# Thursday 11 September 2025

# **Business Bulletin**

# Iris Ghnothaichean



# Bill withdrawn on 10 September 2025

Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill—The Bill, introduced on 11 December 2024, was withdrawn. (SP Bill 54) (Government Bill)

# **Today's Business**

# Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-17147 Sarah Boyack: Scottish Youth Parliament's Work on Transport

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

**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

# Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

**9:15am** Social Justice and Social Security Committee

**9:30am** Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

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# **Meeting of the Parliament**

# 11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

#### 11:40 am General Questions

- **1. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding any potential environmental impact, what its response is to reports that a category A nuclear safety event occurred at Faslane naval base between January and April this year. (\$60-04914)
- **2. Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting entrepreneurship. (<u>S60-04915</u>)
- **3. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Transport Scotland about motorway gantry signage. (S6O-04916)
- **4. Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it can offer to help local authorities protect council-run and arm's-length external organisation-run community facilities. (S6O-04917)
- **5. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions the economy secretary and business minister have had with the UK Government regarding tariff exemptions and other support for the Scotch whisky industry. (\$60-04918)
- **6. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to develop year-round support for, and promotion of, high street businesses, in light of the recent Scotland Loves Local Week. (S6O-04919)
- **7. Keith Brown**: [Not Lodged] (<u>S6O-04920</u>)
- **8. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its discussions with the University of Dundee and the Scottish Funding Council regarding the university's financial situation. (S6O-04921)

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

- 1. Russell Findlay: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-04273)
- 2. Anas Sarwar: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-04274)
- 3. Ross Greer: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-04275)
- **4. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the First Minister, in light of reports of the rising rate of poverty for families with a baby under one and new evidence from Save the Children that increasing Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods payments could significantly reduce the child poverty rate for this priority group, whether the Scottish Government will consider increasing these payments. (S6F-04281)
- **5. Brian Whittle:** To ask the First Minister what urgent steps the Scottish Government is taking in response to reports that nursing and midwifery vacancies have risen by 60% in six months. (S6F-04284)
- **6. Paul Sweeney:** To ask the First Minister what additional support the Scottish Government is giving to the Public Dental Service, in light of reports that there has been a 10% rise in spending over the last two years due to increased demand. (S6F-04287)

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**7. Jamie Greene:** To ask the First Minister whether the Scottish Government will review its policy on public sector settlement agreements, in light of reports that £4 million of public money was spent on public sector pay-offs in 2023-24. (S6F-04291)

# followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

S6M-17147 Sarah Boyack: Scottish Youth Parliament's Work on Transport—That the Parliament acknowledges the efforts of the Scottish Youth Parliament's Transport, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee to remove barriers to young people accessing public transport; notes the view that public transport should be affordable, accessible and reliable for young people across Scotland, including in the Lothian region; further notes the view that particular action should be taken for young people in rural and island communities who, it considers, currently benefit less from the Young Persons' (Under 22s) Free Bus Travel scheme due to limited bus services and infrastructure in their areas; recognises what it sees as the benefits that affordable, accessible and reliable public transport have for young people's access to social, educational, youth work and employment opportunities, and notes the support for further action to be taken to improve young people's access to public transport.

# 2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

#### Social Justice and Housing

- **1. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government how the steps set out in its Housing Emergency Action Plan will support its work to tackle the housing emergency, particularly for young people and first-time buyers. (S6O-04922)
- **2. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage increase in redeterminations of Pension Age Disability Payment assessments there has been since January 2025. (S6O-04923)
- **3. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding and timelines will support the new Disability Equality Plan to ensure that its aims deliver real change for disabled people. (S6O-04924)
- **4. Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Scotland's population being around 5.5 million and the reported need to expand the housing sector capacity, whether it will provide an update on what targeted support it is providing to address the reported decline in small and medium-sized home builders. (S6O-04925)
- **5. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Inverclyde Council, private developers and registered social landlords operating in Inverclyde regarding housing development activity planned for the current financial year and for 2026-27. (S60-04926)
- 6. David Torrance: [Not Lodged] (S6O-04927)
- **7. Emma Harper:** [Not Lodged] (\$60-04928)
- **8. Fergus Ewing:** [Not Lodged] (<u>\$60-04929</u>)

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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

S6M-18795 Kate Forbes: Supporting Scottish Exports in Response to Global Uncertainty— That the Parliament recognises that demand for Scottish exports is strong due to Scotland's highquality products and services, and its excellence in sectors such as food and drink, professional. scientific, and technical activities; notes that global trade challenges, including geopolitical uncertainty, Brexit, and trade tariffs, are having a detrimental impact on Scottish businesses; welcomes the Scottish Government's Six Point Export Plan, which is supporting Scottish businesses to respond to these challenges; notes that the additional support being provided. builds on effective and continued delivery of A Trading Nation, the Scottish Government's export growth strategy, as indicated through Scottish Enterprise's highest ever level of forecast export sales in 2024-25; acknowledges that meaningful collaboration between partners to promote Scotland internationally, using the Scotlish Government-led award-winning Brand Scotland collateral, will boost awareness of Scotland's strengths and increase opportunities for export growth, and calls on the UK Government to fully address the continuing impacts of Brexit on Scottish and UK trade by rejoining the European Union, and reverse its damaging decision to increase employers' national insurance contributions, which is harming business confidence and Scotland's economy.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

<u>S6M-18795.3</u> Murdo Fraser: Supporting Scottish Exports in Response to Global

**Uncertainty**—As an amendment to motion S6M-18795 in the name of Kate Forbes (Supporting Scottish Exports in Response to Global Uncertainty), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "recognises that Scottish exporters operate in a competitive global market and benefit from the UK's ability to secure strategic trade deals and participate in global trading blocs, including the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership; recognises that agreements with India and the US mark a positive start in expanding opportunities for Scottish businesses in these important markets, alongside deals with partners such as Australia, Japan and Singapore; highlights that Scotland's key sectors, including engineering, advanced manufacturing, food and drink, energy, chemical sciences, and financial services, thrive because of enterprise, innovation and private investment rather than government brand campaigns; welcomes the strength of Scotland's defence sector in winning major export orders, exemplified by the £10 billion Type 26 frigate agreement with Norway for Scotland-manufactured warships that will sustain thousands of skilled jobs and growth across Scotland's wider manufacturing base; rejects calls to rejoin the EU, which would risk regulatory uncertainty and distract from delivering meaningful support; regrets that the Scottish Government continues to use trade policy to promote constitutional division, rather than business confidence, and calls for both of Scotland's governments to focus on cutting costs for employers, reducing unnecessary regulation, simplifying trade routes and working in genuine partnership with industry to grow Scotland's exports and secure jobs."

