information under section 16

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during such time as the convicted person is not in custody in Scotland,

- (c) that if the convicted person is returned to Scotland—
 - (i) the applicant will be notified under section 16(3)(ca), and
 - (ii) beginning with the date on which the transfer takes place, section 16(1) will apply as though the convicted person had not been transferred out of Scotland,
- (d) that the applicant may be entitled to receive information about the convicted person from the receiving jurisdiction,
- (e) of such other information as is reasonably available to the Scottish Ministers as to the availability of information for victims of crime in the receiving jurisdiction.

16ZC Rights under section 16 where convicted person is transferred outwith Scotland: restricted transfer

- (1) Where a person (“the convicted person”) is transferred to any part of the United Kingdom outwith Scotland, or to any of the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, by restricted transfer—
 - (a) section 16 applies in relation to the convicted person in accordance with subsection (2),
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers must, when notifying a person who would otherwise be entitled to receive information about the convicted person under section 16 (“P”) of the information set out in section 16(3)(c), also notify P—
 - (i) that subject to subsection (2), P will continue to be eligible to receive information under section 16,
 - (ii) that P may be entitled to receive information about the convicted person from the jurisdiction to which the convicted person is subject as a result of the transfer (“the receiving jurisdiction”), and
 - (iii) of such other information as is reasonably available to the Scottish Ministers as to the availability of information for victims of crime in the receiving jurisdiction.
- (2) Section 16(1) has effect as if—
 - (a) the convicted person had not been transferred outwith Scotland,
 - (b) after “so,” there were inserted “use reasonable endeavours to”,
 - (c) after “subsection (3)”, there were inserted “or information about an event which the Scottish Ministers consider is equivalent in effect to an event listed in section 16(3)”.
- (3) Where a transfer described in subsection (1) has taken place and subsequently ceases to be a restricted transfer by reason of the removal of a condition as is mentioned in paragraph 6(1)(a) of schedule 1 to the Crime (Sentences) Act 1997—
 - (a) section 16(1) ceases to apply in relation to the convicted person with effect from the date on which the variation of conditions takes place,
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers must notify any person who would otherwise be entitled to receive information under section 16—
 - (i) that the condition has been removed and the transfer is now an unrestricted

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transfer,

(ii) of the information set out in section 16ZB(3),

(c) sections 16ZB(4) and (5) apply in relation to the convicted person.

16ZD Rights under section 16 where convicted person is transferred to Scotland from outwith UK

(1) Where a person who has been convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment or detention in respect of that offence, in a jurisdiction outwith the United Kingdom or any of the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, is transferred to Scotland—

(a) the Scottish Ministers may—

(i) give to the jurisdiction from which the person is transferred (“the transferring jurisdiction”) information about the rights of persons to receive information under this Part,

(ii) request that the transferring jurisdiction give that information to any person who would qualify to receive information under section 16 if the convicted person had been convicted and sentenced in Scotland, and

(iii) request from the transferring jurisdiction the details of any person who would so qualify and, if received, use reasonable endeavours to notify that person of their right to receive information under this Part,

(b) section 16 applies in relation to the convicted person in accordance with subsection (2).

(2) Section 16(1) has effect as if—

(a) the convicted person had been convicted and sentenced in Scotland,

(b) after “so” there were inserted “use reasonable endeavours to”.”.

(4) In section 18A(1) (interpretation of part)—

(a) after the definition of “Mental Health Tribunal” insert—

““restricted transfer” means a transfer under paragraph 1(1)(b), (2)(b), or (2A)(b), 2(1)(b) or (2)(b), or 3(1)(b) or (2)(b) of schedule 1 of the Crime (Sentences) Act 1997 (“the 1997 Act”) which is a restricted transfer within the meaning of paragraph 6(1)(a) of the schedule of the 1997 Act,”

(b) after the definition of “transfer for treatment direction” insert—

““unrestricted transfer” means a transfer under paragraph 1(1)(b), (2)(b) or (2A)(b), 2(1)(b) or (2)(b) or 3(1)(b) or (2)(b) of schedule 1 of the Crime (Sentences) Act 1997 (“the 1997 Act”) which is an unrestricted transfer within the meaning of paragraph 6(1)(b) of the schedule of the 1997 Act.”.>

Siobhian Brown

71 After section 29A, insert—

<Additional information to be provided to victims

(1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 16 (victim’s right to receive information concerning release etc. of offender), after subsection (3), insert—

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- “(3A) The Scottish Ministers may, when providing information to a person under subsection (1), provide such ancillary information as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.”.
- (3) In section 16A (victim’s right to receive information concerning offender subject to compulsion order), after subsection (2), insert—
- “(2A) The Scottish Ministers may, when providing information to a person under subsection (2), provide such ancillary information as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.”.
- (4) In section 17 (release on licence: right of victim to receive information and make representations), after subsection (2), insert—
- “(2A) Where P is to be afforded an opportunity to make representations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers may provide to P such information as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate in relation to the consideration of the release on licence of the convicted person.”.
- (5) In section 17A (temporary release: victim’s right to make representations about conditions), after subsection (3), insert—
- “(3A) Where P is to be afforded an opportunity to make representations under subsection (2), the Scottish Ministers may provide to P such information as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate in relation to the consideration of the temporary release of the convicted person.”.
- (6) In section 17B (mentally-disordered offender: victim’s right to make representations), after subsection (3), insert—
- “(3A) Where V is to be afforded an opportunity to make representations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers may provide to V such information as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate in relation to the decision in question.”.
- (7) In section 17D (right to information after section 17B decision), after subsection (6) (as inserted by section 29E(2)(c)), insert—
- “(7)The Scottish Ministers may, when providing information to a person under subsection (2), (4) or (6), provide such ancillary information as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.”.>

Siobhian Brown

72 After section 29A, insert—

<Powers to modify information to be given and right to make representations

- (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 16 (victim’s right to receive information concerning release etc. of offender), in subsection (4)(b)—
- (a) for “amend” substitute “modify”,
- (b) after “adding” insert “, amending or repealing”.
- (3) In section 17A (temporary release: victim’s right to make representations about conditions), after subsection (4), insert—
- “(5) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, modify this section to—
- (a) prescribe occasions, in addition to or instead of the first occasion on which the

convicted person is entitled to be considered for temporary release, on which P is to be afforded the opportunity to make written representations under subsection (2),

