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## **Business Bulletin: Monday 14 May 2012**

### **Section B – Future Meetings of the Parliament**

#### **Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 9 May 2012**

Wednesday 16 May 2012

- 2.00 pm                      Time for Reflection – Reverend Brian Oxburgh, Minister,  
Tayport Parish Church
- followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by*                Scottish Government Debate: National Parenting Strategy for  
Scotland
- followed by*                Stage 3 Proceedings: National Library of Scotland Bill
- followed by*                Business Motions
- followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm                      Decision Time
- followed by*                Members' Business – S4M-01763 Alex Fergusson: A Road to  
Health (*for text of motion see Section F*)

Thursday 17 May 2012

- 9.15 am                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by*                Scottish Labour Party Business: Justice
- followed by*                Scottish Labour Party Business: Health
- 11.40 am                      General Question Time (*for text of General Questions see  
Section D of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 10 May 2012*)
- 12.00 pm                      First Minister's Question Time
- 12.30 pm                      Members' Business – S4M-02321 Paul Wheelhouse:  
Addressing Alcohol Abuse among Scotland's Armed Forces (*for  
text of motion see Section F*)

2.15 pm Themed Question Time  
Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy *(for text of Themed Questions see Section D of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 10 May 2012)*

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Preventing Obesity – Meeting the Challenge

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business – S4M-02253 Christine Grahame: Commemorating James Graham, Marquis of Montrose and Member of the First Scots Parliament *(for text of motion see Section F)*

Wednesday 23 May 2012

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 24 May 2012

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time *(for names of those Members selected for General Questions see Section D of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 10 May 2012)*

12.00 pm First Minister's Question Time

2.00 pm Themed Question Time  
Infrastructure and Capital Investment  
Culture and External Affairs *(for names of those Members selected for General Questions see Section D of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 10 May 2012)*

2.40 pm	Stage 3 Proceedings: Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill
followed by	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
followed by	Members' Business





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### **Section C – Future Committee Meetings**

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed at:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/committees/index.htm>

#### **Education and Culture Committee**

##### **15 May 2012**

##### **15th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 2

1. **Additional Support for Learning:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
John Butcher, Head of Inclusion, Glasgow City Council, Association of Directors of Education in Scotland, Additional Support for Learning Network;  
William Gibson, National Parent Forum Scotland;  
Alan Jones, Chair, Scottish Division of Educational Psychologists;  
Linda Whitmore, Development Officer - Children and Young People, ENABLE Scotland.

#### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 22 May, the Committee intends to take oral evidence on attainment.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

#### **Health and Sport Committee**

##### **15 May 2012**

##### **16th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
Food Additives (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/119)

3. **Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill - witness expenses:** The Committee will be invited to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses on the Bill.
4. **Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will discuss key themes arising from the Committee's fact finding visit to Glasgow.
5. **Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
  - Duncan Mackay, Head of Social Work Development, North Lanarkshire Council; Association of Directors of Social Work;
  - Ruth Stark, Social Worker and Manager, Scottish Association of Social Work;
  - Ellen Hudson, Associate Director, Royal College of Nursing Scotland;
 and then from—
  - David Cumming, Director of Operations (Programming, Co-operation & Registration), and Professor Frank Clark, Chair of the Board, Care Inspectorate;
  - Sandra McDonald, Public Guardian, Office of the Public Guardian;
  - George Kappler, Deputy Chief Executive, Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland;
  - Adrian Ward, Convenor of Mental Health and Disability Committee, The Law Society of Scotland.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

#### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 22 May, the Committee expects to continue to take evidence on the Social Care (Self-directed Support) Bill. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

### **Justice Committee 15 May 2012 17th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 6

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Criminal Cases (Punishment and Review) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
  - Bankruptcy Fees etc. (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/118).
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following instruments which are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—
  - Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2012 (SSI 2012/125);



Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 2)  
(Miscellaneous) 2012 (SSI 2012/126).

5. **Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

**Proposed future business**

The Committee's next meeting will be on 22 May. Business is yet to be decided.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

**Welfare Reform Committee  
15 May 2012  
8th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 4

1. **Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

**Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

**Equal Opportunities Committee  
15 May 2012  
9th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 4

1. **Gypsy/Travellers and care:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Lizzie Johnstone;  
Michelle Lloyd, MECOPP;  
Mary MacDonald;  
Roseanna McPhee;  
Shamus McPhee;  
Fiona Townsley;  
Susan Townsley.
2. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 11 May 2011 to 10 May 2012.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting on 29 May 2012, the Committee will take evidence on its Gypsy/Travellers and care inquiry.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

**European and External Relations Committee**  
**15 May 2012**  
**9th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 1

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4- 6 in private.
2. **EU Structural Funds:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Alex Neil, Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment, Shane Rankin, Deputy Director, European Structural Funds Division, and Lynn Forsyth, Senior Policy Officer, European Structural Funds Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Brussels Bulletin:** The Committee will consider the latest edition of the Brussels Bulletin.
4. **EU Structural Funds:** The Committee will consider the evidence taken earlier in the meeting and the overall themes in its inquiry.
5. **Horizon 2020:** The Committee will consider a proposal for a seminar in Brussels.
6. **Developments in the Eurozone:** The Committee will consider a draft report for its inquiry.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 12 June, the Committee expects to consider the latest edition of the Brussels Bulletin.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

**Public Petitions Committee**  
**15 May 2012**  
**8th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 2

1. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider—  
[PE1428](#) by Councillor Douglas Philand, on behalf of Argyll First, on improvements for the A83  
and take evidence from—  
Councillor Douglas Philand, Councillor Donald Kelly and Councillor John McAlpine, Argyll First  
and will then consider—  
[PE1429](#) by Wajahat Nassar on making Scottish education more accessible; and  
[PE1430](#) by Ewan Cameron on regulation of childminding businesses.
2. **Consideration of current petitions:** The Committee will consider—  
[PE1367](#) by Andrew Deans, on behalf of the Scottish Youth Parliament, on banning Mosquito devices now;  
[PE1402](#) by Richard Jones, on behalf of Addressing the Balance, on a strategy and policy for diagnosing and treating adult ADHD in Scotland;

- [PE1411](#) by Luca Scarabello on reforming uniform policy in all Scottish local authority schools;
- [PE1412](#) by Bill McDowell on bond of caution;
- [PE1415](#) by John Steele on updating the Burial Grounds (Scotland) Act 1855; and
- [PE1416](#) by Eileen Baxendale on a review of health issues and planning guidance in respect of telecommunications masts.
3. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 9 May 2011 to 8 May 2012.

### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 29 May, the Committee expects to consider petitions on A90/A937 safety improvements, tackling child sexual exploitation in Scotland, improving support and assistance to victims of crime and their families, educating our future generations, safeguarding vulnerable people and a Scottish Minister for older people.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

## **Subordinate Legislation Committee 15 May 2012 13th Meeting, 2012**

- The Committee will meet at 2.30 pm in Committee Room 6
1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 7 and 8 in private.
  2. **Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Sam Baker, Policy Manager, Housing Supply Division, Colin Brown, Senior Principal Legal Officer, and Marianne Cook, Policy Manager, Local Government Division, Scottish Government.
  3. **Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Bette Francis, Head of Self-directed Support Team, Craig Flunkert, SDS Bill Team Leader, and Chris Birt, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
  4. **Instrument subject to approval:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Food Protection \(Emergency Prohibitions\) \(Dalgety Bay\) \(Scotland\) Order 2012 \(SSI 2012/135\).](#)
  5. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Education \(School and Placing Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2012 \(SSI 2012/130\);](#)  
[Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland \(Practice and Procedure\) \(No. 2\) Amendment Rules 2012 \(SSI 2012/132\).](#)
  6. **Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

7. **Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.
8. **Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 22 May, the Committee expects to consider subordinate legislation. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

**Local Government and Regeneration Committee  
16 May 2012  
12th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 6

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
     Jim Hayton, Policy Officer, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers;  
     Kristen Hubert, Coordinator of the Empty Homes Network, Shelter Scotland;  
 and then from—  
     Anita Jamieson, Executive Manager - Housing, Shetland Islands Council;  
     Joann Johnson, Chair, Shetland Tenants' Forum;  
 and then from—  
     David Melhuish, Director, Scottish Property Federation;  
     Sarah Jane Laing, Head of Policy, Scottish Land and Estates.
3. **Accounts Commission for Scotland reports:** The Committee will consider its approach to a report from the Accounts Commission for Scotland.
4. **Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 23 May, the Committee will continue to take Stage 1 oral evidence on the Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties Etc.)(Scotland) Bill.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

**Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee**  
**16 May 2012**  
**16th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 2

1. **Inquiry into the Scottish Government's renewable energy targets:** The Committee will take evidence from—
  - Lesley McInnes, Chief Executive, West Highland Housing Association;
  - Stuart Reid, HWEnergy Ltd.;
  - Neville Martin, General Manager, Shetland Heat Energy and Power Ltd.;
  - Emilia Jane Hanna, Biomass Campaigner, Biofuelwatch;
  - Calum Wilson, Managing Director, Forth Energy;
  - Ian Booth, General Manager, Aberdeen Heat and Power;
  - Professor Paul Mitchell, Director, Institute of Energy Technologies, University of Aberdeen.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 23 May, the Committee expects to continue to take evidence on its renewable energy inquiry. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

**Finance Committee**  
**16 May 2012**  
**15th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate Legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 from:
  - John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth, Julie Wilson, Deputy Chief Statistician, and Janette Purbrick, Statistician, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate Legislation:** John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth, to move S4M - 02857- That the Finance Committee recommends that the Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 (draft) be approved.
4. **Improving employability:** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from:
  - Karen Adams, Educational Projects Manager, NHS Education for Scotland;
  - Stephen Boyd, Secretary, STUC;
  - Duncan Dunlop, Chief Executive, Who Cares? Scotland;
  - Dr James Miller, Director, Open University in Scotland, on behalf of Universities Scotland;
  - Andy Milne, Chief Executive, SURF;
  - Laurie Russell, Chair, Social Enterprise Scotland;
  - Alan Sherry, Principal, John Wheatley College, on behalf of Scotland's Colleges;

Pamela Smith, Chair, subgroup on employability, Scottish Local Authorities Economic Development Group;  
Jim Wallace, Acting Head of Children's Services, Barnardo's Scotland;  
Henrietta Wright, West of Scotland District Manager, Department of Work and Pensions, UK Government.