<u>S6M-18795.1</u> Daniel Johnson: Supporting Scottish Exports in Response to Global Uncertainty—As an amendment to motion S6M-18795 in the name of Kate Forbes (Supporting Scottish Exports in Response to Global Uncertainty), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "welcomes UK Government action to strengthen international alliances and reduce trade barriers with economies around the world through diplomacy and the delivery of trade deals with India, the

US and the EU; calls on the Scottish Government to stop contributing to instability for business through its repeated calls for an independence referendum, and believes that exporting to the rest of the UK, Scotland's biggest trading partner, is a key stepping stone for international exports, and that both should be imbedded in business support from day one."

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# **Committee Meetings**

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

# Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 22nd Meeting, 2025

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

Pre-Budget scrutiny 2026-27: funding for culture: The Committee will take evidence from—

Alistair Mackie, Chief Executive, Royal Scottish National Orchestra;

Anne Lyden, Director General, National Galleries of Scotland;

Alison Turnbull, Director of External Relations and Partnerships, Historic Environment Scotland;

Tony Lankester, Chief Executive, Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society.

# **Social Justice and Social Security Committee 22nd Meeting, 2025**

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

- 1. **Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
- 2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- 3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will, not before 9.45am, take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—

Chris Birt, Associate Director for Scotland, Joseph Rowntree Foundation;

Professor Stephen Sinclair, Chair, Poverty and Inequality Commission;

Emma Jackson, Head of Social Justice, Citizens Advice Scotland;

Edel Harris OBE, Chair, Independent Review of Adult Disability Payment.

4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 3.

# Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 14th Meeting, 2025

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

Committee effectiveness (in private): The Committee will consider a draft report.

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# **Future Meetings of the Parliament**

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 10 September 2025

# **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

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followed by Members' Business — S6M-18614 Bill Kidd: Nuclear Incidents

#### 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 1 Debate: Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-17234 Pam Gosal: Welcoming the Supreme Court's Judgment on the Definition of the Word "Woman"

#### 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 — S6M-18710 Emma Roddick: Increasing Frequency and Intensity of Wildfires

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Motion of Condolence

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followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving Care on the Isle of Skye

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

followed by Business Motions

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## **Tuesday 23 September 2025**

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (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 24 September 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

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followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

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followed by Members' Business

#### Thursday 25 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

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance)

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**followed by** Financial Resolution: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

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# **Future Committee Meetings**

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

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#### **Motions**

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#### **Motions for Debate**

S6M-18795 Kate Forbes: Supporting Scottish Exports in Response to Global Uncertainty— That the Parliament recognises that demand for Scottish exports is strong due to Scotland's highquality products and services, and its excellence in sectors such as food and drink, professional, scientific, and technical activities; notes that global trade challenges, including geopolitical uncertainty, Brexit, and trade tariffs, are having a detrimental impact on Scottish businesses; welcomes the Scottish Government's Six Point Export Plan, which is supporting Scottish businesses to respond to these challenges; notes that the additional support being provided, builds on effective and continued delivery of A Trading Nation, the Scottish Government's export growth strategy, as indicated through Scottish Enterprise's highest ever level of forecast export sales in 2024-25; acknowledges that meaningful collaboration between partners to promote Scotland internationally, using the Scotlish Government-led award-winning Brand Scotland collateral, will boost awareness of Scotland's strengths and increase opportunities for export growth, and calls on the UK Government to fully address the continuing impacts of Brexit on Scottish and UK trade by rejoining the European Union, and reverse its damaging decision to increase employers' national insurance contributions, which is harming business confidence and Scotland's economy.

Supported by: Richard Lochhead

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will sustain thousands of skilled jobs and growth across Scotland's wider manufacturing base; rejects calls to rejoin the EU, which would risk regulatory uncertainty and distract from delivering meaningful support; regrets that the Scottish Government continues to use trade policy to promote constitutional division, rather than business confidence, and calls for both of Scotland's governments to focus on cutting costs for employers, reducing unnecessary regulation, simplifying trade routes and working in genuine partnership with industry to grow Scotland's exports and secure jobs."

\*S6M-18795.2 Jamie Greene: Supporting Scottish Exports in Response to Global Uncertainty—As an amendment to motion S6M-18795 in the name of Kate Forbes (Supporting Scottish Exports in Response to Global Uncertainty), leave out from "acknowledges" to end and insert "believes that free trade brings growth and lowers the cost of living; considers that President Donald Trump's tariffs have wreaked havoc on the global economy, put workers' jobs at risk and added even more pressure to household budgets; calls on the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government in meeting these challenges with an economic coalition of the willing made up of allies across the world, recognising that the Commonwealth alone has a combined GDP of over \$13 trillion and some of the fastest growing economies in the world, and further calls for the UK Government to target growth by scrapping its damaging jobs tax and immediately prioritising a deeper and closer trading relationship with the EU through a new bespoke UK-EU customs agreement, which would generate billions of pounds for public services, remove trade barriers and cut red tape for businesses."

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#### Other new and altered motions and amendments

\*S6M-18817 Annie Wells: EGG Lighting, Inspiring City Awards 2025 Winner—That the Parliament congratulates EGG Lighting, winner of the Environmental Award at the Inspiring City Awards 2025, for its leadership in helping businesses reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions across Glasgow; understands that the company's innovative lighting solutions contribute to sustainable practice and support the city's environmental targets; recognises the dedication of staff and management in advancing energy efficiency, green technology and environmental education; appreciates what it sees as the broader impact on public and private sector sustainability efforts, and commends EGG Lighting for championing environmentally responsible innovation and for making a measurable difference to Glasgow's ecological footprint.

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\*<u>S6M-18816</u> Annie Wells: Allied Vehicles, Inspiring City Awards 2025 Winner—That the Parliament congratulates Allied Vehicles, winner of the Economic Impact Award at the Inspiring

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City Awards 2025, for its outstanding contribution to Glasgow's economy through business excellence, employment and social responsibility; understands that the company employs over 800 people, has an annual turnover of £350 million and has launched the Allied Vehicles Charitable Trust to support organisations making a positive social impact; recognises what it sees as the innovative approach to vehicle design and commercial services that has strengthened Glasgow's position in the UK market; appreciates the role of staff, management and stakeholders in achieving commercial success and community engagement, and commends Allied Vehicles for combining economic growth with social responsibility and being a model for ethical, impactful business practice in Glasgow.

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\*S6M-18814 Annie Wells: Govan Community Project, Inspiring City Awards 2025 Winner—That the Parliament congratulates the Govan Community Project, which was the winner of the Community Inclusion Award at the Inspiring City Awards 2025, in recognition of its outstanding work supporting refugees and asylum seekers across Glasgow; notes its provision of advice, advocacy, food projects, homework clubs, friendship groups and English language classes and its aim of ensuring inclusion, dignity and opportunity for all; recognises the commitment of staff, volunteers and community partners in fostering integration, education and social cohesion; appreciates what it sees as the organisation's significant contribution to building a welcoming and inclusive Glasgow, and commends Govan Community Project for what it sees as its embodying of the city's values of equality, solidarity and community spirit to make a tangible difference in the lives of thousands.