- (b) provide that P is to be afforded the opportunity to make written representations under subsection (2) where the convicted person is a child and the local authority—
 - (i) intends to review the case under section 44(6)(b) of the 1995 Act and considers that such review might result in the release of the child in accordance with sub-paragraph (i) of that paragraph,
 - (ii) has carried out such a review and intends to release the child in accordance with section 44(6)(b)(i), where P was not afforded the opportunity to make representations under sub-paragraph (i),
- (c) prescribe matters in relation to the temporary release of the convicted person, in addition to conditions, about which P is to be afforded the opportunity to make written representations under subsection (2).
- (6) Regulations under subsection (5)—
 - (a) may prescribe the meaning of “temporary release” for the purposes of this section,
 - (b) may prescribe occasions by reference to—
 - (i) a specific numerical instance of eligibility for consideration for temporary release,
 - (ii) the form, purpose or circumstances of the proposed temporary release,
 - (iii) such other matters as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate,
 - (c) may provide that subsection (2) does not apply in relation to consideration for—
 - (i) temporary release in such form or circumstances, or for such purpose, as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate, whether or not arising on the first occasion on which the convicted person is eligible to be considered for temporary release,
 - (ii) a subsequent grant of temporary release where the form, purpose and circumstances of the proposed release are substantially the same as in relation to the previous grant,
 - (d) may specify circumstances in which, subject to such conditions as may be specified in the regulations—
 - (i) the Scottish Ministers,
 - (ii) the governor of the prison within which the convicted person is detained, or
 - (iii) as the case may be, the local authority,
 may choose not to allow representations to be made under subsection (2),
 - (e) may make provision that, in specified circumstances (and provided P has notified the Scottish Ministers that P wishes to be afforded an opportunity to make representations under subsection (2), but whether or not such representations have been made) the Scottish Ministers must inform P—
 - (i) as to whether the person released is to comply with conditions,

- (ii) if any such conditions relate to contact with the victim of the offence in relation to which P is entitled to receive information, or members of the victim's family.
- (7) In this section, “governor” means—
 - (a) an officer of the prison entitled, by virtue of rules made under section 39 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 (“prison rules”), to make decisions about the temporary release of a prisoner,
 - (b) in the case of a contracted out prison a person, appointed for the prison under section 107(1) of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, entitled to make decisions about the temporary release of a prisoner by virtue of the application of prison rules to contracted out prisons.”.
- (4) In section 17B, after subsection (6), insert—
 - “(7) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, amend this section to—
 - (a) prescribe occasions, in addition to the first occasion, before which a decision of a type described in subsection (4) or (5)(a) is taken in relation to O in respect of which V must be afforded an opportunity to make representations under subsection (1),
 - (b) specify circumstances in which, subject to such conditions as may be specified in the regulations, the Scottish Ministers may choose not to allow representations to be made under subsection (2).”.
- (5) In section 18B (power to modify part) in subsection (1)(b), after “adding” insert “, amending or repealing”.
- (6) In section 88(2)(a), after “16B(7)” (as inserted by paragraph 1(5)(a) of schedule 2A) insert “, 17A(5), 17B(7)”.>

Section 29B

Siobhian Brown

- 73 In section 29B, page 16, line 18, leave out <with the Scottish Ministers>

Siobhian Brown

- 74 In section 29B, page 16, line 20, at end insert—
- <(1A) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations impose on any person not mentioned in subsection (1), or any type of person, a duty to co-operate with the Scottish Ministers in relation to the exercise of the Scottish Ministers’ functions under sections 16 to 17DA.
 - (1B) The Scottish Ministers may co-operate with a person to whom subsection (1C) applies for the purpose of—
 - (a) the exercise of the Scottish Ministers’ functions under sections 16 to 17DA,
 - (b) the exercise by the person of equivalent functions in the place in which the person operates.
 - (1C) This subsection applies to a person who, in a place other than Scotland—
 - (a) has functions equivalent to any of the Scottish Ministers’ functions under sections 16 to 17DA,

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- (b) has responsibility for information relevant to the Scottish Ministers' functions under sections 16 to 17DA.>

Siobhian Brown

- 75 In section 29B, page 16, line 21, leave out <subsection (1)> and insert <this section>

Siobhian Brown

- 76 In section 29B, page 16, line 23, at end insert—
- <(3) In section 88(2)—
- (a) in the opening words, after “order” insert “or regulations”,
- (b) in paragraph (a), after “17B(7)” (as inserted by section (*Powers to modify information to be given and right to make representations*)(6))insert “, 17DB(1A)”.>

Section 29D

Siobhian Brown

- 77 In section 29D, page 17, line 6, leave out <(1)(a)> and insert <(1)(b)>

Siobhian Brown

- 78 In section 29D, page 17, line 9, after <subsection> insert <(1ZA) or>

Siobhian Brown

- 79 In section 29D, page 17, line 10, at end insert—
- <“(1ZA)This subsection applies to a person who—
- (a) has been received in Scotland in accordance with regulations made under section 290 of the Mental Health Act, and
- (b) is treated as subject to a compulsion order and a restriction order by virtue of having been made subject to corresponding measures in proceedings in respect of the offence mentioned in subsection (1)(a) in the place from which the person was transferred.>

Siobhian Brown

- 80 In section 29D, page 17, line 23, at end insert—
- <() In section 16C(2)—
- (a) in paragraph (f), after “Scotland” insert “and, unless the Scottish Ministers have cause to believe that it would not be in the interests of justice to provide such information, the jurisdiction to which O is subject as a result”,
- (b) after paragraph (f), insert—
- “(fa) where O was previously transferred to a place outwith Scotland, that O has been returned to Scotland and section 16A(2) applies by virtue of section 16A(1A),”.
- () After section 16D, insert—

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“16E Rights under section 16A where offender subject to compulsion order is transferred outwith Scotland

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where a person (“O”) is transferred to a place outwith Scotland in accordance with regulations made under section 290 of the Mental Health Act.
- (2) Section 16A(2) ceases to apply in relation to O on the day on which the Scottish Ministers notify, in accordance with section 16C(2)(f), a person who has asked to be given information about O (“P”) under section 16A that O has been so transferred.
- (3) When a transfer described in subsection (1) takes place, the Scottish Ministers must, when notifying P of the information set out in section 16C(2)(f), also notify P—
 - (a) that, by virtue of the transfer, no further information will fall to be given under section 16A unless O is transferred back to Scotland and subsection 16A(2) applies by virtue of 16A(1A),
 - (b) that P may be entitled to receive information about O from the jurisdiction to which O is subject as a result of the transfer (“the receiving jurisdiction”),
 - (c) of such other information as is reasonably available to the Scottish Ministers as to the availability of information for victims of crime in the receiving jurisdiction.
- (4) Where a person (“the applicant”) asks to be given information under section 16A, and O has been transferred as described in subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must inform the applicant—
 - (a) that O has been so transferred, and the jurisdiction to which O is subject as a result,
 - (b) that the applicant does not have the right to receive information under section 16A during such time as O is not subject, or treated as subject, to a compulsion order and a restriction order in Scotland,
 - (c) that if O is returned to Scotland and section 16A(1A) applies—
 - (i) the applicant will be notified of the information in section 16C(2)(fa),
 - (ii) beginning with the date on which the transfer back to Scotland takes place, section 16A will apply,
 - (d) that the applicant may be entitled to receive information about O from the receiving jurisdiction,
 - (e) of such other information as is reasonably available to the Scottish Ministers as to the availability of information for victims of crime in the receiving jurisdiction.