5. **Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Financial Memorandum of the Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill.
6. **Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a draft report of the Financial Memorandum of the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 23 May, the Committee expects to consider the Local Government Finance Bill Financial Memorandum

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

**Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee  
16 May 2012  
14th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 4

1. **Long Leases (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
the Snares (Training) (Scotland) Order 2012 SSI/2012/124.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following instrument which is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—  
the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2012 SSI/2012/116 (C.11).

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 6 June the Committee expects to take further evidence on the issue of peatlands. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.



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### **Section E – Written questions lodged on 11 May 2012**

**Questions marked with a triangle (Δ) are initiated by the Scottish Executive in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.**

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

**S4W-06916 Hugh Henry:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it will list all recipients of funding from the Cashback for Communities programme, showing the (a) date of the award, (b) amount received and (c) postcode of the organisation.

**S4W-06917 Hugh Henry:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it will list the funding allocated under the Cashback for Communities programme between now and March 2015, broken down by the (a) amount of the award and (b) postcode of the recipient.

**S4W-06933 Nanette Milne:** To ask the Scottish Executive what the outcome was of NHS Grampian's pilot in relation to near-patient testing and patient self-testing.

**S4W-06934 Nanette Milne:** To ask the Scottish Executive what follow-up action it will take following NHS Grampian's pilot in relation to near-patient testing and patient self-testing.

**S4W-06935 Nanette Milne:** To ask the Scottish Executive what progress has been made by NHS Grampian in the development and implementation of a protocol on the transition of patients to adult services.

**S4W-07002 Drew Smith:** To ask the Scottish Executive, further to the answer to question S4W-06150 by Kenny MacAskill on 22 March 2012, whether it plans to start collating such information.

**S4W-07008 Drew Smith:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it will consider taking action to promote take-up of (a) housing and (b) council tax benefit as part of its anti-poverty strategy.

**S4W-07113 John Wilson:** To ask the Scottish Executive how many NHS boards operate a consent form system for dealing with patients' MSPs.

**S4W-07114 John Wilson:** To ask the Scottish Executive how long NHS Lanarkshire's consent form policy has been in operation for dealing with patients' MSPs.

**S4W-07115 John Wilson:** To ask the Scottish Executive what procedures NHS Lanarkshire follows in relation to concerns raised with an MSP about the medical treatment of a patient who has died without a next of kin.

**S4W-07120 Richard Baker:** To ask the Scottish Executive what proportion of pupils has not reached the relevant 5 to 14 attainment levels in (a) Aberdeen and (b) Aberdeenshire in each year since 2003, broken down by (i) age and (ii) subject.

**S4W-07121 Richard Baker:** To ask the Scottish Executive what percentage of children has left primary school in (a) Aberdeen and (b) Aberdeenshire with the required level of competency in (i) arithmetic, (ii) reading and (iii) writing in each year since 2003.

**S4W-07122 Richard Baker:** To ask the Scottish Executive what percentage of S2 pupils in (a) Aberdeen and (b) Aberdeenshire has reached the required standards in (i) mathematics, (ii) English and (iii) science in each year since 2003.

**S4W-07123 James Kelly:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it will pay the First Minister's legal fees in connection with the Leveson Inquiry and, if not, how they will be paid.

**S4W-07129 Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether Transport Scotland's review of road speed limits will consider statistics that demonstrate the social and safety benefits that have accrued from a statutory limit of 20 mph.

**S4W-07140 Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Executive for what disciplines it provides targeted financial support to postgraduate students.

**S4W-07141 Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Executive how much has been spent on targeted financial support for postgraduate students in each year since 2007-08, broken down by discipline.

**S4W-07142 Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Executive what postgraduate courses it is supporting to help deliver its 2020 renewable energy target.

**S4W-07143 Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Executive what analysis has been done on the capacity for postgraduate study to contribute to its 2020 renewable energy target.

**S4W-07144 Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Executive how many postgraduate places will be needed to develop the skills required for the delivery of its 2020 renewable energy target, broken down by discipline.

**S4W-07145 Stewart Maxwell:** To ask the Scottish Executive what its position is on the findings in the World Health Organization report, *Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth*.

**S4W-07146 Stewart Maxwell:** To ask the Scottish Executive how many preterm births per 100 births there have been in each of the last five years, also broken down by local authority.



**S4W-07147 Stewart Maxwell:** To ask the Scottish Executive what action it is taking to improve preterm birth rates.

**S4W-07148 Drew Smith:** To ask the Scottish Executive, further to the answer to question S4F-00548 by the First Minister on 15 March 2012 (*Official Report*, c. 7362), when it will announce its position on same-sex marriage.

**S4W-07150 Drew Smith:** To ask the Scottish Executive how much it has been allocated from the £3.2 million allocated by the UK Government to the devolved administrations for 2012-13 to fund the not-for-profit free advice sector and how it will distribute this amount; how much it expects to be allocated from the £3.2 million allocated in 2013-14, and how it plans to distribute it.

**S4W-07152 Roderick Campbell:** To ask the Scottish Executive how it ensures that its policies for the aquaculture and fishing industries take account of the impact of climate change on the marine environment.

**S4W-07153 Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Executive, further to the answer to question S4W-03057 by Richard Lochhead on 25 October 2011, what plans it has in place to ensure the continuation of funding for the Scotland Rural Development Programme in 2013-14.

**S4W-07155 Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Executive, further to the answer to question S4W-03057 by Richard Lochhead on 25 October 2011, how much it has budgeted for the Scotland Rural Development Programme in 2012-13 and how much of this remains.

**S4W-07156 Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Executive what transitional arrangements are in place to ensure that changes to the Scotland Rural Development Programme do not result in a drop-off in the support offered by the programme.

**S4W-07157 Stewart Maxwell:** To ask the Scottish Executive what (a) assistance and (b) financial support it has made available to disabled children and their families since May 2007.

**S4W-07158 Stewart Maxwell:** To ask the Scottish Executive how much funding the Short Breaks Fund has provided to the West Scotland region, broken down by local authority.

**S4W-07159 Stewart Maxwell:** To ask the Scottish Executive what projects in the West Scotland region have received funding from the Short Breaks Fund.

**S4W-07160 Jamie McGrigor:** To ask the Scottish Executive, further to the answer to question S4W-06758 by Keith Brown on 1 May 2012, whether it will provide an answer in relation to Iona.

**S4W-07161 Jamie McGrigor:** To ask the Scottish Executive, further to the answer to question S4W-06757 by Keith Brown on 1 May 2012, for what reasons road equivalent tariff status was omitted for (a) Argyll Ferries' Gourock to Dunoon service

and (b) the Calmac Tarbert to Portavadie service in appendix 3 of the *Draft Ferries Plan*.

**S4W-07162 Jamie McGrigor:** To ask the Scottish Executive, further to the answer to question S4W-06756 by Keith Brown on 1 May 2012, for what reason its policy preference is for the service between Gourock and Dunoon to carry both vehicles and passengers.

**S4W-07163 Jamie McGrigor:** To ask the Scottish Executive, further to the answer to question S4W-06755 by Keith Brown on 1 May 2012, what the percentage increase has been in (a) fuel usage and (b) emissions by the MV Finlaggan.

**S4W-07164 Jamie McGrigor:** To ask the Scottish Executive, further to the answer to question S4W-06754 by Keith Brown on 1 May 2012, under what circumstances the ferries regulator would regulate pricing and what legislation would be required to achieve this.

**S4W-07165 Jamie McGrigor:** To ask the Scottish Executive, further to the answer to question S4W-06753 by Keith Brown on 1 May 2012, what the consultancy costs have been since it began its review of publicly funded ferry services in 2009.

**S4W-07166 Mary Scanlon:** To ask the Scottish Executive what it is doing to promote franchised business.

**S4W-07167 Patricia Ferguson:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it will consider submissions to the *Your Scotland, Your Referendum* consultation that have been made by routes other than those outlined in the document.

**S4W-07168 Patricia Ferguson:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it will consider individual submissions to the Referendum Consultation received via a third party.

**S4W-07169 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Executive what information is available in each NHS board to inform (a) healthcare professionals and (b) the general public how to apply for medicines via individual patient treatment requests.

**S4W-07170 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Executive what steps it is taking to increase awareness of the individual patient treatment request process among (a) healthcare professionals and (b) the general public in each NHS board area.

**S4W-07171 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Executive how the individual patient treatment request process operates in each NHS board.

**S4W-07172 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it has carried out an evaluation of the implementation of the guidance, *Introduction and Availability of Newly Licensed Medicines in the NHS in Scotland* (CEL17), from the perspective of (a) NHS boards, (b) healthcare professionals and (c) patients and, if so, what the outcome was.

**S4W-07173 Maureen Watt:** To ask the Scottish Executive what steps it is taking to monitor the accuracy of the information recorded by bus companies regarding the distances travelled by passengers using the concessionary travel scheme.

**S4W-07174 Maureen Watt:** To ask the Scottish Executive how many instances of bus companies inaccurately recording the distances travelled by passengers using the concessionary travel scheme have been recorded in each year since 2007, also broken down by local authority area.

**S4W-07175 Maureen Watt:** To ask the Scottish Executive what the cost of bus companies inaccurately recording the distances travelled by passengers using the concessionary travel scheme has been in each year since 2007.

**S4W-07176 Maureen Watt:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether legal action has been taken since 2007 against bus companies that are believed to have recorded inaccurate figures regarding the distances travelled by passengers using the concessionary travel scheme.





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### **Section F – Motions and Amendments**

Motions and amendments are normally printed the day after they are lodged. If an amendment is lodged to a motion then the original motion will appear alongside the amendment, along with any support lodged that day, in this section.

Each Monday, this section also contains all motions and amendments lodged the previous week that are still live and any motions and amendments that have been lodged for debate in the coming week. A motion or amendment is live if it has not been debated, withdrawn or otherwise deleted from the list.

Where a motion or amendment has been withdrawn, it is indicated in this section the day after it has been withdrawn. Support for motions and amendments received after they are lodged is shown at the end of this section the day after such support is received.

Motions and amendments can be published with various symbols:

- Asterisks before the motion or amendment number indicate a motion or amendment published for the first time;
- Asterisks also identify alterations to the text of a motion or amendment made since it was first published;
- A hash symbol identifies motions eligible for debate at Members' Business;
- A diamond symbol identifies motions lodged for Members' Business that have not yet attracted the required cross-party support;
- An "R", identifies motions or amendments in which the Member who lodged it has a registrable interest.