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\*S6M-18813 Sharon Dowey: The Maidsafe Foundation, Ochiltree, Awarded £19,142 from the National Lottery Community Fund—That the Parliament congratulates the Maidsafe Foundation, which is based in Ochiltree, on its award of a £19,142 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that, over a one-year period, the group will deliver a series of intergenerational STEM-themed workshops focused on Ochiltree's history; commends the work of the Maidsafe Foundation, and wishes it every success for the future.

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\*S6M-18812 Annie Wells: Playlist for Life, Inspiring City Awards 2025 Winner—That the Parliament congratulates Playlist for Life, which was founded by the journalist and broadcaster, Sally Magnusson, on being the winner of the Community Impact Award at the Inspiring City Awards 2025, for its innovative work using music to support people affected by dementia; notes that the charity helps individuals, families, and professional carers create personalised playlists that reduce anxiety, improve wellbeing and enhance everyday life; recognises the organisation's important role in raising awareness of dementia, promoting compassionate care, and providing practical tools to improve quality of life for thousands of Glaswegians, and commends Playlist for Life for demonstrating the transformative power of music, community care and creativity in addressing social challenges.

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\*S6M-18811 Annie Wells: Royal Scottish National Orchestra, Inspiring City Awards 2025 Winner—That the Parliament congratulates the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO), which was the winner of the Arts & Culture Award at the Inspiring City Awards 2025, for its creation of Scotland's Studio, a flexible, world-class recording facility in Glasgow; notes that the studio allows local and international artists to produce music for film, television, video games and other creative projects, significantly contributing to Glasgow's reputation as a hub for the creative arts; recognises the RSNO's role in nurturing talent, supporting emerging musicians and enhancing access to high-quality cultural experiences; appreciates the orchestra's ongoing commitment to excellence, innovation and engagement with the community, and commends the RSNO for enriching Glasgow's cultural landscape and inspiring future generations of artists.

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\*S6M-18810 Annie Wells: Glasgow Council on Alcohol, Inspiring City Awards 2025 Winner—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow Council on Alcohol, which was the winner of the 850 Legacy Award at the Inspiring City Awards 2025, held to mark Glasgow's 850th anniversary; understands that the organisation, formed in 1965, has transformed the lives of thousands of Glaswegians seeking help with alcohol-related issues; recognises what it sees as its pioneering role in the prevention, education and treatment of alcohol misuse, and the dedication of its staff and volunteers who work tirelessly across the city; acknowledges the organisation's positive influence on families, communities and public health, and commends Glasgow Council on Alcohol for exemplifying innovation, ambition and social impact in the city, setting a standard for care and community engagement for decades.

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\*S6M-18809 Sharon Dowey: Netherthird Community Action Training Awarded £62,386 from the National Lottery Community Fund—That the Parliament congratulates the Netherthird Community Action Training group on being awarded a £62,386 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that the group will use the funding to maintain and develop its community garden and nature walk, as well as provide training and volunteer opportunities for the village of Netherthird, in Cumnock, East Ayrshire; commends the work of the Netherthird Community Action Training group, and wishes it every success for the future.

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\*S6M-18808 Sharon Dowey: Ayr Housing Aid Centre Awarded £78,263 from the National Lottery Community Fund—That the Parliament congratulates Ayr Housing Aid Centre SCIO on securing £78, 263 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that the group will use the funding to provide housing tenure sustainment support across rural areas in South Ayrshire; further understands that activities will include direct casework outreach through collaborations with

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community initiatives, and one-to-one intensive, wraparound support for more complex cases; commends the work of Ayr Housing Aid Centre SCIO, and wishes it every success for the future.

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\*S6M-18806 Clare Haughey: Aldi donate over 9,000 Meals to South Lanarkshire Charities—
That the Parliament commends Aldi stores in South Lanarkshire, including Aldi Cambuslang, for their efforts in redistributing surplus food to local charities and foodbanks during the recent summer holiday period; understands that the stores donated over 9,000 meals to households in need via a community-giving platform during this period of increased demand for support; notes that these donations were in addition to the company's efforts to support communities via donation points in store and the redistribution of surplus food from its Regional Distribution Centres, and commends the staff in the South Lanarkshire stores for their efforts to make a difference for those who need it most in communities.

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\*S6M-18805 Sharon Dowey: Social Media Award for Ayrshire's Tempura Restaurant—That the Parliament congratulates Tempura on winning the Social Media award at the 2025 Spice Awards; understands that the popular restaurant chain has premises in Ayr, Troon and Kilmarnock, with owners, Brandon and Mark, expressing their gratitude at having received this accolade; notes that the Spice awards recognise the best in Asian and Indian cuisine in Scotland, incorporating an expert judging panel and a public vote; commends the work of all the staff at Tempura, and wishes them all the best for the future.

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\*S6M-18804 Sharon Dowey: 2025 Ayr Show Success—That the Parliament congratulates all those involved in facilitating, as well as all those who attended, the 2025 Ayr Show International Festival of Flight; notes that the Ayr Show took place on 5 and 6 September, and saw thousands of visitors come to the town to enjoy the event; understands that the arial display was once again a great success, with the Red Arrows, RAF Typhoons and many other aircraft featuring over the weekend; further understands that, on the ground, the Festival Village, funfair, food stalls and entertainment zones made this a great day out for all the family; commends the work of South Ayrshire Council and Destination South Ayrshire for once again organising a fantastic Ayr Show, and looks forward to next year's event.

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\*S6M-18803 Miles Briggs: Robert White Wins the Best Grassroots Referee Award—That the Parliament congratulates Robert White, who works in the Parliament's mailroom, on being named Best Grassroots Referee at the SFA South East Region awards; acknowledges that Robert has been a long-term and valued member of the SFA; commends him on what it sees as the

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tremendous work that he does in both the Parliament and with grassroots football; understands that he is renowned for being a great referee and a positive influence, and wishes Robert all the best going forward.

Supported by: Sharon Dowey\*

\*S6M-18801 John Mason: International Day of Democracy 2025—That the Parliament notes that 15 September 2025 marks the International Day of Democracy; understands that this is an occasion established by the UN to promote and strengthen democracy worldwide; acknowledges what it considers is the importance of democratic principles, such as political participation, human rights and the rule of law, in ensuring the freedom and dignity of individuals; recognises what it sees are the challenges facing democracies globally, including threats to political freedoms, voter access and public trust, and welcomes the commitment to supporting and safeguarding democracy in Scotland, while encouraging global efforts to promote democratic governance and human rights for all.