16F Rights under section 16A where a person is transferred to Scotland other than by virtue of regulations made under section 290 of the Mental Health Act

- (1) This section applies where a person (“O”)—
 - (a) has been received in Scotland other than by virtue of regulations made under section 290 of the Mental Health Act,
 - (b) was subject to measures equivalent to a compulsion order and a restriction order in the jurisdiction from which O was transferred (“the transferring jurisdiction”) in respect of an offence, and
 - (c) is made subject, or treated as subject, to a compulsion order and a restriction order by virtue of having been subject to those equivalent measures.

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- (2) The Scottish Ministers may—
 - (a) give to the transferring jurisdiction information about the rights of persons to receive information under this Part,
 - (b) request that the transferring jurisdiction give that information to any person who would qualify to receive information under section 16A if O had been made subject to a compulsion order and a restriction order in Scotland in proceedings in respect of an offence,
 - (c) request from the transferring jurisdiction the details of any person who would so qualify and, if received, use reasonable endeavours to notify that person of their right to receive information under this Part.
- (3) Section 16A applies in relation to O in accordance with subsection (4).
- (4) Section 16A(2) has effect as if—
 - (a) O had been made subject to a compulsion order and a restriction order in Scotland,
 - (b) after “Ministers” there were inserted “use reasonable endeavours to”.>

Siobhian Brown

- 81 In section 29D, page 17, leave out lines 32 and 33

After section 29D

Siobhian Brown

- 82 After section 29D, insert—

<Information to be given concerning offender subject to compulsion order

- (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 16C, subsection (2), after paragraph (i), insert—
 - “(j) where O has been recalled as mentioned in paragraph (i)—
 - (i) that the recall is being appealed against,
 - (ii) the outcome of that appeal.”.>

After section 29G

Audrey Nicoll

- 83 After section 29G, insert—

<Provision of transcript of record of trial to certain complainers

- (1) The 1995 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 94 (transcripts of record and documentary productions)—
 - (a) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2ZA) The Clerk of Justiciary must direct that such a transcript be made and sent to a complainer that has requested it, if the complainer was a complainer in a trial that—

 - (a) was of an offence as described in section 288C(2) (certain sexual offences),

(b) was in the High Court or the Sexual Offences Court, and

(c) commenced on or after 31 December 2006.”,

(b) after subsection (9) insert—

“(10) In this section, “complainer” means a person against whom an offence to which the trial related was alleged to have been committed.”.>

Angela Constance

84 After section 29G, insert—

<Right to referral by Police Scotland to victim support services

(1) The Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 3D (referral to providers of victim support services)—

(a) in subsection (1)—

(i) in the opening words, after “person that—” insert—

“(za) victim support services are available to victims and, with reference to subsection (5), what is meant by victim support services,”,

(ii) for paragraph (a), and the word “and” immediately following it, substitute—

“(a) the person is entitled, at any time, to have their details passed by any competent authority to such providers of victim support services as are appropriate to the person’s needs for the purpose of contacting the person to offer the services, in a process known as referral,

(aa) if the person elects to be referred, the person may, at any later time, elect to discontinue the referral or cease to receive the victim support services,”,

(iv) after paragraph (b), insert “, and

(c) if the person elects to contact providers directly without being referred, the person will be provided with the information necessary to do so.”,

(b) for subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) Where the person intimates to a competent authority that the person wishes to be referred to providers of victim support services, the authority must, subject to the consent of the person, disclose the person’s details to such providers of victim support services as the authority considers appropriate to the person’s needs, as soon as is reasonably practicable.

(2A) Where the person intimates to a competent authority that the person wishes to contact providers of victim support service directly without being referred, the authority must, as soon as is reasonably practicable, provide the person with the name, address and telephone number of the providers of victim support services.”,

(c) in subsection (3), for “(1) and (2)”, “substitute (1) to (2A)”,

(d) in subsection (4), for “a request made”, in every place it occurs, substitute “an intimation”,

(e) after subsection (4), insert—

“(4A) The chief constable must make and publish guidance for constables on the process of referring a person who is or appears to be a victim in relation to an offence or alleged

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offence to victim support services under this section.

(4B) The chief constable must keep the guidance published under subsection (4A) under review and may modify it from time to time, in which case the chief constable must publish the modified guidance.”,

(f) the title of section 3D becomes “Victims’ right to access support services”.>

Jamie Greene

85 After section 29G, insert—

<Timing of provision of information to victim concerning release

- (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 16 (victim’s right to receive information concerning release etc. of offender), after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) Information must be given to a person under subsection (1) before the convicted person is released, unless it is not reasonably practicable to do so.”.
- (3) In section 17 (release on licence: right of victim to receive information and make representations), after subsection (10A) insert—

“(10B) Subsections (6), (8) and (10) must be complied with—

 - (a) as soon as reasonably practicable after any decision is made as to—
 - (i) whether or not to recommend or direct the release of a person,
 - (ii) whether the person released is to comply with conditions, and
 - (b) where the person is to be released, before the date of that release, unless it is not reasonably practicable to do so.”.>

Jamie Greene

86 After section 29G, insert—

<Release on licence: victim’s right to attend hearings

- (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 17ZA (release on licence: provision of information to person supporting victim), insert—

“17ZB Release on licence: victim’s right to attend hearings

 - (1) Subject to subsection (2)—
 - (a) a person entitled to receive information under section 16 of this Act (the “victim”) as respects a convicted person, or
 - (b) where the victim is deceased, a family member of the victim (a “family member”),

must be afforded the opportunity to attend, for the purpose of observing proceedings, any oral hearing relating to the release of the convicted person on licence.
 - (2) The chairing member of the Parole Board panel dealing with the person’s case may, where the chairing member considers it appropriate to do so, exclude a victim or family member from any part of an oral hearing but only if the chairing member in writing—

- (a) notifies the victim or family member of that exclusion in advance of the oral hearing, and
- (b) provides the victim or family with the reasons for that exclusion.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision about the attendance at oral hearings by victims and family members.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (3) are subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (5) In this section, “family member” means a person who is—
 - (a) married to, or in a civil partnership with, the victim,
 - (b) living together with the victim, as if they were married, and has been so living together with the victim for a minimum period of 6 months,
 - (c) a child or step-child of the victim,
 - (d) anyone the victim cares for, as defined in paragraph 20 of schedule 12 to the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010,
 - (e) a parent or step-parent of the victim,
 - (f) a grandparent or great-grandparent of the victim,
 - (g) a grandchild or great-grandchild of the victim.”.>