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## New and altered motions and amendments

**\*S4M-02870 Bob Doris: Supporting Key Local Agencies in Helping Young People into Education, Training and Employment**—That the Parliament commends the work of the Maryhill Housing Association and Glasgow Regeneration Agency partnership, which seeks to maximise employment and training opportunities for young people; understands that these and similar agencies are key in engaging with young people in order to maximise the use of additional employment and training opportunities being supported by the Scottish Government and other agencies; welcomes the recent announcement of a £25 million funding boost from the Scottish Government, which is to be used for projects designed to help young people either gain or stay in employment and support a range of initiatives from training to business development and recruitment incentives, and looks forward to continuing good work from these key agencies in maximising education, training and employment opportunities for Scotland's young people.

**\*S4M-02869 Bill Walker: Building Technologies Showcase 2012**—That the Parliament considers the forthcoming Building Technologies Showcase 2012 to be a positive step in promoting energy-efficient and sustainable construction; understands that the event, which is due to be held on 30 May at Dunfermline's Carnegie Conference Centre, will cover themes such as renewables, the importance of well-insulated and well-ventilated buildings and legislative and regulatory changes, and hopes that the hosts, Fife Construction Forum and Edinburgh Napier University's Low Carbon Building Technologies Gateway, build on the success of the first showcase, which was held last year.

**\*S4M-02868 Mark McDonald: Raw Stereo, Live and Unsigned**—That the Parliament congratulates the Peterhead rock band, Raw Stereo, on its success in the Glasgow heats of Live and Unsigned; notes that only 12 out of 100 acts went through to the northern semi-finals; further notes that the members of Raw Stereo, Kimberley Kaminski, Craig Porter, Chloe Rigg and Shera Proctor, are all aged between 14 and 18 and met at the Peterhead Rock School, and wishes the band every success in the Newcastle semi-final on 12 May 2012 as it bids to make it to the finals at the London O2 Arena.

Supported by: Jamie Hepburn\*, Annabelle Ewing\*

**\*S4M-02867 John Swinney: Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 [draft]**—That the Finance Committee recommends that the Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Fergus Ewing\*

**\*S4M-02866 Michael Matheson: Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Dalgety Bay) (Scotland) Order 2012**—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Dalgety Bay) (Scotland) Order 2012 be approved.

Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon\*

**\*S4M-02865 Annabelle Ewing: Burrelton Rovers Win North of Tay Cup**—That the Parliament congratulates Burrelton Rovers Amateur Football Club on winning the Scottish Amateur Football Association North of Tay Cup; notes that the club has provided amateur footballing opportunities in East Perthshire for almost 85 years, and recognises the commitment of the players, coaching staff and committee members in what it believes to be a successful season for the club.

**\*S4M-02864 Annabelle Ewing: Legal Protection of Scotch Whisky**—That the Parliament congratulates the Scotch Whisky Association and its member companies for what it considers the extensive work conducted around the globe to protect Scotch Whisky from fakes and frauds; welcomes the fact that the Scotch Whisky geographical indication has been given legal protection around the world; is astounded by the number of unscrupulous organisations that claim false links to Scotland and feed off Scotch Whisky's success and renowned quality; considers that the zero tolerance approach to fakes taken by the Scotch Whisky Association and its member companies is essential to protect Scotch Whisky, and considers that Scotch Whisky is integral to local employment and the national economy and that every bottle of fake Scotch Whisky sold is, therefore, a loss to Scotland and its people.

**\*S4M-02863 Annabelle Ewing: Black Watch Name under Threat**—That the Parliament deplores the reported threat to the Black Watch name as part of the MOD basing review; acknowledges the heritage and tradition of the former Scottish regiments and the affection that the Black Watch has particularly enjoyed from its recruiting area among the communities of Tayside and Fife; believes that, if the Black Watch identity is lost or further compromised, it would end generations of a geographical link with these communities, and will further depress recruitment; recalls the commitment made that the "golden thread" of regimental names and traditions would be maintained and is greatly concerned that this commitment can apparently be so casually discarded, and believes that the UK Government should abandon any plans to further compromise the identity of the Scottish battalions and instead build on what is considered the fantastic community connections of Scotland's army units.

**\*S4M-02862 Bob Doris: Congratulating Springburn Academy Under-16 Football Team**—That the Parliament congratulates Springburn Academy under-16 football team on winning the Lloyd's TSB Shield; notes that the final, which took place at the Airdrie Excelsior Stadium, saw Springburn Academy triumph 3-0 over St Ninian's High School in a match that saw what it considers exemplary sportsmanship from both teams; commends the team manager and depute headteacher, Mr Hamilton, and the team captain, Logan McIntyre, on their leadership, and looks forward to the team's continuing success in the future.

Supported by: Humza Yousaf\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Mark McDonald\*, Richard Lyle\*, Annabelle Ewing\*

**\*S4M-02861 Mary Fee: Eddie Izzard's Marathons for Nelson Mandela**—That the Parliament notes that the comedian, Eddie Izzard, is to run 27 marathons in 27 consecutive days as a tribute to the former South African president, Nelson Mandela, representing the 27 years that Mr Mandela spent in prison; understands that all proceeds from donations will be given to the Nelson Mandela Foundation and other

South African charities; further notes that it has been 22 years since Nelson Mandela was released and in that time became the first President of South Africa, elected in fully representative democratic elections; thanks Mr Mandela for his courage and stance against apartheid as well as his work against poverty and inequalities, and offers its best wishes to Eddie Izzard on undertaking this remarkable feat.

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**\*S4M-02860 Gordon MacDonald: Scottish Junior Burnsian 2012**—That the Parliament congratulates Annie Bowes, a P7 pupil at Dean Park Primary School in Balerno, on her success at the Robert Burns World Federation Primary Schools Festival; notes that Annie, who recited *Tam o' Shanter*, came first in the recitation category and was overall winner of all four disciplines, which made her Scottish Junior Burnsian 2012; applauds Annie on her achievements and for her performing talents, and praises Dean Park Primary School for encouraging its pupils to participate in and learn about Scottish culture.

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**\*S4M-02859 Mary Fee: Foster Care Fortnight**—That the Parliament highlights that 14 to 27 May 2012 is Foster Care Fortnight, an annual campaign to raise the profile for foster carers throughout the United Kingdom; understands that every 22 minutes a child enters care and needs a foster family; notes that an estimated 8,750 foster carers are needed in 2012 alone, and calls on families across Scotland to look at fostering children who need a stable, loving home.

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**\*S4M-02858 Mary Fee: Arthritis Care Awareness Week 2012**—That the Parliament notes that 14 to 20 May 2012 is Arthritis Care Awareness Week; understands that there are 10 million people, plus their families, in the United Kingdom living with arthritis; further understands that there are 200 types of arthritis, which are then categorised into three groups, osteoarthritis, adult rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis, and appreciates that excellent care is essential in managing both the disease the daily lives of people with arthritis.

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**\*S4M-02857 Mary Fee: Cancer Prevention Week 2012**—That the Parliament notes that 14 to 20 May 2012 is Cancer Prevention Week, an annual awareness and fundraising week organised by the World Cancer Research Fund; understands that cancer can be prevented by eating a healthy diet, undertaking more physical activity and maintaining a healthy weight, and encourages the Scottish public, and members,



to show their support for Cancer Prevention Week by dressing in yellow to take part in Fruity Friday on 18 May.

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**\*S4M-02856 Joan McAlpine: Success of Spring Fling**—That the Parliament congratulates the Spring Fling arts and crafts open studios event in Dumfries and Galloway on celebrating its 10th anniversary; understands that the annual event has attracted 194,000 studio visits by over 66,000 people during the last 10 years; further understands that the event has contributed over £4.88 million to the region, with visitors spending £781,500 in 2011, and considers that the event both provides a platform for artists and makers from southern Scotland and adds to the vibrancy of a creative Scotland.

Supported by: Humza Yousaf\*, Jamie McGrigor\*, Margaret Burgess\*, Jackie Baillie\*

**\*S4M-02855 Mark McDonald: And The Winner Is Brewdog, Eventually**—That the Parliament condemns Diageo for what it sees as its attempt to deny Fraserburgh-based, BrewDog, the Bar Operator of the Year 2012 prize at the British Institute of Innkeeping ceremony; congratulates BrewDog on its success in becoming what is believed to be the largest independent brewery in Scotland; notes the opportunities that exist for the company's growth in UK and international markets; further notes the partnership that BrewDog and Scottish Enterprise have built; celebrates Scottish Enterprise's success in creating thriving international businesses, particularly through its Overseas Market Support, and congratulates BrewDog on its success in being eventually awarded the Bar Operator of the Year prize.

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**\*S4M-02854 Kenneth Gibson: Arthritis Care Awareness Week**—That the Parliament supports Arthritis Care Awareness Week, which takes place from 14 to 20 May 2012 when charities, healthcare centres and people with arthritis across the UK will collaborate to raise awareness about living with arthritis, treatments available to reduce pain and to encourage patient and family support; understands that arthritis, of which there are over 200 types, affects over 700,000 people in Scotland and is an incurable chronic condition that causes inflammation to the joints, creating severe and unbearable pain and discomfort; notes the publication of the OANation 2012 survey by the charity, Arthritis Care, which coincides with the awareness week and highlights that 71% of arthritic patients suffer from constant pain, and considers essential preparation to tackle this painful condition in light of the future increase in the prevalence of arthritis, with cases set to double by 2030 due to the ageing population.

**\*S4M-02851 Bob Doris: Congratulating Glasgow's Big Lottery Fund Beneficiaries**—That the Parliament welcomes the 31 funding awards in the Glasgow

region that were announced by the Big Lottery Fund in March and April 2012; notes that these awards total £2,278,458 and congratulates the groups and organisations that will receive the funding, including the 78th Lanarkshire (3rd Blantyre) Scout Group, Elmvale Primary School, St Bride's Primary School, St Anthony's Primary School, Maryhill Juniors Boys Club, St Joseph's Primary School, West Coats Primary School, the 44th Glasgow Scout Group, Loch Primary School, Cathkin High School and Bankhead Primary School, and looks forward to these organisations, which it considers are vital to the community, continuing to do good work.

Supported by: Dennis Robertson\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Humza Yousaf\*

**\*S4M-02850 Jim Eadie: Congratulating the British Lung Foundation on the Commencement of the Burrow Hill Training Fund**—That the Parliament welcomes the commencement of the British Lung Foundation's Burrow Hill Training Fund, which has committed funding of £500,000 throughout the UK to support vocational training, healthcare professional training and medical research related to ex-service personnel or their dependents who have a disease of the chest and respiratory system; recognises the potential connection between military service and respiratory health; applauds the cooperation between the British Lung Foundation and the Charity Commission to make funds available to a wider range of people by broadening the terms of use of their funding, and pays tribute to the work of the British Lung Foundation in promoting the reintegration of ex-service personnel and for its contribution to the advancement of medical knowledge.