\*S6M-18799 Tess White: Paying Tribute to the Honourable Mrs Ruth Leslie Melville MBE, OStJ—That the Parliament pays tribute to the Honourable Mrs Ruth Leslie Melville MBE OStJ from Brechin, who sadly passed away aged 84 on 31 July 2025; acknowledges what it sees as her outstanding service and dedication to public life as a local independent councillor and Provost of Angus, but also her international charitable work, which included bringing children from Belarus who were affected by the Chernobyl disaster over to Scotland on holiday, and closer to home where she campaigned to Save Our Stracathro hospital and also made a lasting contribution by campaigning to have fallen Royal Marines from RM Condor recorded on official memorials; commends with admiration her appointment as a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 2004 for services to the community of Angus, and, in 2008, her appointment as an Officer (Sister) of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem (OStJ); understands that Ruth was born in Aberdeen before moving with her parents to Trinidad and returning to attend Inverurie Academy and Edinburgh Art School before going on to marry her late husband, Ronald Leslie Melville, and set up home in Angus to raise their family; recognises that, in later life, Ruth served as a lay preacher and a Sunday School teacher with The Church of Scotland across Angus, and offers its sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all those whose lives were touched by her remarkable work and enduring spirit.

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\*S6M-18798 James Dornan: Condemning Israel's Membership of Sporting Associations — That the Parliament condemns Israel's participation in European sports; notes that Israel is not part of Europe but geographically situated in the Levant and is part of the Asian continent; further notes reported views that Israeli state policy is one of genocide against the people of Gaza; believes that what it sees as the relentless and barbaric implementation of this policy are grounds for the rescinding of Israel's membership from European sporting associations, such as UEFA, the Federation of International Basketball Association Europe, the European Handball Association, the European Athletic Association and European Aquatics, and urges these bodies to dispel Israel's membership forthwith.

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\*S6M-18794 Alexander Stewart: Specialist Care Provider Meallmore Donates £5,000 to Parkinson's UK and Honouring Two Clackmannanshire Residents.—That the Parliament

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welcomes the news that the specialist care provider, Meallmore has donated £5,000 to Parkinson's UK in support of two Clackmannanshire residents, Jack and Margaret Gilchrist, who have a long-standing connection to the charity, during a special event at Parklands Care Home on Alloa Park Drive in Alloa; understands that Jack and Margaret have supported Parkinson's UK for many years with Jack serving as treasurer for the Stirling and Clackmannanshire branch of the charity, which is a role that he was nominated for by one of the charity's founding members; understands that around 13,000 people have a diagnosis of Parkinson's in Scotland, and half of these are people living with a more advanced form of the condition, dealing with complex symptoms; commends Parkinson's UK for what it sees as its excellent work across the country; believes that this donation will further help the charity in its mission to be there for every Parkinson's journey; commends Meallmore, which operates 27 care homes across Scotland, including Parklands Care Home; notes that this home provides care for older people, including those living with dementia; commends Meallmore on its highly magnanimous donation, and further commends the highly diligent and dedicated work of Jack and Margaret Gilchrist in support of Stirling and Clackmannanshire Parkinson's UK.

Supported by: Meghan Gallacher\*, Colin Beattie\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Douglas Ross\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Annie Wells\*, Miles Briggs\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Tim Eagle\*, Pam Gosal\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Brian Whittle\*, Craig Hoy\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Bill Kidd\*

\*S6M-18793 Clare Adamson: The First NHS Staff Orchestra in Scotland—That the Parliament congratulates the NHS Lanarkshire staff members for launching the first NHS staff orchestra in Scotland; notes that the orchestra was created by the University Hospital Wishaw consultant obstetrician, Dr Evelyn Ferguson, to connect colleagues across NHS Lanarkshire who play musical instruments; recognises the dedication and talent of the staff members who rehearse outside of working hours, with plans to perform at the NHS Staff Awards in October 2025, across hospitals during the festive period and beyond; acknowledges research showing that participation in musical activities can reduce stress by up to 60% and improve mental well-being; commends Evelyn for representing and showcasing the creativity and talent of NHS Lanarkshire staff, and wishes her and the orchestra every success in their future endeavours.

Supported by: Sharon Dowey\*

\*S6M-18792 Colin Beattie: Energy Training Academy—That the Parliament congratulates the Energy Training Academy (ETA) in Eskbank, Dalkeith, on, it understands, becoming the first Council for Registered Gas Installers (CORGI) Skills Approved training provider in the UK; understands that the ETA provides both gas and renewable training courses at its training facility, which includes a fully functional Net Zero home; believes that the courses on offer at the ETA include Air Source Heat Pump Installation and Solar Installation, which will support what it sees as these growing sectors and help Scotland in its aim of reaching its Net Zero targets; believes that the ETA offers a positive learning experience and that it is committed to supporting the professional development of its students; appreciates that the ETA works with, and is endorsed by, many industry leaders, including CORGI; thanks the ETA for what it considers is its hard work and dedication, and wishes it every success in the future.

Supported by: David Torrance\*, Miles Briggs\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Rona Mackay\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Mercedes Villalba\*

\*S6M-18791 Emma Harper: Recognition of David Finlay's Contribution to Sustainable Agriculture—That the Parliament congratulates David Finlay, who is the co-founder of The Ethical Dairy in Dumfries and Galloway, on being awarded an Honorary Fellowship by Scotland's

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Rural College (SRUC); acknowledges what it sees as his pioneering work in developing a sustainable dairy farming system that allows calves to remain with their mothers, and creating a model of dairy farming that includes ethical and environmentally responsible agriculture; notes David's longstanding commitment to integrating renewable energy technologies and promoting animal welfare, which has earned him multiple accolades, including being named as BBC Farmer of the Year in 2006 and winning the Holyrood Net Zero Award in 2024; recognises his significant contributions to SRUC's research, education and knowledge exchange efforts, and commends his leadership and innovation in shaping the future of sustainable farming in Scotland.

Supported by: David Torrance\*, Paul McLennan\*, Clare Haughey\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Bill Kidd\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Kevin Stewart\*

\*S6M-18764 Stephen Kerr: Congratulations to the Lobster Pot in Blackness on Being Named Best Seafood Establishment at the 2025 Food Awards Scotland—That the Parliament congratulates the Lobster Pot in Blackness on being named best seafood establishment at the 2025 Food Awards Scotland; recognises what it sees as the vision and dedication of owners Colm and Sheena O'Rourke, who reopened the venue in 2019 after it had stood closed for 11 years; further recognises their success in building a family-led enterprise of exceptional quality under head chef, Gary Noble; commends the team's resilience in overcoming the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic to become an award-winning destination, showcasing Scotland's seafood excellence, and acknowledges what it sees as the vital contribution that rural hospitality businesses, such as the Lobster Pot, make to local communities, the economy and Scotland's global reputation for outstanding food and tourism.