Jamie Greene

87 After section 29G, insert—

<Release on licence: reasons for decisions

- (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 17 (release on licence: right of victim to receive information and make representations)—
 - (a) in subsection (6)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a), after “release” insert “, including a summary of the reasons for its decision”,
 - (ii) in paragraph (b), after “conditions” insert “, including a summary of the reasons for its decision”,
 - (b) in subsection (8), in paragraph (a), after “conditions” insert “, including a summary of the reasons for its decision”,
 - (c) in subsection (10), in paragraph (a), after “conditions” insert “, including a summary of the reasons for their decision”.>

After section 39A

Angela Constance

88 After section 39A, insert—

<Judges of the Sexual Offences Court: re-employment of former judges

- (1) The Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 20E—

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- (a) in subsection (2), at the end, insert “or, provided the individual has completed an approved course of training on trauma-informed practice in sexual offence cases, as a judge of the Sexual Offences Court”,
- (b) in subsection (4), for “or the High Court of Justiciary” substitute “, the High Court of Justiciary or the Sexual Offences Court”,
- (c) after subsection (5), insert—
 - “(6) In this section, “approved course of training” means a training course which is approved by the Lord Justice General for the purpose of appointment to the office of Judge of the Sexual Offences Court.”.>

Section 40

Angela Constance

- 89 In section 40, page 31, line 30, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord Justice General>

Angela Constance

- 90 In section 40, page 31, line 32, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord Justice General>

Angela Constance

- 91 In section 40, page 31, line 38, leave out <and has recommended that person for appointment>

Angela Constance

- 92 In section 40, page 32, leave out lines 5 to 20

Section 41

Angela Constance

- 93 In section 41, page 33, line 35, at end insert—
- <() Lord Commissioner of Justiciary,
 - () temporary judge,>

After schedule 2

Siobhian Brown

- 94 After schedule 2, insert—

<SCHEDULE 2A

Introduced by section (Right of eligible persons to receive information in event of death or incapacity of victim) and (Notification of individual other than supporter to receive information)

VICTIM NOTIFICATION SCHEME

PART 1

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RIGHT OF ELIGIBLE PERSONS TO RECEIVE INFORMATION IN EVENT OF DEATH OR INCAPACITY OF VICTIM

- 1 (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 16 (victim's right to receive information concerning release etc. of offender)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), after “perpetrated” insert “(the “victim”)”,
 - (b) for subsection (5), substitute—

“(5) Where information would fall to be given under subsection (1), but the victim has died or is incapable, that subsection applies as if references in it to the victim were references to the designated person or designated persons.”,
 - (c) after subsection (5) insert—

“(5A) For the purposes of subsection (5), a designated person means a person designated by the Scottish Ministers to be given the information in place of the victim in accordance with subsections (5B) to (5E).

(5B) The Scottish Ministers—

 - (a) may designate, as they consider appropriate—
 - (i) where the victim has died, at least one person and not more than 4 persons as designated persons,
 - (ii) where the victim is incapable, one person as designated person,
 - (b) must, where a person intimates that they wish to be a designated person (and the maximum number of persons who may be designated in accordance with paragraph (a) has not been reached), consider whether to designate that person.

(5C) Where the victim has died, the Scottish Ministers may—

 - (a) if they consider it appropriate to do so—
 - (i) remove a person as a designated person,
 - (ii) add a person as a designated person (provided such addition does not result in there being more than 4 designated persons, subject to paragraph (b)),
 - (b) on cause shown, add a person as a designated person where that addition results in there being 5 designated persons.

(5D) Where the victim is incapable, the Scottish Ministers may, if they consider it appropriate to do so, remove or replace a person as designated person.

(5E) The Scottish Ministers must have regard to the code of practice issued under section 18ZA in designating, adding, removing or replacing persons as designated persons.

(5F) If a designated person is a child, the Scottish Ministers must determine whether the information should be provided to—

 - (a) the designated person,
 - (b) the designated person and the person who cares for the designated person,
 - (c) the person who cares for the designated person, or
 - (d) another person over the age of 18 years with a relationship to the designated person,

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but only if the Scottish Ministers are satisfied that the person consents to being given the information.

- (5G) When making a determination under subsection (5F), the Scottish Ministers must have regard to—
 - (a) the designated person's age and maturity,
 - (b) any views expressed by the designated person, and
 - (c) the best interests of the designated person.
- (5H) When making a determination under subsection (5F), the Scottish Ministers must also have regard to the code of practice issued under section 18ZA.
- (5I) The Scottish Ministers may—
 - (a) review a determination made under subsection (5F)—
 - (i) of their own accord, or
 - (ii) at the request of the designated person or the other person (if any) to whom the determination relates,
 - (b) following a review, make a new determination under subsection (5F).
- (5J) Where a determination has been made under subsection (5F)—
 - (a) before the designated person attains the age of 18 years, the Scottish Ministers must contact the designated person to establish how the designated person wishes to receive information under this section after they attain the age of 18 years,
 - (b) after the designated person attains the age of 18 years, the most recent determination made under subsection (5F) in relation to the designated person continues to have effect until a new determination under subsection (1) is made.
- (5K) In this section, “incapable” means incapable of understanding or retaining the memory of information which falls to be given under subsection (1) by reason of any mental disorder or inability to communicate where that inability to communicate cannot be made good by human or mechanical aid (whether of an interpretive nature or otherwise).”,
- (d) subsection (6) is repealed,
- (e) for subsection (9), substitute—
 - “(9) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, modify this section by substituting for—
 - (a) references to a person specified in any part of this section to whom information may be made available, including references to the designated person, reference to such other person as they consider appropriate,
 - (b) the age specified in any part of this section such other age as they consider appropriate,
 - (c) the number of persons who may be designated as designated persons where the victim has died, such other number as they consider appropriate.”.
- (3) In section 16B (person entitled to ask to be given information under section 16A)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) for paragraph (b), substitute—

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- “(b) if V has died or is incapable, the designated person or designated persons.”,
- (ii) paragraph (c) is repealed,
- (b) for subsection (3), substitute—
- “(3) For the purposes of this section, a designated person means a person designated by the Scottish Ministers to be given the information in place of V in accordance with subsections (4) to (8).”,
- (c) after subsection (3), insert—
- “(4) The Scottish Ministers—
 - (a) may designate, as they consider appropriate—
 - (i) where V has died, at least one person and not more than 4 persons as designated persons,
 - (ii) where V is incapable, one person as designated person,
 - (b) must, where a person intimates that they wish to be a designated person (and the maximum number of persons who may be designated in accordance with paragraph (a) has not been reached), consider whether to designate that person.
- (5) Where V has died, the Scottish Ministers may—
 - (a) if they consider it appropriate to do so—
 - (i) remove a person as a designated person,
 - (ii) add a person as a designated person (provided such addition does not result in there being more than 4 designated persons, subject to paragraph (b)),
 - (b) on cause shown, add a person as a designated person where that addition results in there being 5 designated persons.
- (6) Where V is incapable, the Scottish Ministers may, if they consider it appropriate to do so, remove or replace a person as designated person.
- (7) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, amend this section by substituting—
 - (a) for the number of persons who may be designated as designated persons where V has died, such other number as they consider appropriate,
 - (b) references to a person specified in any part of this section to whom information may be made available, including references to the designated person, reference to such other person as they consider appropriate.
- (8) The Scottish Ministers must have regard to the code of practice issued under section 18ZA in designating, adding, removing or replacing persons as designated persons.
- (9) If a designated person is a child, the Scottish Ministers must determine whether the information should be provided to—
 - (a) the designated person,
 - (b) the designated person and the person who cares for the designated person,
 - (c) the person who cares for the designated person, or
 - (d) another person over the age of 18 years with a relationship to the designated person,
 but only if the Scottish Ministers are satisfied that the person consents to being given the information.