**\*S4M-02849 Margaret Burgess: Arthritis Care Awareness Week**—That the Parliament commends Arthritis Care Awareness Week from 14 to 18 May 2012 and supports the goals of the Arthritis Care Awareness campaign in raising awareness of arthritis care; understands that there are approximately 700,000 people in Scotland who have arthritis; notes that arthritis can affect people of all ages, including children, and that at present the causes of arthritis are not yet known, nor is there a cure; appreciates that arthritis can be a very painful and debilitating condition that can have an indirect impact on the lives of family members, causing financial worries, isolation, emotional stress and sometimes ill-health, and applauds the work of Arthritis Care, which campaigns for changes to improve the lives of those living with arthritis and runs self-management courses to enable people with arthritis to manage their condition more effectively, and the volunteers who provide peer support, community learning and raise awareness.

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**\*S4M-02848 Nigel Don: Living Streets' Walk to Work Week 2012**—That the Parliament notes that 14 to 18 May is Walk to Work Week 2012; welcomes the fact that thousands of people in hundreds of workplaces across Scotland will be encouraged to walk to, from and during work next week; believes that increasing the population's physical activity levels is vital in tackling health inequalities, reducing obesity and improving physical and mental health; notes that Walk to Work Week, run by Living Streets, combines with the Walk at Work Programme, run by Paths for

All, which encourages people to become and remain physically active at work; welcomes that at least 4,500 people in 295 workplaces collectively walked over 750,000 miles during March and April 2012 in the Paths for All Stepcount Challenge, and welcomes such partnership efforts to increase physical activity levels across Scotland.

**\*S4M-02847 Margaret Burgess: Citizens Advice Scotland, Energy Best Deal Campaign**—That the Parliament supports Citizens Advice Scotland’s Energy Best Deal campaign, which aims to help consumers save money by finding the best energy deal; understands that fuel bills have more than doubled since 2003 and consequently that fuel poverty in Scotland has risen sharply; understands that a household bill that has never been switched is typically £200 higher than one on the best direct debit tariff available; commends Energy Best Deal group events, which provide people struggling with fuel bills with practical information about reducing energy costs by switching supplier or moving to a better tariff with their current supplier; understands that more than 90 sessions have been delivered throughout Scotland to over 370 consumers and 570 workers, with each worker estimated to help at least 15 vulnerable clients a year as a result of this training, and wishes the Energy Best Deal campaign success in reaching as many vulnerable people as possible.

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**\*S4M-02846 Neil Findlay: Crusader Court 25th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates the residents and staff of Crusader Court Housing with Care development in Livingston on its 25th anniversary; notes what it considers the outstanding 18 years of service given by the housing care manager, Phemie Forder, and the contribution of all the support staff who ensure that residents are safe, comfortable and well supported; welcomes the principle promoted by Trust Housing that helps tenants remain in their own homes through providing services that support and maintain independent living, and hopes that all residents and staff enjoy the activities planned for the anniversary celebrations.

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**\*S4M-02845 Kenneth Gibson: Seamill Hydro and Auchrannie TripAdvisor Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Seamill Hydro Hotel and Resort and the Auchrannie Resort in Arran on receiving what it considers the prestigious Travellers’ Choice 2012 award for family hotels, presented by TripAdvisor; understands that the Thomas Cook-sponsored award is presented to the 25 hotels that have achieved the best reviews from travellers in the UK, and highlights that four of the top 25 hotels are based in Scotland, emphasising what it believes is Scotland’s prestige as a family holiday destination; understands that Seamill Hydro is renowned for its luxury spa and leisure suites and the Auchrannie Resort offers a unique, relaxed and tailored experience in the town of Brodick; understands that TripAdvisor is the world’s largest travel site, with more than 60 million reviews and opinions on resorts in over 30

countries, and acknowledges the high distinction and merit that Ayrshire and Arran have achieved in winning these awards.

**\*S4M-02844 Kenneth Gibson: Radical Changes Required for Patients with Multimorbidity**—That the Parliament highlights a study published by *The Lancet*, which emphasises the need for radical changes in the NHS in terms of its approach toward treating patients who have multimorbidity conditions; understands that the study analysed a database containing 1.75 million patient records from 314 medical practices across Scotland and discovered that 23.2% of patients were multimorbid, whereby patients have multiple chronic conditions that could include coronary heart disease, diabetes, cancer and depression; notes the findings that show a trend between the increasing prevalence of multimorbidity with increasing age and that people living in the most deprived areas received poorly coordinated and inefficient care; believes that there is a need to adapt the current single-disease framework approach, which it understands is used by most healthcare services, medical education and research in order to improve the continuity and coordination of care and to remove fragmented care, and notes that Dr Chris Salisbury of the School of Social Community Medicine at the University of Bristol has highlighted the financial pressures of increasing multimorbidity rates and the need to develop multimorbidity care, saying "expenditure on health care rises almost exponentially with the number of chronic disorders. This economic burden heightens the need to manage people with several chronic illnesses in more efficient ways."

**\*S4M-02843 Liam McArthur: Happy Birthday Radio Orkney**—That the Parliament congratulates BBC Radio Orkney on its 35th birthday; recognises what it sees as the invaluable role that Radio Orkney, Radio Shetland and other such stations across the country play in their local communities; believes that, as well as providing news, sport, weather and other essential information, Radio Orkney has earned an excellent reputation for encouraging input to its programming from individuals and groups throughout the islands in the finest traditions of community broadcasting; acknowledges what it considers to be the commitment to innovation by the broadcasting teams over the last 35 years that has allowed the station's output to remain popular, relevant and interesting, and wishes all those connected with Radio Orkney a very happy birthday on 12 May 2012 and many happy returns for the next 35 years.

Supported by: Rob Gibson\*, Mark McDonald\*

**\*S4M-02842♦ Kevin Stewart: National Apprenticeship Week**—That the Parliament welcomes Skills Development Scotland's (SDS) National Apprenticeship Week, which runs from 21 to 25 May 2012; pays tribute to the 12,000 businesses that employ 34,000 modern apprentices in a wide range of sectors across Scotland; acknowledges the assistance provided by local authorities, Job Centre Plus, SDS and Scotland's colleges to deliver apprenticeship places; welcomes the Scottish Government's ongoing action on youth employment and apprenticeships, with the delivery of a record 25,000 modern apprenticeship places per year; further welcomes the Opportunities for All initiative, which guarantees all 16 to 19-year-olds a place in education or training; notes that action on youth employment is being coordinated by the first dedicated Minister for Youth Employment anywhere in the UK, backed with extra Scottish Government funding of £30 million, and welcomes the announcement

by the Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment on 9 May 2012 that around £25 million of European Structural Funding will be available to spend on youth employment.

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**\*S4M-02841 Jackie Baillie: Loch Lomond Tourist Guide Launched**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of a new mini guide and map of Loch Lomond attractions to the world's travel trade at the VisitScotland Expo by Love Loch Lomond; notes that the new information leaflet features the top 50 things to see and do in the Loch Lomond and Clyde Sea lochs area; further notes that the map was specially commissioned to help visitors get the most out of their visit to one of Scotland's most popular destinations in Scotland's first National Park, and encourages everyone to come and visit Loch Lomond and the surrounding area.

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**\*S4M-02840 Jackie Baillie: Dumbarton Accies Win West of Scotland Cup**—That the Parliament congratulates Dumbarton Accies Football Club after winning the Scottish Amateur Football League West of Scotland Cup; understands that the team is made up of former pupils of Dumbarton Academy; notes that the club has provided amateur footballing opportunities in the area for over 100 years, and recognises the commitment of the players and coaching staff in what it believes to be a successful season for the club.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing\*

**\*S4M-02839 Jamie Hepburn: Congratulations to Stuart McCrae of Cumbernauld YMCA on Lifetime Achievement Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Stuart McCrae of Cumbernauld YMCA on his Youthlink Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contributions to youth work during a 35-year career with the YMCA; considers that this is an outstanding achievement that is well deserved and notes that Mr McCrae is a tireless and dedicated champion for young people within the community.

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**\*S4M-02838 Jackie Baillie: Alternatives West Dunbartonshire CDS Receives Big Lottery Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates Alternatives West Dunbartonshire Community Drugs Services (CDS) on receiving a £816,559 grant from BIG's Investing in Communities fund; notes that Alternatives West Dunbartonshire CDS' 'Safe as Houses Project' will address the homelessness, addiction, offending and employability issues of adults in West Dunbartonshire with the expansion of its existing community services and the addition of a residential

recovery unit; further notes the project will provide intensive support including therapeutic methodologies successfully employed in the community; recognises that individuals will be empowered to maintain abstinence, sustain their tenancy and move towards employment through the provision of a safe environment, and welcomes the assistance that this will deliver for some 300 adults who will stay in the house and 420 who will benefit from their community services.

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**\*S4M-02837 Stewart Maxwell: Congratulations to West Scotland Euroquiz Finalists**—That the Parliament congratulates the five primary schools from West Scotland that have successfully reached the final of 2012 Euroquiz competition; notes that the final will be held at the Scottish Parliament on 14 May 2012; wishes the best of luck to St Joseph’s, Bearsden, West Kilbride, St Charles’ and St Mary’s primary schools in representing West Scotland at the contest, and praises the hard work of all the pupils, teachers and parents involved in the 30 schools competing in the final.

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**\*S4M-02835 Dennis Robertson: Coeliac Awareness Week 2012**—That the Parliament congratulates the National Trust for Scotland for participating in the ‘gluten-free challenge’ as part of Coeliac Awareness Week 2012 running from 14 to 20 May; recognises the good work carried out by Coeliac UK in providing support for those with coeliac disease and dermatitis herpetiformis (DH); recognises, and thanks, Drum Castle for inviting Dennis Robertson MSP to attend a ‘gluten-free’ tea in his constituency, and encourages other MSP’s to contact the National Trust for Scotland in their area to see if any similar events are available.

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**\*S4M-02834 Sandra White: Additional Support for People Struggling in the Job Market and Vulnerable Parents**—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Drugs Forum and Equal Say Ltd. on receiving an Investing in Communities grant from the Big Lottery Fund totalling £1,117,029; notes that the awards will fund both the “Addiction Worker Training Project 2012-15” which aims to support individuals who have recovered from alcohol or drug misuse to improve their employability skills and access jobs in the social care sector by providing a 50-week employability programme to 84 trainees in Glasgow and Edinburgh, and the “Equal Say for Parents” project, which will support parents with a learning disability to develop their skills and confidence as a parent through personalised parenting support programmes and group activities; hopes that these grants will help to improve employability skills for people who have suffered from drug and alcohol misuse as well as supporting vulnerable parents, and wishes all those involved the best of success.