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\*S6M-18670 Maggie Chapman: Far-right Protests at Hotels Accommodating Asylum Seekers—That the Parliament believes that people seeking asylum deserve warm, safe accommodation; understands that protests against the housing of asylum seekers in hotels and similar locations have taken place in Aberdeen, Westhill, Perth, Peterhead and Falkirk, with further protests planned in the coming weeks according to media reports; notes with deep regret that these protests have reportedly been experienced by residents as stressful, distressing and dangerous; further notes reports that racist groups are using these protests to spread hatred and misinformation about people seeking asylum, who are fleeing war and persecution, and believes that this is unacceptable; believes that asylum seekers and refugees should be able to live in safety, peace and comfort in Scotland's communities, and that there is a moral and legal obligation to provide sanctuary and refugee, and notes calls on the Scottish Government and Police Scotland to outline what they are doing to ensure the safety of residents, and those protesting their right to safe accommodation, and to ensure order in and around hotels and other facilities where they are living.

Supported by: John Mason\*, Ross Greer\*, Mark Ruskell\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Ariane Burgess\*, Richard Leonard\*, Liam McArthur\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Mercedes Villalba\*, Humza Yousaf\*, Bill Kidd\*

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<u>S6M-18822</u> Annie Wells: Scottish Sports Futures, Inspiring City Awards 2025 Winner (lodged on 10 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Ross\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Miles Briggs\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Pam Gosal\*, Bill Kidd\*

<u>S6M-18821</u> Sharon Dowey: The Micah Project in Troon Awarded £15,400 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 10 September 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Miles Briggs\*, Edward Mountain\*, Douglas Ross\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Tess White\*, Pam Gosal\*, Craig Hoy\*, Bill Kidd\*

<u>S6M-18820</u> Annie Wells: Scottish Football Partnership Trust, Inspiring City Award 2025 Winner (lodged on 10 September 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Colin Beattie\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Pam Gosal\*, Bill Kidd\*, Miles Briggs\*

<u>S6M-18815</u> Annie Wells: The Yard, Inspiring City Awards 2025 Commendation (lodged on 10 September 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Douglas Ross\*, Pam Gosal\*, Bill Kidd\*

<u>S6M-18807</u> Annie Wells: Ghlaschu 850 A Tribute to Glasgow's Past, Present and Future (lodged on 10 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Ross\*, Miles Briggs\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Colin Beattie\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Pam Gosal\*, Bill Kidd\*

<u>S6M-18784</u> Rachael Hamilton: BE Uniforms Marking Over 30 Years of Experience (lodged on 09 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, Edward Mountain\*, Russell Findlay\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Tim Eagle\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-18783</u> Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Y-Sort-It on its 25th Anniversary (lodged on 09 September 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury\*, Colin Beattie\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Pam Gosal\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Miles Briggs\*

<u>S6M-18782</u> Martin Whitfield: Welcoming the Scottish Youth Parliament Manifesto 2026–2031 (lodged on 09 September 2025)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*, David Torrance\*

<u>S6M-18781</u> Bill Kidd: Symphony of Dreams Award 2025 (lodged on 09 September 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*, Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-18776</u> Jackie Dunbar: Lovebridge Community Church Awarded £2,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 09 September 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*, Sharon Dowey\*

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S6M-18775 Jackie Dunbar: Oasis Christian Fellowship Awarded £9,538 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 09 September 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*, Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-18773</u> Jackie Dunbar: Grampian SeaShed Awarded £9,750 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 09 September 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-18772</u> Jackie Dunbar: Bridge of Don and District Men's Shed Awarded £18,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*

<u>S6M-18770</u> Jackie Dunbar: Kingswells Community Centre Awarded £19,295 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*, Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-18769</u> Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Action on Disability Limited Awarded £125,730 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*, Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-18768</u> Jackie Dunbar: Grampian Women's Aid Limited Awarded £167,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-18767</u> Annie Wells: Pavlova Bakery Puts Glasgow on the Global Dessert Map (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-18766</u> Annie Wells: Colourful Transformation for Glasgow Street (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-18761</u> Mercedes Villalba: Celebrating 157th Annual TUC Congress (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury\*

<u>S6M-18760</u> Alexander Stewart: Extreme Concern for Forth Valley College Alloa Campus (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Alex Rowley\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-18759</u> Jeremy Balfour: Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre Report 2024–25 (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*, Foysol Choudhury\*

<u>S6M-18758</u> Jeremy Balfour: Vintage Vibes 10th Anniversary (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*, Foysol Choudhury\*

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<u>S6M-18756</u> Tess White: Celebrating 30 Years of Montrose Basin Wildlife Reserve and Visitor Centre (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-18755</u> Tess White: 100 Years of Montrose Tennis Courts and Pavilion (lodged on 05 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-18754</u> Keith Brown: Calling for Forth Valley College's Clackmannanshire Campus in Alloa to be Kept Open (lodged on 05 September 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*, Alex Rowley\*

<u>S6M-18753</u> Clare Adamson: Gas Safety Week 2025 – Protecting Your Business, People and Community (lodged on 05 September 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*

<u>S6M-18752</u> Clare Adamson: Breast Cancer Now Awareness Day 2025 and Wear It Pink (lodged on 05 September 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*

<u>S6M-18751</u> Clare Adamson: Condolences on the Passing of Bobby Graham (lodged on 05 September 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*

<u>S6M-18750</u> Clare Adamson: Congratulations to Stuart Gillespie on Winning Pride in the Job **2025 Quality Award** (lodged on 05 September 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*

<u>S6M-18749</u> Daniel Johnson: Celebrating the Contribution of Dr Liz Cameron (lodged on 05 September 2025)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*, Tess White\*

<u>S6M-18748</u> Liam Kerr: Congratulating Maryculter House on the Occasion of its 800th Anniversary (lodged on 05 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Sharon Dowey\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-18734</u> Murdo Fraser: Dr Liz Cameron, CEO of Scottish Chambers of Commerce Standing Down (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Sharon Dowey\*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

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S6M-18732 Jeremy Balfour: City of Edinburgh Council Decision to Rectify Serious Safeguarding Concerns (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*, Sharon Dowey\*

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

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Sharon Dowey\*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Alex Rowley\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Sharon Dowey\*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-18718</u> Colin Beattie: Musselburgh Windsor Community Football Club (lodged on 03 September 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, Sharon Dowey\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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<u>S6M-18711</u> Emma Roddick: Celebrating Highland Business Women Awards and Finalists (lodged on 03 September 2025)

New Support: Rhoda Grant\*

<u>S6M-18709</u> Paul Sweeney: Norway Selects a Glasgow-built Type 26 as its Next Generation Frigate (lodged on 03 September 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury\*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

S6M-18702 Alexander Stewart: Bridge of Allan and Dunblane Given First and Second Places in Garrington House-hunting List 2025 (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