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- (10) When making a determination under subsection (9), the Scottish Ministers must have regard to—
 - (a) the designated person's age and maturity,
 - (b) any views expressed by the designated person, and
 - (c) the best interests of the designated person.
 - (11) When making a determination under subsection (9), the Scottish Ministers must also have regard to the code of practice issued under section 18ZA.
 - (12) The Scottish Ministers may—
 - (a) review a determination made under subsection (9)—
 - (i) of their own accord, or
 - (ii) at the request of the designated person or the other person (if any) to whom the determination relates,
 - (b) following a review, make a new determination under subsection (9).
 - (13) Where a determination has been made under subsection (9)—
 - (a) before the designated person attains the age of 18 years, the Scottish Ministers must contact the designated person to establish how the designated person wishes to receive information under this section after they attain the age of 18 years,
 - (b) after the designated person attains the age of 18 years, the most recent determination made under subsection (9) in relation to the designated continues to have effect until a new intimation under subsection (1) is made.
 - (14) In this section, “incapable” means incapable of understanding or retaining the memory of information which falls to be given under subsection (1) by reason of any mental disorder or inability to communicate where that inability to communicate cannot be made good by human or mechanical aid (whether of an interpretive nature or otherwise).
 - (15) In this section, the expression “cares for” is to be construed in accordance with the definition of “someone who cares for” in paragraph 20 of schedule 12 to the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.”.
- (4) After section 18, insert—
- “18ZA Code of practice in relation to designated persons and determinations made under sections 16 and 16B**
- (1) The Scottish Ministers must prepare a code of practice in relation to—
 - (a) designated persons,
 - (b) determinations made under sections 16(4B) and (5F) and 16B(2A) and (9).
 - (2) In preparing the code of practice, the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) publish a draft of the code, and
 - (b) consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
 - (3) The Scottish Ministers—
 - (a) must—
 - (i) publish the code of practice in such manner as they consider

appropriate,

- (ii) lay a copy of the code before the Scottish Parliament,
- (b) may revise the code of practice and publish an updated code as they consider appropriate, and subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of this subsection apply to a revised code as they apply to the original code.
- (4) The code of practice may, in particular—
 - (a) set out a list of persons who may be designated as designated persons by reference to their relationship to the person to whom information would otherwise fall to be given under section 16(1), or who would otherwise be entitled to ask to be given information under section 16A, subject to other factors and circumstances to be taken into consideration,
 - (b) provide guidance about—
 - (i) the ways in which the Scottish Ministers may exercise their discretion in relation to the designation of persons under section 16 or 16B,
 - (ii) factors to be taken into consideration in designating persons,
 - (iii) evidence which may be required in order to establish the relationship between the person to whom information would otherwise fall to be given under section 16(1), or who would otherwise be entitled to ask to be given information under section 16A, and a person being considered for designation,
 - (iv) circumstances in which it may be appropriate to add, remove or replace a person as a designated person,
 - (c) set out—
 - (i) a complaints process in relation to the designation of persons,
 - (ii) a process by which a person can seek reconsideration of a decision not to designate that person,
 - (d) provide guidance about the making of determinations under sections 16(4B) and (5F) and 16B(2A) and (9), in particular about—
 - (i) the assessment of the factors mentioned in sections 16(4C) and (5G) and 16B(2B) and (10),
 - (ii) the carrying out of a review under sections 16(4E) and (5I) and 16B(2D) and (12),
 - (e) provide guidance in relation to contacting a victim under sections 16(4F) and (5J) and 16B(2E) and (13).
- (5) A code of practice made under this section comes into force on such day as the Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, appoint.”.
- (5) In section 88(2)(a)—
 - (a) after “16(4)” insert “, 16(9), 16B(7)”,
 - (b) after “17DB(1A)” (as inserted by section 29B(3)(b)) insert “, 18ZA(5)”.>

Siobhian Brown

95 After schedule 2, insert—

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<PART 2

NOTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL OTHER THAN SUPPORTER TO RECEIVE INFORMATION

- (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 16ZA (provision of information to person supporting victim)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)(a)—
 - (i) for “(the “victim”)” substitute “(“P””,
 - (ii) after “that” insert “either (but not both)”,
 - (iii) the words from “a person” where it second occurs to the end become sub-paragraph (i),
 - (iv) in that sub-paragraph—
 - (A) for “the victim” where it first occurs substitute “P”,
 - (B) for “perpetrated against the victim” substitute “in relation to which P is entitled to receive information”,
 - (v) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—
 - “(ii) an individual who is not a supporter (the “nominee”) is to be given, as well as or instead of P, that information and Ministers are satisfied that the nominee consents to being given the information, or”,
 - (b) in subsection (1)(b), for “the victim” substitute “P”,
 - (c) after subsection (1) insert—
 - “(1A) An individual may be a nominee under subsection (1)(a)(ii) only if the individual—
 - (a) has attained 18 years of age, and
 - (b) is not the person convicted of the offence against the victim.”,
 - (d) in subsection (2)(b)—
 - (i) for “the victim” where it first appears substitute “P”,
 - (ii) for “perpetrated against the victim” substitute “in relation to which P is entitled to receive information”,
 - (e) in subsection (3), after “supporter” insert “or, as the case may be, the nominee”,
 - (f) after subsection (3) insert—
 - “(3A) An individual ceases to be a nominee if—
 - (a) the individual withdraws consent to receiving information under subsection (3), or
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers are made aware that the individual has—
 - (i) died, or
 - (ii) become incapable, by reason of mental disorder or inability to communicate, of understanding the information.
 - (3B) A supporter may withdraw an intimation under subsection (1)(b).
 - (3C) P may—
 - (a) withdraw—