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**S4M-02830 Bob Doris: Congratulating MS Revive on the Art Show and Sale—**

That the Parliament commends the ongoing work of the Glasgow charity, MS Revive, which strives to support people with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and their families, including the 10,000 understood to be in Scotland, one of the highest prevalence rates in the world; notes the Revive Art Show and Sale, which will be held in the Lighthouse, Glasgow from 25 to 29 May 2012; considers this to be the latest example of MS Revive's tradition of raising funds and awareness through events; understands that the show will include pieces from Laura Hunter, Garry Harper, John Lowrie Morrison, Rowena Lain and Marion Drummond and that 50% of proceeds will go directly to MS Revive; wishes MS Revive and its partners well with this initiative, and looks forward to the charity's continuing efforts to support those with MS and their families.

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**S4M-02829 Maureen Watt: Success of Professor Paul Meador—**

That the Parliament congratulates Professor Paul Meador of the University of Aberdeen, who was commissioned to write the music for the song, *Wherever You Are*, which was voted the fifth most popular track by Classic FM *Hall of Fame* listeners; recognises that his song, sung by the Military Wives Choir and based on letters written between the wives and partners of British Army military personnel, became the 2011 Christmas number one in the UK charts and helped raise money for military charities; notes that Professor Meador was chosen by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to compose a piece of music for their wedding last year and was recently visited by the Duchess of Rothesay on her trip to Aberdeen to hear the song performed by the University of Aberdeen Chapel Choir; notes that Professor Meador was honoured in Aberdeen on 18 April 2012 with a special civic reception, and commends him on his continuing success.

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**S4M-02828 Hanzala Malik: Gorbals Recycles Funding—**

That the Parliament welcomes the award of £411,370 to Gorbals Recycles from the Big Lottery Fund; notes that the charity, which recycles bicycles, was facing possible closure until this funding was secured; understands that this award will enable the group to offer

training places to over 150 unemployed people over the next three years; welcomes the fact that the training places will be targeted to help those furthest removed from the labour market, and believes that this award will benefit lower-income households and communities right across Glasgow.

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**S4M-02827 Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to the Trinity Centre**—That the Parliament congratulates the Trinity Centre on winning the Scottish Business Crime Centre's Safer Shopping Award; notes that this achievement involved co-operation with Aberdeen City Council's Safer Aberdeen team and Grampian Police; considers the good work done as a shining example of proactive business engagement with government, and welcomes the reduction in crime as a result.

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**S4M-02826 Drew Smith: Support for PCS Industrial Action, Thursday 10 May 2012**—That the Parliament notes that the Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS) is taking industrial action on 10 May 2012 at workplaces across Scotland, including the Parliament, as part of its pensions' campaign; supports the position of the PCS, and other public sector trades unions, in arguing that the proposed changes to public sector pension schemes will result in low-paid public servants being asked to "pay more to get less later"; calls on the UK Government to enter meaningful negotiations with public servants and their representatives in order that a resolution to the current dispute can be found; believes that such a resolution should not result in public servants being asked to disproportionately shoulder the responsibility for bailing out the banks; considers that the failure to come to such a resolution so far makes a mockery of the UK Government's claim that "we are all in this together"; further recognises that, while negotiations regarding UK-wide pension schemes are a matter for the UK Government, there are choices in devolved areas for the Scottish Government, where a pay freeze continues to be imposed and where, it understands, the size of the workforce has reduced substantially, despite what it sees as the welcome commitment to avoiding compulsory redundancies; believes that the three campaigning priorities of the PCS are pensions, pay and jobs, and notes that PCS members will be joined on 10 May by members of UNITE the Union, who, it understands, are also affected by the same pension scheme changes.

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**S4M-02825 Jackie Baillie: International Nurses Day**—That the Parliament recognises International Nurses Day, which will be marked on 12 May 2012; believes that nurses play a central and leading role in delivering high-quality patient care in communities, NHS hospitals, GP practices and the independent and third sectors; notes the diverse nature of nursing, which can include caring for young and ill babies, adults, older people, people with mental health needs and people with learning disabilities; considers that specialist and community nurses play a vital role in enabling people with long-term conditions and older people to live as independently as possible, and believes that, although nursing is a demanding profession, it is a rewarding one that will always be central to Scotland's health services.

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**S4M-02824 Jackie Baillie: Coeliac Awareness Week**—That the Parliament recognises Coeliac Awareness Week, which takes place from 14 to 20 May 2012; understands that coeliac disease is an autoimmune disease that affects 1 in 100 people in the UK and causes an immune reaction when people with the condition consume gluten, which is present in wheat, barley and rye; is concerned that around 500,000 people with coeliac disease are undiagnosed, and recognises the work of Coeliac UK, which supports people with coeliac disease through raising awareness, providing dietary information and campaigning on their behalf.

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**S4M-02823 Stewart Maxwell: Congratulations to Linwood High School**—That the Parliament congratulates Linwood High School on its upcoming art exhibition, which commemorates the victims of the Holocaust; understands that, following a visit to Auschwitz by two of its students, the art work was carried out by the school as a permanent memorial; notes that the art will also be exhibited in the St Mungo Museum of Religious Art and Life, and recognises the importance of Holocaust educational programmes in fostering mutual respect.

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**S4M-02822 Margaret Mitchell: A New Chapter: Public Library Services in the 21st Century**—That the Parliament notes the conclusions of the Carnegie UK Trust's report, *A New Chapter: Public Library Services in the 21st Century*; welcomes the report's findings that 76% of Scots consider libraries to be either an essential or very important service to the community; considers that this research shows the continued importance of public libraries, which are still used by half the population at least once a year, with 56% of users using the library once a month; considers that public libraries provide a unique community space and an opportunity for those who might otherwise be excluded to read books, newspapers and access IT and online services; further notes what it sees as the strengths of Scottish libraries, including their extensive network and qualified staff; acknowledges that there is scope for Scotland's libraries to develop and grow in the 21st century, including the provision of ebooks and 24-hour online services; believes that libraries should at their core remain a public service provided on a universal basis to all, which it considers has encouraged and supported adult learning and general education opportunities, and hopes that Scotland's libraries will continue to provide spaces in which communities can create and provide their own services and organise community activity.

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**S4M-02821 John Pentland: Campaign for Hope**—That the Parliament welcomes Pancreatic Cancer UK's Campaign for Hope, which aims to double survival rates for pancreatic cancer patients over the next five years; notes that pancreatic cancer is the cause of five per cent of cancer deaths and has the worst survival rate for any cancer in Scotland, with only three per cent of people diagnosed with the disease surviving beyond five years; acknowledges the findings of Pancreatic Cancer UK's *Study for Survival*, and believes that the Scottish Government should urgently address what it sees as the shortcomings in the pancreatic cancer patient experience to improve survival rates and quality of life through a number of measures, including improving early diagnosis, eradicating geographical variations in care and ensuring that patients are better involved in their care and supported by clinical nurse specialists.

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**S4M-02820 Drew Smith: President-elect Hollande of France**—That the Parliament sends its warmest congratulations to Monsieur François Hollande on his election as President-elect of France on 6 May 2012; notes that he won the second round of the Presidential election against the incumbent, President Nicolas Sarkozy, with 51.7% of the vote; understands that he will be the first President of the 5th Republic from the Parti socialiste since François Mitterrand left office in 1995; notes his past service to the people of France in his role as leader of the Parti socialiste for more than 10 years; further notes his services to the people of Corrèze, whom he has represented

in various capacities since 1988; notes the contribution of President Sarkozy; wishes both of the candidates the very best in the years ahead; supports the vision of a "Europe of hope" that President-elect Hollande has outlined, and looks forward to the UK Government inviting François Hollande to visit in the near future.

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**S4M-02819 Dennis Robertson: Congratulations to Inch Primary School for Green Flag Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Inch Primary School in Aberdeenshire on attaining a Green Flag award from the Eco-Schools Scotland Programme; notes that the Green Flag award is the top level of award in the Eco-Schools programme, which is supported by Keep Scotland Beautiful and used and recognised world-wide, and commends the pupils and staff for this achievement; considers it important that there is continued growth in the number of Green Flag-awarded schools, and commends Inch Primary School for its concentration on green efforts.

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**S4M-02818 Marco Biagi: Full Steam Ahead for the Engine Shed**—That the Parliament congratulates Garvald Community Enterprises on securing over £371,000 from the Big Lottery Fund; understands that the project has been successful in providing people with learning difficulties with meaningful training and employment opportunities and support into mainstream employment; commends what it considers to be the fantastic food, great service and welcoming atmosphere that makes the project's café, the Engine Shed, an asset to Edinburgh's south side, and following on from the project's 21st anniversary celebrations, which were held in June 2011, wishes Garvald Community Enterprises continued success for the next 21 years.

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**S4M-02816 Graeme Dey: Angus Independent Advocacy Empowering Lives**—That the Parliament commends Angus Independent Advocacy for the work that it carries out in the county; understands that this work includes empowering older people and people with acquired brain injuries by providing a trained volunteer who

can assist them in carrying out all aspects of a fully independent life; notes that the organisation recently received an award of over £270,000 toward this project from the Investing In Communities scheme; considers that this funding will provide a lifeline for many older people in Angus who are unable to take part to the fullest extent in community life, and praises the efforts of those volunteers trained as advocates for those in need of this service for what it sees as their selfless approach and the benefit that it considers this will provide to the recipients and the wider community.

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**S4M-02815 Bill Walker: Samantha Barber Appointed as Iberdrola's Corporate Social Responsibility Chairman**—That the Parliament congratulates Samantha Barber from Dunfermline on her appointment as chairman of the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee of Scottish Power's parent company, Iberdrola; understands that Ms Barber's previous roles have included director of Business for Scotland and chief executive of Scottish Business in the Community; notes that she serves as an advisory board member for Breakthrough Breast Cancer and sits on the 2020 Group on Climate Change, and wishes Ms Barber success in her new appointment in which, it understands, she will seek to improve social policies and community relations.

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**S4M-02814 Joe FitzPatrick: Coalition Cuts Threatens Black Watch Identity**—That the Parliament notes with grave concern the announcement by the Secretary of State for Defence, Philip Hammond, detailing further cuts to the armed forces as part of the Strategic Defence and Security Review; understands that the UK Government's intentions will see the army reduced from 102,000 soldiers to 82,000 at a time when £100 billion is being spent on nuclear weapons; further notes that under Mr Hammond's proposals, the Black Watch, 3rd Battalion, Royal Regiment of Scotland (3 SCOTS), would become simply 3 SCOTS and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders would become 5 SCOTS; is further concerned about Mr Hammond's comment that the names are meaningless in relation to geographical recruitment areas and believes that this shows a fundamental lack of understanding about the historical importance of the regiments, and urges all parties concerned to reconsider what it believes is this unnecessary and harmful policy decision, which will ultimately harm the identity of the communities that have long associated themselves with these regiments.