<u>S6M-18694</u> Roz McCall: Symbiosis Wins King's Award for Enterprise in International Trade Category (lodged on 03 September 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Edward Mountain\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Stephen Kerr\*, Sandesh Gulhane\* **R**, Craig Hoy\*, Douglas Ross\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Tess White\*, Bill Kidd\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Pam Gosal\*, Russell Findlay\*, Colin Beattie\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Tim Eagle\*, Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-18683</u> Alexander Stewart: Children's Asthma Inhaler Safety Book Generously Gifted to Clackmannanshire Primary Schools (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

<u>S6M-18682</u> Alexander Stewart: Kirsty Mack, The First Scottish Woman to Conquer K2 (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

<u>S6M-18679</u> Pam Gosal: Success of Milngavie Street Party 2025 (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

<u>S6M-18677</u> Stephen Kerr: Ancre Somme Association Scotland Armed Forces Day Parade in Laurieston (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

<u>S6M-18676</u> Stephen Kerr: Congratulates Stenhousemuir Football Club on Hosting a Successful Fundraising Day in Support of Guide Dogs UK (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

<u>S6M-18675</u> Maggie Chapman: Celebrating ScrapAntics in Dundee (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Mark Ruskell\*, Mercedes Villalba\*, Kevin Stewart\*

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<u>S6M-18673</u> Maggie Chapman: Celebrating Montrose Community Trust (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Mark Ruskell\*, Mercedes Villalba\*, Kevin Stewart\*

<u>S6M-18672</u> Maggie Chapman: Montrose LandxSea Film Festival (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Mark Ruskell\*, Kevin Stewart\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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S6M-18635 Liam Kerr: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the North East of Scotland Music School (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

<u>S6M-18620</u> Annie Wells: Celebrating Glasgow's Own Sir Billy Connolly and the Big Yin Weekend, 6 to 7 September 2025 (lodged on 27 August 2025)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

<u>S6M-18606</u> Tim Eagle: Oban Resident Takes Part in Four Kiltwalks for Charity (lodged on 28 August 2025)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

<u>S6M-18590</u> Tess White: Congratulating Sharron Davies (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*, Douglas Ross\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Russell Findlay\*, Annie Wells\*, Brian Whittle\*, Craig Hoy\*, Pam Gosal\*, Edward Mountain\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Miles Briggs\*, Ash Regan\*

S6M-18547.1 Tim Eagle: Oath of Allegiance (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-18517</u> Daniel Johnson: Celebrating the Launch of the Inaugural Edinburgh Finance Festival (lodged on 13 August 2025)

New Support: Ben Macpherson\*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

S6M-18418 Annie Wells: Emergency Services Day (lodged on 29 July 2025)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

<u>S6M-18299</u> Tess White: Johnshaven Community Café Celebrates Successful Third Year (lodged on 14 July 2025)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

<u>S6M-18297</u> Tess White: Angus Small Repairs Service Completes Successful First Year (lodged on 14 July 2025)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

<u>S6M-18234</u> Tess White: Forfar Farmington Football Club U14s and U16s East League Final Winners (lodged on 08 July 2025)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

<u>S6M-18232</u> Tess White: Paying Tribute to Joann Beattie, from Johnshaven, Aberdeenshire (lodged on 08 July 2025)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

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<u>S6M-18156</u> Pam Gosal: Marian Spiers of Helensburgh Receives MBE in The King's Honour List 2025 (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

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#### **Oral Questions**

## Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 17 September 2025

#### Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Empire, Slavery and Scotland's Museums Steering Group and its work to consider Scotland's involvement in empire, colonialism and historic slavery and how this can be addressed using museum collections and museum spaces, including the potential for a standalone slavery or human rights museum. (\$60-04930)
- **2. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work of the Creative Industries Leadership Group. (S60-04931)
- **3. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure freedom of expression is respected at cultural venues. **(S60-04932)**
- **4. Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is planning to make any changes to Historic Environment Scotland. (S60-04933)
- **5. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the culture secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding action to support gender equality in the arts and culture sector's workforce. (\$60-04934)
- **6. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further details of its position on making all future funding for arts organisations conditional on the applicant's commitment to protecting freedom of expression. (S6O-04935)
- **7. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government when the culture secretary last met with Creative Scotland to discuss the future of Cumbernauld Theatre, in light of reported concerns about its funding. (S6O-04936)
- **8. Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government on what basis it will assess the contribution of Scotland's performing arts organisations in advance of the next Budget. (S60-04937)

#### **Justice and Home Affairs**

- **1. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to address gangrelated violence. (S60-04938)
- **2. Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that 183 police stations need repairs, 177 contain asbestos and four contain reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete. (S60-04939)
- **3. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to women preparing for release from prison. (S6O-04940)
- **4. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports of concerns being raised in communities across the Highlands and Islands in relation to land auctions involving potentially misleading advertising, what action it will take to ensure that people who believe they have been affected by such practices have recourse under Scots law, including access to legal representation and support. (S60-04941)
- **5. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government what actions it is taking to address the illegal use of off-road bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters. (S60-04942)

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- **6. Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what work is being undertaken to improve the rehabilitation of people who are subject to short prison sentences. (S6O-04943)
- **7. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any discussions it has had with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service about role expansion for firefighters. (S60-04944)
- **8. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with authorities in Mid Scotland and Fife to address antisocial behaviour. (S60-04945)

#### Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 18 September 2025

#### **Education and Skills**

- **1. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has invested in education infrastructure since 2011. (S60-04954)
- **2. Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill aims to give school pupils an independent right to opt in, but not opt out, of religious observance. (S60-04955)
- **3. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government what interventions it has made to end the current dispute over jobs and cuts in the higher education sector. (S60-04956)
- **4. Oliver Mundell:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that pupils attending smaller rural schools are receiving the additional support for learning that they need. (\$60-04957)
- **5. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with outdoor education centres and schools regarding the financial and staffing implications of the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill. (S60-04958)
- **6. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its ongoing review of the guidance on the mothballing of nurseries. (S60-04959)
- **7. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the recently published report by Humanist Society Scotland, *Preaching is not Teaching*, regarding concerns that pupils in non-denominational schools may feel compelled to take part in religious worship activities against their own wishes. (S60-04960) **R**
- **8. Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any steps it is taking to expand the availability of training and apprenticeships in the construction sector, in light of reported industry concerns about a growing skills gap. (S60-04961)

#### General Questions selected for answer on 18 September 2025

- **1. Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that the worst wildfires ever recorded in Scotland affected the areas around Dava, Lochindorb and Carrbridge this summer, what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding potentially commissioning an independent review of wildfire management practices. (S60-04946)
- 2. Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to ensure that people with increased genetic risk of developing cervical cancer are offered additional screening tests. (S60-04947)