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- (i) an intimation under subsection (1)(a),
 - (ii) consent to a supporter being given information following an intimation under subsection (1)(b),
- (b) make a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(a),
- (c) grant consent to a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(b).
- (3D) Where P makes a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(a), or grants consent to a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(b), any previous intimation or granting of consent by P under that subsection ceases to have effect, whether or not such intimation or consent has been withdrawn.
- (3E) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) where a nominee withdraws consent under subsection (3A)(a), or a supporter withdraws consent under subsection (3B), give notice in writing to—
 - (i) P that the consent has been withdrawn,
 - (ii) the nominee or the supporter, as the case may be, that they will not be given information under subsection (3),
 - (b) where, under subsection (3C), P withdraws an intimation or consent, makes a fresh intimation, or grants consent to a fresh intimation, give notice in writing to any person who will no longer be given information under subsection (3) of that fact.
- (3F) Where P is a child—
 - (a) before the P attains the age of 18 years, the Scottish Ministers must contact P to establish how P (after P attains the age of 18 years) wishes to receive the information described in section 16(3),
 - (b) after P attains the age of 18 years, the most recent intimation under subsection (1)(a) or granting of consent under subsection (1)(b) in relation to P continues to have effect until—
 - (i) a supporter withdraws consent under subsection (3B), or
 - (ii) P takes any action mentioned in subsection (3C).”,
- (g) for subsection (5), substitute—

“(5) In this section—

“support services” —

 - (a) means any type of service or treatment which is intended to benefit the physical or mental health or wellbeing of P, and
 - (b) includes—
 - (i) providing P with information (including information provided under subsection (3)),
 - (ii) assisting P with safety planning,
 - (iii) assisting P with the making of representations under this Part,

“victim” means the person against whom the offence in relation to which P is entitled to receive information was perpetrated.”.
- (3) The title of section 16ZA becomes “**Provision of information to person other than victim**”.

- (4) In section 16D (provision of information concerning offender subject to compulsion order to person supporting victim)—
- (a) in subsection (1)(a)—
- (i) for “(the “victim”)", substitute “(“P”)",
 - (ii) after “that” insert “either (but not both)",
 - (iii) the words from “a person” where it second occurs to the end become sub-paragraph (i),
 - (iv) in that sub-paragraph, for “the victim” substitute “P”,
 - (v) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—
 - “(ii) an individual who is not a supporter (the “nominee”) is to be given, as well as or instead of P, that information and Ministers are satisfied that the nominee consents to being given the information, or”,
- (b) in subsection (1)(b), for “the victim” substitute “P”,
- (c) after subsection (1) insert—
- “(1A) An individual may be a nominee under subsection (1)(a)(ii) only if the individual—
- (a) has attained 18 years of age, and
 - (b) is not the person convicted of the offence in relation to which P is entitled to receive information.”,
- (d) in subsection (2)(b), for “the victim” substitute “P”,
- (e) in subsection (3), after “supporter” insert “or, as the case may be, the nominee”,
- (f) in subsection (4), in both paragraph (a) and (b), after “supporter” insert “or nominee”,
- (g) in subsection (6)—
- (i) for “the victim”, substitute “P”,
 - (ii) after “supporter” insert “or nominee”,
- (h) after subsection (6) insert—
- “(6A) An individual ceases to be a nominee if—
- (a) the individual withdraws consent to receiving information under subsection (3),
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers are made aware that the individual has—
 - (i) died, or
 - (ii) become incapable, by reason of mental disorder or inability to communicate, of understanding the information.
- (6B) A supporter may withdraw an intimation under subsection (1)(b).
- (6C) P may—
- (a) withdraw—
 - (i) an intimation under subsection (1)(a),
 - (ii) consent to a supporter being given information following an intimation under subsection (1)(b),

- (b) make a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(a),
 - (c) grant consent to a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(b).
- (6D) Where P makes a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(a), or grants consent to a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(b), any previous intimation or granting of consent by P under that subsection ceases to have effect, whether or not such intimation or consent has been withdrawn.
- (6E) The Scottish Ministers must—
- (a) where a nominee withdraws consent under subsection (6A)(a), or a supporter withdraws consent under subsection (6B), give notice in writing to—
 - (i) P that the consent has been withdrawn,
 - (ii) the nominee or the supporter, as the case may be, that they will not be given information under subsection (3),
 - (b) where, under subsection (6C), P withdraws an intimation or consent, makes a fresh intimation, or grants consent to a fresh intimation, give notice in writing to any person who will no longer be given information under subsection (3) of that fact.
- (6F) Where P is a child—
- (a) before the P attains the age of 18 years, the Scottish Ministers must contact P to establish how P (after P attains the age of 18 years) wishes to receive information described in section 16C,
 - (b) after P attains the age of 18 years, the most recent intimation under subsection (1)(a) or granting of consent under subsection (1)(b) in relation to P continues to have effect until—
 - (i) a supporter withdraws consent under subsection (6B), or
 - (ii) P takes any action mentioned in subsection (6C)."
- (5) In subsection (7), for “has the same meaning” substitute “and “victim” have the same meanings”.
- (6) The title of section 16D becomes “**Provision of information concerning offender subject to compulsion order to person other than victim**”.
- (7) In section 17ZA (release on licence: provision of information to person supporting victim)—
- (a) in subsection (1)(a)—
 - (i) for “(the “victim”)” substitute “(“P””,
 - (ii) for the words from “a person” where it second occurs to the end, substitute “either (but not both)—
 - (i) a person to whom section 16ZA(2) applies (a “supporter”), or
 - (ii) an individual who is or may be a nominee under section 16ZA (a “nominee”),
 to be informed, as well as or instead of P, before any decision is taken to release the convicted person, or”,
 - (b) in subsection (1)(b)—
 - (i) for “the supporter” where it first occurs substitute “a supporter who is entitled to receive information under section 16ZA”,

- (ii) for “the victim” substitute “P”,
- (c) after subsection (1) insert—
 - “(1A) But this section applies only if—
 - (a) in the case of an intimation under subsection (1)(a)(i)—
 - (i) the supporter is entitled to receive information under section 16ZA, or
 - (ii) an individual is so entitled by virtue of section 16ZA(1)(a)(ii),
 - (b) in the case of an intimation under subsection (1)(a)(ii)—
 - (i) either the nominee or a supporter is entitled to receive information under section 16ZA, and
 - (ii) the Scottish Ministers are satisfied that the nominee consents to be informed as mentioned in that subsection.”,
- (d) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) for “the victim” substitute “P”,
 - (ii) after “supporter” insert “or, as the case may be, nominee”,
- (e) in subsection (3)—
 - (i) after “supporter” insert “ or nominee”,
 - (ii) for “the victim” substitute “P”,
- (f) after subsection (3) insert—
 - “(3A) An individual ceases to be a nominee if—
 - (a) where the individual is also a nominee under section 16ZA, the individual ceases to be a nominee under that section,
 - (b) the individual withdraws consent to being informed as mentioned in subsection (1)(a)(ii),
 - (c) the Scottish Ministers are made aware that the individual has—
 - (i) died, or
 - (ii) become incapable, by reason of mental disorder or inability to communicate, of understanding the information.
 - (3B) A supporter may withdraw an intimation under subsection (1)(b).
 - (3C) P may—
 - (a) withdraw—
 - (i) an intimation under subsection (1)(a),
 - (ii) consent to an intimation under subsection (1)(b),
 - (b) make a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(a),
 - (c) grant consent to a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(b).
 - (3D) Where P makes a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(a), or grants consent to a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(b), any previous intimation or granting of consent by P under that subsection ceases to have effect, whether or not the previous intimation or consent has been withdrawn.