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**S4M-02813 Patricia Ferguson: City Building Wins Queen's Award**—That the Parliament notes that City Building, Glasgow City Council's arms-length construction firm, has been awarded a Queen's Award for Enterprise, considered to be the UK's highest business accolade; acknowledges that the award has been made in recognition of the company's social and environmental work, such as its partnership with Glasgow Housing Association to build four prototype affordable houses as part of the Glasgow House initiative, which applies high levels of insulation, solar thermal panels and the use of solar gain to reduce energy consumption by 75% to help tackle fuel poverty; further acknowledges that the award also recognises the many other achievements of the company, which runs Scotland's largest apprentice centre and incorporates Royal Strathclyde Blindcraft Industries (RSBi), which provides employment opportunities to disabled workers and ex-service personnel; congratulates everyone involved with City Building, which it understands has a turnover of almost £200 million and has delivered more than £33 million to help fund frontline services in Glasgow, and wishes the company every success for the future.

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**S4M-02812 Sarah Boyack: World Fair Trade Day 2012**—That the Parliament welcomes World Fair Trade Day on 12 May 2012; congratulates the Scottish Fair Trade Forum on organising the national snapshot competition, which awards prizes for creative and interesting photos about fair trade; understands that the day is being celebrated by a number of leading organisations across Scotland, including the One World Shop, which has a strong track record of successfully promoting global awareness of fair trade; further understands that Scotland is on the verge of becoming one of the first nations in the world to achieve fair trade status, and supports what it considers to be the World Fair Trade Organization's pioneering efforts to increase the sale of fair trade products across communities, eradicate world poverty, promote sustainable economic development and ensure a fairer deal for local producers.

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**S4M-02811 Drew Smith: Sammy Barr**—That the Parliament notes with sadness the death of Sammy Barr, former shop steward at Upper Clyde Shipbuilders (UCS) and member of his trades union, the GMB, and the Labour Party; marks the contribution and leadership that Sammy Barr showed alongside Jimmy Airlie, Sammy Gilmore, Jimmy Reid and others as leaders of the UCS work-in of 1971-72, in which the

workers of the Clyde yards refused to accept the loss of their jobs and what they believed would be the decimation of shipbuilding on the River Clyde and damage to the communities of Clydeside, including Partick where Sammy Barr lived with his wife, Janet, had the government of the day's plans proceeded; particularly notes also his Communist Party candidature for the UK Parliament in Glasgow Garscadden and the work that he went on to do as President of GMB retired members and in his local community, including his long association with the Glasgow Trades Council; acknowledges the debt of gratitude that it believes Clydeside and Scotland owe to Sammy Barr and his UCS comrades, which was acknowledged in the Parliament in 2011 with a debate on the 40th anniversary of the work-in; further considers that Sammy Barr's passing is a cause to celebrate the UCS and his life, which it believes continues to be an inspiration to working people around the world, and sends its condolences to all those who worked with him and knew him, particularly his wife, four children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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**S4M-02810 Paul Wheelhouse: Scottish Borders Biodiversity Week**—That the Parliament congratulates Scottish Borders Council on its plans to celebrate Scottish Borders Biodiversity Week from 19 to 27 May 2012; notes that there are events planned across the Scottish Borders aimed at encouraging people to explore the walks, wildlife and landscapes that the area has to offer; further notes that the week of engagement works alongside the local biodiversity action plan, which recognises the diversity of a region that is characterised by wetland, grassland, heathland and woodland habitats and what is considered to be a magnificent coastal and marine habitat; sends its best wishes to those taking part in the events and hopes that the events will be successful, and encourages other areas to embrace their own biodiversity in a similar way to the Scottish Borders as a means of encouraging individuals and communities to value and protect Scotland's natural heritage.

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**S4M-02809 Gil Paterson: To Europe and Beyond**—That the Parliament congratulates Bearsden Academy on winning the European Cansat Competition in Norway against teams from 13 other European nations; notes that the competition was promoted by the European Space Agency with the aim of building a satellite within the confines of a soft drink can, conducting a launch of a rocket up to an altitude of 1km, conducting their missions and landing safely; understands that the pupils were chosen as winners based on their performance throughout the project as well as the final flight operations and results, and considers that this is not only a

fantastic achievement for the pupils but also brings great recognition for their school and, indeed, Scotland.

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**S4M-02807 Richard Lyle: Funding Announced in Central Region by Big Lottery Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates the 17 projects in the Central Scotland region that, in March and April 2012, were awarded a total of £547,506 from the Big Lottery Fund and understands that the fund continues to invest in Scotland's communities through its Investing in Communities, Small Grants, Investing in Ideas and 2014 Communities programmes.

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**S4M-02806 Aileen McLeod: Dark Sky Bright Future**—That the Parliament welcomes the report produced by Forestry Commission Scotland, which, it understands, shows that Galloway's Dark Sky Park, the first in the UK, has boosted tourism figures across Dumfries and Galloway in the traditional off-season; notes that the Dark Park status was awarded to part of Galloway's Forest Park in 2009, which has seen visitor numbers rise between October and March, stargazing season; further understands that the reported increase in income for the locality is over £40,000 for this period, with many hotels running specialist stargazing weekends, and that there has been a year-on-year increase in uptake; acknowledges that the International Dark Sky Association has established an award with the aim of reducing light pollution, conserving energy and looking after nature and with the goals of stopping the adverse effects of light pollution, raising awareness about light pollution, its adverse effects and its solutions, and to educate people about the values of quality outdoor lighting, and looks forward to an increasing number of stargazers visiting the Dark Sky Park to boost Galloway's economy in the future.

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**S4M-02805 Bill Walker: Michaela Tabb Referees a Second World Snooker Championship Final**—That the Parliament congratulates Dunfermline-based, Michaela Tabb, on refereeing the World Snooker Championship final for the second time; considers that Ms Tabb has made a significant contribution to the sport as the first woman to referee at a professional-ranking snooker tournament, at a world-

ranking snooker final and at the World Snooker Championship final, and wishes Ms Tabb many more successes in her career.

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**S4M-02802 Sandra White: One in a Million this Red Cross Week**—That the Parliament acknowledges the annual Red Cross Week campaign, which will run from 6 to 12 May 2012; notes that the British Red Cross helps people in crisis wherever and wherever they are; appreciates that the Red Cross is one of the largest volunteer-led organisations in Scotland, with over 4,000 volunteers; recognises that last year the charity responded to more than 400 emergencies including those caused by flooding and extreme weather, trained more than 30,000 people in life-saving first aid skills, helped more than 32,000 people live more independently through its health and social care services, assisted more than 550 refugees and asylum seekers through the Glasgow-based refugee unit and worked with teachers to engage with 23,000 young people on issues relating to humanitarian education; understands that throughout Red Cross Week fundraising events will be held across Scotland, and wishes the British Red Cross every success in reaching its target of £1 million.

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**S4M-02801 Bill Walker: Stephen Hendry Retires from Tournament Snooker**—That the Parliament sends its best wishes to the Fife-raised snooker player, Stephen Hendry MBE, on his retirement from tournament snooker; recognises Stephen's achievements as seven-times winner of the World Championship, which he won for the first time as the youngest ever world champion, at the age of 21; recognises that Stephen is the holder of 36 world-ranking titles, which is more than any other player, and wishes him well for the future.

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**S4M-02799 Mary Fee: Coalition Government Failing**—That the Parliament notes the intention of the current UK administration to relaunch the coalition between the Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties less than one week after both parties experienced what it sees as embarrassing defeats across Scotland and the rest of the UK at the local government elections; believes that, at these elections, the parties lost the trust of the British public; notes that the relaunch comes at a time when the UK has re-entered recession, which, it believes, is due to the policies and ideologies of the UK Government; calls on the UK Government to end what it sees as its attacks on the welfare state, and also calls for an end to the UK Government's austerity



measures, which, it considers, place an unbearable strain on families, older people, disabled people and the poorest people across Scotland.

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**S4M-02798 Mary Fee: World Lupus Day**—That the Parliament notes that 10 May 2012 is World Lupus Day; understands that lupus is a serious, life-altering disease that can affect any organ of the body; considers that, although it affects over 5 million people and their families around the world, the condition is not sufficiently recognised enough, and calls on all members to play their part in raising the awareness of the disease.

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**S4M-02797 Graeme Dey: On the Highway to Kirriemuir**—That the Parliament notes that Bon Fest 2012, the annual festival celebrating the life and work of the late lead singer of AC/DC and songwriter, Forfar-born Ronald Belford “Bon” Scott, who grew up in Kirriemuir, took place in the “Wee Red Toon” in the first weekend of May; considers that the event has gone from strength to strength since its origins in 2006, following the unveiling of a plaque in Cumberland Close to commemorate the time spent in the Angus town by the rock star named by *Classic Rock* magazine as number one in its Top 100 greatest frontmen of all time list; considers that the visitors, musicians and music-lovers that Bon Fest brings to Kirriemuir to be of benefit to local businesses and a tourism boost for the wider area; congratulates the event’s promoters and organisers on attracting what it believes is a high level of international interest in the music festival; celebrates the legacy of Bon Scott, whom it considers, along with his bandmates in AC/DC, Malcolm and Angus Young, to be one of Scotland’s most famous musical exports, known by rock and guitar fans across the world, and applauds AC/DC’s contribution to rock music in the 20th and 21st centuries, and the adoration it considers Bon Scott still inspires among music-lovers to this day.

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**S4M-02796 Neil Findlay: Fauldhouse Has Got Talent**—That the Parliament notes the Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide annual May Day fundraising event, which was held in Fauldhouse Miners' Welfare and Social Club; acknowledges what it considers were the outstanding contributions of local singers and musicians and that over 300 people attended the event; congratulates event organisers, Des Murphy, Rab Norris, Francie Duffy, John Warrington, Jim Goldie and Jim Timmins, on what it understands was another outstanding show; welcomes the raising of £4,400 for this exceptional charity, and looks forward to next year's event.