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- **3. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Turner & Townsend regarding its role in auditing and monitoring the work undertaken by Amey to complete the M8 Woodside viaducts. (S60-04948)
- **4. Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has engaged with the Equality and Human Rights Commission in relation to the 19 public bodies and organisations that were found to have misrepresented the Equality Act 2010. (S6O-04949)
- **5. Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport regarding the extension of the current operating hours of the Glasgow Subway beyond 6.12 pm on Sundays. **(S6O-04950)**
- **6. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with ScotRail regarding an increase to the service frequency on the Largs to Glasgow Central route. (S60-04951)
- **7. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will make a direct award to the Ferguson Marine shipyard for the replacement of MV Lord of the Isles. (S6O-04952)
- **8. Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the unified statement agreed at the Community Council Convention of the Highland Council Area regarding the impact of major energy infrastructure in the region, in Beauly on 14 June 2025, what the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy's response is to the statement and whether she will attend a future convention meeting to discuss it. (S60-04953)

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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 10 September 2025

<u>S6W-40216</u> Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government, since the inception of (a) the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and (b) the NatureScot guidance regarding the grounds permitted for granting licences, how many (i) applications and (ii) grants have been made for licences to control mountain hares.

<u>S6W-40451</u> Sharon Dowey: To ask the Scottish Government what factors are considered when allocating investment for research on what are considered less survivable cancers, and whether any measures are in place to respond to any reported underfunding for such conditions.

<u>S6W-40454</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many and (b) what proportion of people convicted of knife crime possession in each of the last four years have received the maximum sentence of five years imprisonment.

<u>S6W-40455</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that it has abandoned its zero tolerance policy on knife crime.

<u>S6W-40456</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it remains its policy that anyone caught possessing a knife for the purpose of crime should be prosecuted before a sheriff and jury.

<u>S6W-40457</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with airport operators regarding ending airport drop-off fees for blue badge holders.

<u>S6W-40458</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-38195 by Fiona Hyslop on 13 June 2025, what its position is on the introduction of a potential traffic congestion charge by the City of Edinburgh Council.

<u>S6W-40459</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many pupils attending independent schools have been charged for in-hospital educational support in each year since 1999, broken down by local authority area.

<u>S6W-40460</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many pupil support assistants have been trained to carry out invasive medical procedures in each year since 1999, broken down by local authority area.

<u>S6W-40461</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the framework legislation on the matter, how it will enforce Sections 13 and 19 of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024 to ensure that funds raised by a local authority through such a levy are reinvested in tourist infrastructure only.

<u>S6W-40462</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of people residing in Scotland being liable for such payments, whether it will hold a public information campaign highlighting who might be asked to pay a visitor levy as a consequence of the discretionary powers made available through the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024.

S6W-40463 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported concerns of the operators that will be required to apply the City of Edinburgh Council's visitor levy to advance bookings from 1 October 2025, that they have not been provided with practical guidance on how to do so, and whether it has engaged with the local authority on this matter.

S6W-40464 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-38180 by Ivan McKee on 9 June 2025 regarding the current model of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024, whether it will (a) provide an update on the progress of the discussions with the tourism sector regarding the model, including any proposed alternatives and (b) confirm what changes have been agreed to the model, and what the timeline for the implementation of these will be.

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<u>S6W-40465</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the comment by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care on *STV News at Six* on 9 September 2025 that "Chronic pain sufferers have a debilitating condition that has a chronic impact on their entire ability to live life well. That is why we are investing across the health service to improve waiting times, to improve capacity within the health service", how much additional funding it has allocated from the health budget to hospital-based NHS chronic pain specialist clinics to (a) reduce waiting times and (b) improve the capacity for treatment.

<u>S6W-40466</u> Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government how many times, in each of the last three calendar years, its Agricultural Wages Enforcement Team has reported concerns to local authorities regarding the standards of accommodation provided in their areas to migrant workers, broken down by (a) local authority and (b) what the outcome was.

<u>S6W-40467</u> **Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that three of the biggest six local authority areas that use the Seasonal Worker Visa scheme are located in Scotland, what representation it has made to the UK Government regarding the review of the scheme by the Migration Advisory Committee, and what the outcome was.

<u>S6W-40468</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether the First Minister raised the issue of Scottish independence during his meeting with the President of the United States of America and the US Secretary of State on 9 September 2025.

<u>S6W-40471</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it engaged with officials at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office ahead of the First Minister's meeting with the President of the United States of America and the US Secretary of State on 9 September 2025. <u>S6W-40472 Tim Eagle:</u> To ask the Scottish Government whether a brief note was produced for

the First Minister ahead of his meeting with the President of the United States of America and the US Secretary of State on 9 September 2025 in accordance with Section 11.14 of the Scottish Ministerial Code, and, if so, whether this note will be published.

<u>S6W-40473</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government when it will pass a note of the salient points of any substantive discussions that arose during the First Minister's meeting with the President of the United States of America and the US Secretary of State on 9 September 2025 to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office in accordance with Section 11.15 of the Scottish Ministerial Code.

<u>S6W-40474</u> **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the original commitment of the Aberdeen to Central Belt Enhancement Project to spend £200 million by 2026 to reduce journey times between Aberdeen and the central belt by 20 minutes, whether it will confirm (a) how much has been spent by the project so far, and on what specific areas of work, (b) what the projected final cost of the project is and (c) by what date (i) work on the project will be completed and (ii) the reduced journey times will be fully operational.

<u>S6W-40475</u> Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the concluding observation by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in 2023 that all marriages of under-18s should be prohibited in Scotland, what progress it has made with increasing the legal age of marriage to 18, and by what date it will publish its consultation on this matter.

<u>S6W-40478</u> **Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has updated the drafting guidelines on bills since the United Nations Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 was passed to ensure that subsequent legislation is in the scope of the convention.

<u>S6W-40479</u> **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to the findings of Scotland's Childcare Guarantee, A Report on Childcare Modelling Scotland, by Pregnant Then Screwed Scotland, and the proposed policy of capping childcare costs at 5% of household income.

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<u>S6W-40480</u> Foysol Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has allocated in each year since 2022 to research in (a) brain, (b) liver, (c) lung, (d) oesophageal, (e) pancreatic and (f) stomach cancer.

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# **New Bills and Accompanying Documents**

New accompanying documents printed on 10 September 2025

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)—A revised version of the Explanatory Notes has been printed. (SP Bill 26A–EN) (Government Bill)

## Amendments | Atharrachaidhean

#### **Amendments**

# Amendments to Bills lodged on 10 September 2025

#### Assisted Dying for Terminally III Adults (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

#### After section 18

#### **Daniel Johnson**

20 In substitution for amendment 17

After section 18, insert—

#### < No detriment for care home or hospice not providing assistance

- (1) A regulated care home or hospice must not be subject to any detriment by a public authority as a result of—
  - (a) not providing assistance in accordance with this Act, or
  - (b) not permitting such assistance to take place on their premises.
- (2) No funding given by a public authority to a regulated care home or hospice can be conditional on that care home or hospice—
  - (a) providing assistance in accordance with this Act, or
  - (b) permitting such assistance to take place on their premises.

#### Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

#### **Section 46**

#### Murdo Fraser

52 In section 46, page 70, line 6, for <court> substitute <First-tier Tribunal for Scotland>

#### **Murdo Fraser**

53 In section 46, page 70, line 8, for <court> substitute <First-tier Tribunal for Scotland>

#### Murdo Fraser

In section 46, page 70, line 18, for <court> substitute <First-tier Tribunal for Scotland>

#### **Section 47A**

#### Murdo Fraser

- 55 In section 47A, page 71, line 9, at end insert—
  - <( ) In section 1 (particulars of agreements: Scotland)—
    - (a) in subsection (6), in the final sentence, for "court" substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",

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- (b) in subsection (7), for "court" substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland".
- ( ) In section 2 (terms of agreements)—
  - (a) in subsection (2), for "court" substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
  - (b) in subsection (3), for "court" substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
  - (c) in subsection (4), for "court", in both places where it occurs, substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland".
- ( ) In section 2B (power to amend implied terms: Scotland), in subsection (3), for "court", in both places where it occurs, substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland".>

#### **Murdo Fraser**

In section 47A, page 71, line 10, leave out from <: Scotland)> to end of line 11 and insert <) for "The court" substitute "In relation to Scotland, the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland">

#### Murdo Fraser

- 57 In section 47A, page 71, line 12, leave out subsection (3) and insert—
  - <( ) The title of section 4 becomes "Jurisdiction of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland".>

#### Murdo Fraser

- 58 In section 47A, page 71, line 12, at end insert—
  - <( ) In section 5 (interpretation)—
    - (a) in subsection (1), in the definition of "the court", paragraph (b) is repealed,
    - (b) after subsection (4) insert—
      - "(5) In relation to Scotland, the references in this Act to the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland are to be read as if they were references to the arbitrator in question in a case where the parties have entered into an arbitration agreement that applies to the question to be determined.
      - (6) In subsection (5), "arbitration agreement" means an agreement in writing to submit to arbitration any question arising under this Act or any agreement to which it applies.".
    - ( ) In schedule 1 (agreements under Act), in Part 1—
      - (a) in paragraph 4, for "court", in both places where it occurs, substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
      - (b) in paragraph 5, for "court", in both places where it occurs, substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
      - (c) in paragraph 6—
        - (i) in sub-paragraph (1) for "court", in each place where it occurs, substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
        - (ii) in sub-paragraph (3), for "court" substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
        - (iii) in sub-paragraph (4), for "court", in both places where it occurs, substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",

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- (iv) in sub-paragraph (5), for "court", in both places where it occurs, substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
- (d) in paragraph 10(1), for "court" substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
- (e) in paragraph 16(2), for "court order" substitute "order of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
- (f) in paragraph 17(4), for "court" substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
- (g) in paragraph 18(2), for "court" substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
- (h) in paragraph 19(3), for "court" substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
- (i) in paragraph 20—
  - (i) in sub-paragraph (1), for "court", in each place where it occurs, substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
  - (ii) in sub-paragraph (2), for "court" substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
  - (iii) in sub-paragraph (3)—
    - (A) in the opening words, for "court" substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
    - (B) in paragraph (b), for "court order" substitute "order of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
- (j) in paragraph 21, in paragraph (b), for "court order" substitute "order of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland",
- (k) in paragraph 22(1), in paragraph (a), for "court" substitute "First-tier Tribunal for Scotland".>

#### **Murdo Fraser**

Move section 47A to before section 46

# Progress of Legislation | Adhartas Reachdais

# **Progress of Legislation**

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

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

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

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

Stage 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 (55<sup>th</sup> 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 (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

#### **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 (52<sup>nd</sup> Report, 2025)

## Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 23 September 2025

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Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 24 September 2025

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Tuesday 16 September with the clerks in the Legislation Team (<a href="mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot">legislationteam@parliament.scot</a>)

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 (<a href="mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot">legislationteam@parliament.scot</a>)

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

Withdrawn, 10 September 2025

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

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

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (40<sup>th</sup> 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 (62<sup>nd</sup> 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 (44<sup>th</sup> Report, 2025)

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 25 September 2025

Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (9<sup>th</sup> 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 (43<sup>rd</sup> Report, 2025)

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

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

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)), 11 September 2025

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

## **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

# A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:

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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) (2<sup>nd</sup> 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) (2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Meeting of the Parliament, 10 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

Lead committee - Criminal Justice

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# **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

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (61st Report, 2025)

# 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) (5<sup>th</sup> 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 III 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) (3<sup>rd</sup> Report, 2025)

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

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

#### **Affirmative instruments**

# Subject to approval by 1 October 2025

<u>Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)</u> (19 June 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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<u>Climate Change (Local Development Plan) (Repeals) (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)</u> (19 June 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

#### Subject to approval by 6 October 2025

<u>Social Security (Cross-border Provision, Case Transfer and Miscellaneous Amendments)</u> (<u>Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)</u> (24 June 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

#### Subject to approval by 10 October 2025

<u>Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)</u> (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)

<u>Scottish Parliament (Disqualification of Councillors) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)</u> (2 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

<u>Scottish Parliament (Disqualification of Members of the House of Commons) Regulations 2025</u> (<u>SSI 2025/Draft</u>) (2 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

#### Subject to approval by 28 October 2025

<u>Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing Standards (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)</u> (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

<u>Carer's Assistance (Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments, Revocation, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)</u> (5 September 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

#### **Negative instruments**

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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

<u>Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI 2025/678)</u> (18 June 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

# Subject to annulment 2 October 2025 Lead committee report due by 29 September 2025

<u>Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2025</u> (SSI 2025/187) *(20 June 2025)* (Criminal Justice Committee)

# Subject to annulment 7 October 2025 Lead committee report due by 6 October 2025

<u>Teachers' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/197)</u> (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)

<u>Plant Health (Export Certification) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/241)</u> (4 September 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/245) (4 September 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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Petitions | Athchuingean

# **Petitions**

The following petition was lodged by the Parliament on 10 September 2025:

PE2183: Make Suicide Awareness and Prevention training mandatory for high school students

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# Documents | Sgrìobhainnean

#### **New Documents**

## **Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 10 September 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 62nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Work of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2024-25 (SP Paper 856)

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

#### **Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 10 September 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

HM Fire Service Inspectorate: Inspection of Operational Assurance in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SG/2025/155) laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Scottish Prison Service Annual Report and Accounts 2024 – 2025 (SG/2025/162) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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