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(3E) The Scottish Ministers must—

- (a) where a nominee withdraws consent under subsection (3A)(b), or a supporter withdraws consent under subsection (3B), give notice in writing to—
 - (i) P that the consent has been withdrawn,
 - (ii) the nominee or the supporter, as the case may be, that they will not be informed as mentioned in subsection (1)(a)(ii),
- (b) where, under subsection (3C), P withdraws an intimation or consent, or makes a fresh intimation, or grants consent to a fresh intimation, give notice in writing to any person who will no longer be given information under subsection (3) of that fact.

(3F) Where P is a child—

- (a) before the P attains the age of 18 years, the Scottish Ministers must contact P to establish who P (after P attains the age of 18 years) wishes to be informed before any decision is taken to release the convicted person,
- (b) after P attains the age of 18 years, the most recent intimation under subsection (1)(a) or granting of consent under subsection (1)(b) in relation to P continues to have effect until—
 - (i) a supporter withdraws consent under subsection (3B), or
 - (ii) P takes any action mentioned in subsection (3C)."

(8) The title of section 17ZA becomes **“Release on licence: provision of information to person other than victim”**.

(9) In section 17A (temporary release: victim’s right to make representations about conditions)—

- (a) in subsection (1)(a) for “(the “victim”)” substitute “(“P”)",
- (b) in subsection (1)(b), after ““supporter”” insert “or the “nominee””,
- (c) in subsections (2), (3), and (4) for “the victim” in each place where it occurs substitute “P”,
- (d) in subsection (4)(b), for “the supporter” substitute “any supporter or nominee to be given notice and information under section 17ZA(2) and (3)”.

(10) In section 17B (mentally-disordered offender: victim's right to make representations), after subsection (5), insert—

“(5A) The Scottish Ministers must fix a time within which representations under subsection (1) require to be made to them if they are to be considered by them, and they must notify V accordingly.”.

(11) After section 17B, insert—

“17BA Right to make representations in respect of mentally-disordered offender: provision of information to person other than victim

(1) This section applies where—

- (a) a person entitled to be afforded an opportunity to make representations under section 17B (“P”) intimates that they wish either (but not both)—
 - (i) a person to whom section 17DA(2) applies (a “supporter”), or
 - (ii) an individual who is or may be a nominee under section 17DA (a “nominee”),

to be informed as well as or instead of P before any decision described in section

- 17B(1)(a) or (b) is taken, or
- (b) a supporter who is entitled to receive information under section 17DA intimates that they wish to be so informed and the Scottish Ministers are satisfied that P consents to the supporter being so informed.
- (2) But this section applies only if—
- (a) in the case of an intimation under subsection (1)(a)(i)—
- (i) the supporter is entitled to receive information under section 17DA, or
- (ii) an individual is so entitled by virtue of section 17DA(1)(a)(ii),
- (b) in the case of an intimation under subsection (1)(a)(ii)—
- (i) either the nominee or a supporter is entitled to receive information under section 17DA, and
- (ii) the Scottish Ministers are satisfied that the nominee consents to be informed as mentioned in that subsection.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must, whether or not P has intimated the wish to be afforded the opportunity to make representations under section 17B(1), give the supporter or, as the case may be, nominee, notice as mentioned in section 17B(5A).
- (4) The Scottish Ministers need not give notice under subsection (3) where subsection 17B(6) applies.
- (5) An individual ceases to be a nominee if—
- (a) where the individual is also a nominee under section 17DA, the individual ceases to be a nominee under that section,
- (b) the individual withdraws consent to being informed as mentioned in subsection (1)(a),
- (c) the Scottish Ministers are made aware that the individual has—
- (i) died, or
- (ii) become incapable, by reason of mental disorder or inability to communicate, of understanding the information.
- (6) A supporter may withdraw an intimation under subsection (1)(b).
- (7) P may—
- (a) withdraw—
- (i) an intimation under subsection (1)(a),
- (ii) consent to an intimation under subsection (1)(b),
- (b) make a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(a),
- (c) grant consent to a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(b).
- (8) Where P makes a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(a), or grants consent to a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(b), any previous intimation or granting of consent by P under that subsection ceases to have effect, whether or not the previous intimation or consent has been withdrawn.
- (9) The Scottish Ministers must—
- (a) where a nominee withdraws consent under subsection (5)(b), or a supporter

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withdraws consent under subsection (6), give notice in writing to—

- (i) P that the consent has been withdrawn,
- (ii) the nominee or the supporter, as the case may be, that they will not be informed as mentioned in subsection (1)(a) or, as the case may be, (b).
- (b) where, under subsection (7), P withdraws an intimation or consent, makes a fresh intimation or grants consent to a fresh intimation, give notice in writing to any person who will no longer be given notice under subsection (3) of that fact.
- (10) Where P is a child—
 - (a) before the P attains the age of 18 years, the Scottish Ministers must contact P to establish [who] P (after P attains the age of 18 years) wishes to be informed before any decision described in section 17B(1)(a) or (b) is taken,
 - (b) after P attains the age of 18 years, the most recent intimation under subsection (1)(a) or granting of consent under subsection (1)(b) continues to have effect until—
 - (i) a supporter withdraws consent under subsection (6), or
 - (ii) P takes any action mentioned in subsection (7).”.
- (12) In section 17DA (section 17B decision: provision of information to person supporting victim)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)(a)—
 - (i) for “(the “victim”)” substitute “(“P””,
 - (ii) after “that” insert “either (but not both)”,
 - (iii) the words from “a person” where it second occurs to the end become sub-paragraph (i),
 - (iv) in that sub-paragraph, for “the victim” substitute “P”,
 - (v) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—
 - “(ii) an individual who is not a supporter (the “nominee”) is to be given, as well as or instead of P, that information and the Scottish Ministers are satisfied that the nominee consents to being given the information, or”,
 - (b) in subsection (1)(b), for “the victim” substitute “P”,
 - (c) after subsection (1) insert—
 - “(1A) An individual may be a nominee under subsection (1)(a)(ii) only if the individual—
 - (a) has attained 18 years of age, and
 - (b) is not the person convicted of the offence in relation to which P is entitled to receive information.”,
 - (d) in subsection (2)(b), for “the victim” substitute “P”,
 - (e) in subsection (3), after “supporter” insert “or, as the case may be, the nominee”,
 - (f) in subsection (4)(a), after “supporter” insert “or nominee”,
 - (g) in subsection (5)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a), after “supporter” insert “or nominee”,

(ii) in paragraph (b), after “supporter” in both places where it occurs insert “or nominee”,

(h) after subsection (5) insert—

“(5A) An individual ceases to be a nominee if—

- (a) the individual withdraws consent to receiving information under subsection (3) or (5),
- (b) the Scottish Ministers are made aware that the individual has—
 - (i) died, or
 - (ii) become incapable, by reason of mental disorder or inability to communicate, of receiving the information.