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**S4M-02795 Richard Simpson: Action on Stroke**—That the Parliament supports the May 2012, Action on Stroke Month, which is being organised by the Stroke Association; notes that the month aims to celebrate the victories of, and highlight the challenges experienced by stroke survivors and their unpaid carers as they adapt to life after stroke; understands that there are 112,000 stroke survivors in Scotland; believes that, while many people can still enjoy a good life after experiencing a stroke, others can struggle to secure the help and support that they need; understands that the month is the start of the association's new campaign to improve the lives of stroke patients and their carers, and notes that, on 9 May 2012, a Life After Stroke event will be held in Committee Room 1 to raise awareness and support.

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**S4M-02794 John Mason: Celebrating 100 Years of Women in Ministry**—That the Parliament notes that 11 May 2012 is the 100th anniversary of the first woman being ordained to the UK Trinitarian Christian Ministry; considers that Olive Winchester, who was ordained to, and served in, what is now the Sharpe Memorial Church of the Nazarene, Parkhead, Glasgow, set a precedent for strong women of faith to serve in Christian ministry; notes the Women in Ministry events being held in Glasgow between 11 and 13 May 2012, including those at the University of Glasgow; believes that every woman, child and man is of equal value, and wishes the organisers and people taking part well as they celebrate what it believes is this significant milestone for the UK's Christian community.

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**S4M-02793 Kevin Stewart: Celebrate Aberdeen 2012**—That the Parliament notes that the Celebrate Aberdeen 2012 parade is scheduled to take place on 9 June 2012; understands that the 2011 parade was a great success; recognises the efforts of the volunteers, the third sector, community organisations and charities in Aberdeen that are expected to take part in the 2012 parade, which will be led by Aberdeen Universities Officers' Training Corps in its centenary year, and wishes Morven Mackenzie, and all the organisers, the very best of luck as they look to build on last year's success.

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**S4M-02792 Graeme Dey: Celebrating Scotland's Historic Mills**—That the Parliament notes that the annual celebration of milling heritage, National Mills Weekend, takes place on 12 and 13 May 2012 when working and historic mills across the British Isles will be opening their doors to encourage people to visit and learn more about the vital role that mills have played, particularly in smaller rural communities; considers that Barry Mill, by Carnoustie, is an example of a well-preserved meal mill, having only ceased operating as a working mill in the early 1980s and is now under the stewardship of the National Trust for Scotland (NTS); notes that Barry Mill has been incorporated into the NTS online new media project, Scotland's Stories, for *The Miller's Tale*, along with other sites believed to be of national importance, including Robert Burns birthplace in Alloway and the Robert Adam-designed Culzean Castle, immortalised in the paintings of Alexander Nasmyth; expresses the hope that Scots will take the opportunity presented by National Mills Weekend to visit their nearest mill and learn how their forebears, outwith industrial areas and prior to mechanised means of food production, used water mills and natural resources to ensure that their communities had adequate food supplies throughout the year, and considers that the role of the NTS in overseeing such properties is vital to ensure the long-term preservation of locations such as Barry Mill as an educational resource, which it believes helps to illuminate Scotland's social history.

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**S4M-02791 Humza Yousaf: Co-op Boycott of Israeli Settlement Goods**—That the Parliament congratulates the Co-operative Group, one of the five largest food retailers in the UK, on ending trade with companies that export produce from Israeli settlements in the West Bank; understands that it is the first major European supermarket group to do so; notes that, under international law, these settlements, which are in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, are illegal; believes that they have a detrimental impact on the daily lives of Palestinians; understands that the

Palestinians are enduring increased violence at the hands of settlers; notes that the Co-op has stressed that this is a boycott of produce sourced from illegal Israeli settlements and not of all Israeli goods, and encourages other retailers to take similar action and boycott goods from the settlements.

Supported by: Sandra White, Dennis Robertson, Liam McArthur, Neil Findlay, Drew Smith, Jean Urquhart, Adam Ingram, Richard Lyle, John Finnie, David Torrance, Fiona McLeod, Alison Johnstone

**S4M-02790 Richard Simpson: Glasgow Warriors Wins Through**—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow Warriors Rugby Club on its win against Connacht and achieving a play-off position in the RabodirectPro12 competition and wishes the ex-Stirling County RFC and Warriors captain, Alastair Kellock, coach, Sean Lineen, and the whole team every success against Leinster in the semi-final in Dublin on 12 May.

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**S4M-02789 Graeme Dey: Scottish Fashion Awards 2012**—That the Parliament congratulates all the nominees for the 2012 Scottish Fashion Awards, the country's national showcase event to recognise the individuals and designers who, it considers, are ensuring that Scotland remains one of the most influential forces in the creative and fashion industries; makes special mention of the designer and former Carnoustie High School pupil, Samantha McEwen, whose Isolated Heroes label has been nominated in the Scottish Young Designer of the Year category and who graduated from Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh only last year; pays credit to the textile, design and other programmes in Scotland that have helped develop and inspire the careers of many who are considered the brightest and most enterprising designers in the fashion and tailoring industries; expresses the belief that Scotland has long been recognised for its unique approach and its traditions of textile and clothing design, which have included iconic brands such as Harris Tweed, and has produced individuals considered major contemporary designers, such as Patrick Grant and Christopher Kane; wishes the nominees for the 2012 awards, which will take place in Glasgow on 11 June, the best of luck in their respective categories, and considers that this year's awards ceremony will help boost Scotland's already strong profile in the fashion industry and provide inspiration for young Scottish fashion designers of the future

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**S4M-02788 Linda Fabiani: Wall Street Journal Recognises Scotland's Strength**—That the Parliament welcomes the recent article in *The Wall Street Journal's* website MarketWatch, which stated that "there is now little dispute that Scotland on its own can be a viable economy" and that "the claim that a penurious Scotland is a subsidy junkie has already been proved a myth"; believes Scotland to be a country that is rich in natural resources, big on skills and attractive to foreign investors; further believes Scotland to be a world leader in renewable energy; understands that informed opinions across the world are now backing these factors as the basis for Scottish independence, and looks forward to the future of the country being decided by the people of Scotland at the referendum in the autumn of 2014.

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**S4M-02787 Humza Yousaf: Impact Arts Nominated for Charity of the Year Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Impact Arts on being nominated for the Charity of the Year award at the 6th Annual Scottish Charity Awards; commends the work that Impact Act carries out with local communities; understands that Impact Arts, which operates as a social enterprise, uses the arts as a tool for change in order to improve people's lives; notes the work carried out by Impact Arts in Glasgow and across Scotland, including community regeneration art, the Big Bag shows for primary school children and the Craft Café for people over 50; understands that there has been unprecedented interest shown by the public in voting for their chosen charity at these awards, welcomes this engagement between charities and the public, and wishes the team at Impact Arts the best of luck in the run-up to, and at, the ceremony.

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**S4M-02786 Humza Yousaf: Deaf Awareness Week 2012**—That the Parliament celebrates Deaf Awareness Week 2012, from 7 to 13 May, an annual event that aims to raise awareness and understanding of hearing loss and deafness; welcomes the support of over 100 deaf charities for Deaf Awareness Week; recognises the important work of these charities in Scotland; notes that there are an estimated 1,012,000 people in Scotland with some degree of hearing loss; further recognises the importance of protecting and promoting British Sign Language and ensuring that the needs of the deaf and hard of hearing communities are taken into account in every area of life, and encourages all members to support the deaf community across Scotland.

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**S4M-02785 Jamie Hepburn: Croy Silver Band Wins at the Brass Band Championships 2012**—That the Parliament congratulates the Croy Silver Band on winning the Second Section of the Scottish Championships 2012; considers the Croy brass band's achievement to be outstanding; notes that, as a result, the band has received an invitation to represent its local community and Scotland at the UK championships, which will be held in Cheltenham on 22 September 2012, and wishes the band all the best in the competition.

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**S4M-02784 Mary Scanlon: Forres Mechanics, Highland League Champions**—That the Parliament congratulates Forres Mechanics on winning the 2011-12 season Highland Football League; notes that this is the second time in the club's history that it has won the league championship, following its 1986 success; praises the players, the manager, Charlie Rowley, and the board at Forres Mechanics, led by the chairman, Dr James Anderson, for their efforts throughout the season; further congratulates the Can Cans fans who have supported their club for many years and turned out in large numbers for home and away matches this season to encourage the team; considers that this will have a huge benefit for the town of Forres and local people who support their local club, and hopes for an equally exciting and competitive Highland Football League in the 2012-13 season.

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**S4M-02783 Jackie Baillie: Victory in West Dunbartonshire**—That the Parliament congratulates all of the candidates who stood for election in West Dunbartonshire on 3 May 2012; commends everyone who voted, and recognises what it considers to be the stunning victory for Labour in gaining control of West Dunbartonshire Council.

Supported by: James Kelly, Neil Findlay, Neil Bibby, Anne McTaggart, Margaret McCulloch, Drew Smith, Richard Simpson, Hanzala Malik, Patricia Ferguson, Mary Fee, Margaret McDougall

**S4M-02782 Bill Walker: Dunfermline Delivers Secures Funding for the Bruce Festival**—That the Parliament welcomes confirmation that Dunfermline Delivers has secured funding from Fife Council and EventScotland for the 2012 Bruce Festival; believes that the festival, which celebrates the history of Dunfermline and Scotland, is an important cultural event that delivers a significant economic boost to local businesses, and wishes Dunfermline Delivers every success in its attempt to achieve the record target of 20,000 visitors to the Bruce Festival 2012.

Supported by: Richard Lyle, Margaret Burgess, Mike MacKenzie, Colin Beattie\*

**S4M-02779 Margaret Mitchell: Motherwell Youth Voice**—That the Parliament recognises the ongoing work of Motherwell Youth Voice; understands that Motherwell Youth Voice, which was established in 2009 as one of six youth forums in North Lanarkshire, aims to improve the local community for the benefit of young people and improve people's perception of them; acknowledges that the group has participated in numerous local activities, including the re-design of Motherwell Library's teen section; understands that Motherwell Youth Voice organised its own awards evening, Truth About Youth, which acknowledged the involvement of young people in their local community; notes that, last year, it coordinated the event, Youth Be Heard, which brought together decision-makers from North Lanarkshire Council and young people; understands that, as a direct result of these events and the other efforts of Motherwell Youth Voice, young people in North Lanarkshire participating in the physical element of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards' scheme were given free access to North Lanarkshire's leisure facilities for one hour per week for 12 weeks; believes that Motherwell Youth Voice does excellent work representing the young people of Motherwell and building a better community for them, and wishes it all the best for the future.