(5B) A supporter may withdraw an intimation under subsection (1)(b). (5C) P may—

- (a) withdraw—
 - (i) an intimation under subsection (1)(a),
 - (ii) consent to an intimation under subsection (1)(b),
- (b) make a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(a),
- (c) grant consent to a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(b).

(5D) Where P makes a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(a), or grants consent to a fresh intimation under subsection (1)(b), any previous intimation or granting of consent by P under that subsection ceases to have effect, whether or not the previous intimation or consent has been withdrawn.

(5E) The Scottish Ministers must—

- (a) where a nominee withdraws consent under subsection (5A)(a), or a supporter withdraws consent under subsection (5B), give notice in writing to—
 - (i) P that the consent has been withdrawn,
 - (ii) the nominee or supporter, as the case may be, that they will not be given information under subsection (3) or (5),
- (b) where, under subsection (5C), P withdraws an intimation or consent, makes a fresh intimation, or grants consent to a fresh intimation, give notice in writing to any person who will no longer be given information under subsection (3) or (5) of that fact.

(5F) Where P is a child—

- (a) before the P attains the age of 18 years, the Scottish Ministers must contact P to establish how P (after P attains the age of 18 years) wishes to be informed that a decision under section 17B has been taken,
- (b) after P attains the age of 18 years, the most recent intimation under subsection (1)(a) or granting of consent under subsection (1)(b) in relation to P continues to have effect until—
 - (i) a supporter withdraws consent under subsection (5B), or
 - (ii) P takes any action mentioned in subsection (5C).”.

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- (13) The title of section 17DA becomes “**Section 17B decision: provision on information to person other than victim**”.
- (14) In section 17E (information sharing in respect of mentally-disordered offenders)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), after “supporter” insert “or, as the case may be, a nominee”,
 - (b) in subsection (3), after “supporter” insert “or nominee”,
 - (c) in subsection (6), for “is” substitute “and “nominee” are”.
- (15) In section 18A (interpretation of Part)—
 - (a) in subsection (3), after “supporter” insert “or nominee”,
 - (b) in subsection (5), for “is” substitute “and “nominee” are”.>

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 5 September 2025 and is subject to the negative procedure —

[Carer’s Assistance \(Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments, Revocation, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee), 4 November 2025

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 29 October with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 5 June 2025

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 10 September 2025

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 9 September 2025

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 17 June 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2025)

Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill (M)

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Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 24 June 2025

Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 10 September 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (50th Report, 2025)

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

Stage 2 completed, 11 June 2025

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

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Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 11 June 2025

Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee, evidence (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture)), 4 September 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 Report (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee) published, 2 July 2025

Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 24 June 2025

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 9 September 2025

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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

Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 4 September 2025

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

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (52nd Report, 2025)

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 3 June 2025

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Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (59th Report, 2025)

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 24 June 2025

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 17 September 2025

Stage 1 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (49th Report, 2025)

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 10 September 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (40th Report, 2025)

Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 25 June 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (56th Report, 2025)

Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 25 June 2025

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

Introduced, 17 March 2025

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (53rd Report, 2025)

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 9 September 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 2 (evidence (Education, Children and Young People Committee)), 10 September 2025

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 19 June 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (44th Report, 2025)

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 3 September 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (31st Report, 2025)

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture)), 4 September 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (43rd Report, 2025)

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

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 16 September 2025

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 17 September 2025

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Monday 8 September with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (39th Report, 2025)

Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 19 June 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (54th Report, 2025)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill LCM-S6-59

Lodged on 12 June 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 June 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 June 2025

Report – Lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments) (2nd Report, 2025)

Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill LCM-S6-58

Lodged on 3 June 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 17 June 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 June 2025

Lead committee – Rural Affairs and Islands

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

Lodged on 12 March 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 26 June 2025

Report – Lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice) (2nd Report, 2025)

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

Bus Services (No. 2) Bill LCM-S6-63

Lodged on 5 September 2025

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill LCM-S6-60

Lodged on 12 June 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 June 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 26 June 2025

Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (8th Report, 2025)

Crime and Policing Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-57b

Lodged on 1 August 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 2 September 2025

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Lead committee – Criminal Justice

Employment Rights Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-53b

Lodged on 14 August 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 4 September 2025

Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (6th Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (56th Report, 2025)

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

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

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

Planning and Infrastructure Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-56a

Lodged on 13 August 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 9 September 2025

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

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

Lodged on 21 March 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 June 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 June 2025

Report – Lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security) (5th Report, 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)

Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill LCM-S6-61

Lodged on 24 July 2025

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill LCM-S6-62

Lodged on 27 August 2025

Tobacco and Vapes Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-51a

Lodged on 28 March 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 29 May 2025

Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (3rd Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (29th Report, 2025)

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Affirmative instruments

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[Climate Change \(Scotland\) Act 2009 \(Scottish Carbon Budgets\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (19 June 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Climate Change \(Local Development Plan\) \(Repeals\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (19 June 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to approval by 6 October 2025

[Social Security \(Cross-border Provision, Case Transfer and Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (24 June 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 10 October 2025

[Winter Heating Assistance \(Pension Age\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (25 August 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (28 August 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to approval by 27 October 2025

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Members of the House of Lords\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (2 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Councillors\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (2 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Members of the House of Commons\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (2 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to approval by 28 October 2025

[Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing Standards \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (3 September 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Social Security \(Residence and Presence Requirements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (3 September 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 30 October 2025

[Carer's Assistance \(Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments, Revocation, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (5 September 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Negative instruments

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Lead committee report due by 8 September 2025

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/166\)](#) (29 May 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 30 September 2025

Lead committee report due by 29 September 2025

[Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes \(Amendment\) Order 2025 \(SI 2025/678\)](#) (18 June 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 2 October 2025

Lead committee report due by 29 September 2025

[Firefighters' Pensions \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/187\)](#) (20 June 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 7 October 2025

Lead committee report due by 6 October 2025

[Teachers' Pensions \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/197\)](#) (25 June 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 10 October 2025

Lead committee report due by 6 October 2025

[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 4\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/212\)](#) (24 July 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/239\)](#) (29 August 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Offshore Fishing \(Prohibition of Fishing Methods\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/240\)](#) (1 September 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment 29 October 2025

Lead committee report due by 27 October 2025

[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/244\)](#) (4 September 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Plant Health \(Export Certification\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/241\)](#) (4 September 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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Other Documents

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The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security Recommendations on the Carer's Assistance (Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments, Revocation, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2025: (SG/2025/187) laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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