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**S4M-02775 Jackie Baillie: Dystonia Awareness Week**—That the Parliament recognises Dystonia Awareness Week, from 5 to 13 May 2012; notes that dystonia is a neurological disorder characterised by uncontrollable muscle spasms caused by incorrect signals sent from the brain; understands that it affects an estimated 1 in 900 people in the UK, with 30 to 50% of cases undiagnosed due to the nature of the condition, and recognises the work of organisations such as the Dystonia Society in raising awareness, providing support to people living with dystonia and funding scientific research into the condition.

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**S4M-02775.1 Paul Wheelhouse: Dystonia Awareness Week**—As an amendment to motion S4M-02775 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Dystonia Awareness Week), insert at end "; further recognises that diagnosis takes on average 3 to 4 years according to the Dystonia Society, with many people referred erroneously to psychiatrists and physiotherapists in the first instance owing to a lack of awareness about the neurological nature of dystonia; further understands that these factors combined can make dystonia an extremely uncomfortable condition for many, which is little understood by the public and can lead to social exclusion; highlights the *British Medical Journal's* (BMJ) online module on dystonia, designed to raise awareness for GPs and other health professionals, which has been in place since October 2010 and has so far reached over 2,000 GPs across these islands, and encourages more medical practitioners to consider completing the BMJ module on dystonia."

Supported by: John Mason\*, Jean Urquhart\*, Clare Adamson\*, Fiona McLeod\*, Humza Yousaf\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Joe FitzPatrick\*, Gil Paterson\*, Roderick Campbell\*, Margaret Burgess\*, Rob Gibson\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Dennis Robertson\*, Mike MacKenzie\*, Colin Beattie\*, John Finnie\*, Adam Ingram\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Maureen Watt\*, Sandra White\*

**S4M-02321# Paul Wheelhouse: Addressing Alcohol Abuse among Scotland's Armed Forces**—That the Parliament recognises the work of veterans in Scotland and the sacrifices that they have made during their time in the armed forces; understands that there is a reportedly high level of substance misuse, particularly involving alcohol, among not only veterans, but also serving personnel; expresses concern at what it sees as the limited action that has been taken to support those with such problems; notes that the organisation, Combat Stress, has argued that many addiction problems are linked to self-medication for mental health problems; understands that research by Poppyscotland suggests that veterans in Scotland are more likely to experience alcohol misuse and homelessness than those from the rest of the UK; notes that 13% of serving personnel who responded to a King's College Centre for Military Health research study said that alcohol misuse was a problem for them and that 26% of these respondents were under 25; further notes the evaluation of the Gateways for Veterans pilot scheme in Inverclyde, which claimed that "vulnerable veterans in Scotland may be at particular risk of abusing alcohol due to the exacerbating factor of a culture of drinking in Scotland"; supports the Inverclyde initiative and other similar work, including that carried out by Veterans Scotland, its member organisations and other groups that provide support for veterans on matters such as substance abuse, homelessness and employment opportunities and in tackling the drinking culture that it believes exists in the armed forces; recognises the work of organisations such as the NHS that aim to provide the necessary support to armed services personnel who leave the forces with a substance misuse problem, and notes the calls from veterans' organisations to the Ministry of Defence to provide greater welfare support to veterans and serving armed forces personnel to significantly reduce the incidence of alcohol abuse and its subsequent impact on the lives of veterans once they have completed their service.



**S4M-02253# Christine Grahame: Commemorating James Graham, Marquis of Montrose and Member of the First Scots Parliament**—That the Parliament notes that 2012 is the 400th anniversary of the birth of James Graham, fifth Earl and first Marquis of Montrose, considered to be one of Scotland’s finest battlefield commanders, poet and political thinker, and, as a member of the first Scottish Parliament from 1636 until 1641, he was a commissioner on the Committee of Estates, which acted to some extent as a committee of public safety, and became the formal opposition to the king; notes that there will be a service of commemoration at St Giles Cathedral on 21 May where his embalmed heart and bones are interred; considers that this important period of 17th century Scotland is little known and little taught despite its relevance to the current constitutional debate in Scotland, and believes that it is further evidence that Scots should be more aware of their own distinct history as the constitutional present and the future are the progeny of the past.

**S4M-01763# Alex Fergusson: A Road to Health**—That the Parliament commends the Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector Forum for its participation in the Parliament’s Third Community Partnerships Project and the report on its public consultation entitled *Road to Health*, which has identified a number of issues relating to the transport of older people to and from hospital and clinical appointments; notes that the forum’s conclusions highlight a belief that there is a need for NHS boards and local authorities to work together to maximise the effectiveness of transport for older patients and their carers attending hospital appointments and day care centres, and that adequate transport provision in remote and rural areas is vital for the health and wellbeing of older citizens; further notes the findings of the report that different regions of Scotland have different approaches to this issue, and believes that there is a need to develop a national strategy with best practice guidelines for the adequate provision of such transport to address the issues highlighted in *Road to Health* as soon as is practicable.

#### **Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support**

**S4M-02836 Inspiring Encounters** (lodged on 10 May 2012 ) Mike MacKenzie\*, Jim Eadie\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Hugh Henry\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Fiona McLeod\*, Joe FitzPatrick\*, Margaret Burgess\*, Angus MacDonald\*, Mark McDonald\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Rob Gibson\*, Jim Hume\*, Richard Lyle\*, Maureen Watt\*, Nigel Don\*, Anne McTaggart\*, Adam Ingram\*, Dennis Robertson\*, Bill Kidd\*, Hanzala Malik\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Humza Yousaf\*

**S4M-02776 Workers Memorial Day Tribute in West Dunbartonshire** (lodged on 03 May 2012) James Kelly, Iain Gray, Hanzala Malik, Neil Findlay, Neil Bibby, Anne McTaggart, Drew Smith, Richard Simpson, Patricia Ferguson, Mary Fee, Richard Lyle, Elaine Murray, Mike MacKenzie, Siobhan McMahon, David Stewart, Margaret McCulloch, Fiona McLeod, Jamie Hepburn, Gil Paterson, Sandra White\*, Sarah Boyack\*

**S4M-02774 Luss Minister Crowned Citizen of the Year** (lodged on 03 May 2012) Hanzala Malik, James Kelly, Kenneth Gibson, Dennis Robertson, Anne McTaggart, Patricia Ferguson, Colin Beattie, Bob Doris, Mary Fee, Kevin Stewart, Richard Lyle, Mike MacKenzie, David Torrance, David Stewart, Margaret McCulloch, Jamie Hepburn, Gil Paterson, Mark McDonald\*

**S4M-02773 Glamis Castle and Arbroath Abbey Have States' Appeal** (lodged on 02 May 2012) Joan McAlpine, Kevin Stewart, Humza Yousaf, Paul Wheelhouse, Jamie Hepburn, David Torrance, Joe FitzPatrick

**S4M-02772 FairFuelUK Campaign** (lodged on 02 May 2012) John Finnie, Kevin Stewart, Humza Yousaf, Stuart McMillan, Paul Wheelhouse, David Torrance, Jamie Hepburn, Colin Keir\*, Sandra White\*

**S4M-02771 Acquired Brain Injury Week and the ABI Café** (lodged on 02 May 2012) Bill Kidd, Kevin Stewart, Humza Yousaf, Paul Wheelhouse, David Torrance, Jamie Hepburn, Jackson Carlaw, Gil Paterson, Joe FitzPatrick, Mark McDonald\*, Annabel Goldie\*, Colin Keir\*, Sandra White\*

**S4M-02770 Congratulating the 2nd Port Glasgow Boys' Brigade Band** (lodged on 02 May 2012) Kevin Stewart, Humza Yousaf, Jamie Hepburn, David Torrance

**S4M-02769 Scottish Baker of the Year Competition** (lodged on 02 May 2012) Roderick Campbell, Kevin Stewart, Richard Simpson, David Stewart, Jamie Hepburn, David Torrance, Mark McDonald\*, Sarah Boyack\*

**S4M-02768 Staff Cuts at the School of Textiles and Design** (lodged on 02 May 2012) David Stewart, Jim Hume, Jenny Marra, Anne McTaggart, Patricia Ferguson, Helen Eadie, Jackie Baillie, John Pentland, Margaret McDougall, Christine Grahame, Iain Gray\*, Paul Wheelhouse\*, Hugh Henry\*, Richard Simpson\*, Elaine Murray\*, Claire Baker\*, Neil Findlay\*, Drew Smith\*, Fiona McLeod\*, Sarah Boyack\*

**S4M-02767 Lloyds TSB Scotland Senior Boys Shield** (lodged on 02 May 2012) Kevin Stewart, David Torrance, David Stewart, Jamie Hepburn

**S4M-02766 Show Racism the Red Card's Campaign Film Premiere** (lodged on 02 May 2012) Kevin Stewart, Fiona McLeod, Humza Yousaf, Hugh Henry, Neil Findlay, Richard Simpson, David Torrance, David Stewart, Jamie Hepburn, Gil Paterson, Sandra White\*, Mark McDonald\*, Sarah Boyack\*

**S4M-02765 Healthy Valleys Wins IMPACT Award** (lodged on 02 May 2012) Stuart McMillan, Kevin Stewart, Humza Yousaf, Paul Wheelhouse, Jamie Hepburn, David Torrance, Mark McDonald\*

**S4M-02764 Congratulations to Pedal on Parliament** (lodged on 02 May 2012) Claudia Beamish, Neil Findlay, Marco Biagi, Richard Simpson, Siobhan McMahan, David Torrance, David Stewart, Margaret McCulloch, Alison Johnstone

**S4M-02763 Credit Unions of Glasgow Strategy Group Continued Success** (lodged on 02 May 2012) Kevin Stewart, David Stewart, Jamie Hepburn, Sarah Boyack\*

**S4M-02762 Dunfermline Vets on a Mission to Malawi** (lodged on 02 May 2012) Claudia Beamish, Fiona McLeod, Kevin Stewart, Neil Findlay, Richard Simpson, Paul Wheelhouse, David Stewart, Jamie Hepburn, Mark McDonald\*, Sarah Boyack\*

**S4M-02761 Sideline Bad Behaviour** (lodged on 02 May 2012) Hanzala Malik, John Finnie, Bob Doris, Margaret Burgess, Fiona McLeod, Neil Findlay, Elaine Smith, Elaine Murray, Graeme Dey, Richard Simpson, Patricia Ferguson, David Torrance, David Stewart, Jamie Hepburn, Gil Paterson, Alison Johnstone, Sarah Boyack, Drew Smith\*

**S4M-02760 The Beautiful Barony Centre Opens** (lodged on 02 May 2012) Fiona McLeod, Kevin Stewart, Humza Yousaf, Aileen McLeod, Paul Wheelhouse, David Torrance, Jamie Hepburn, Mark McDonald\*

**S4M-02759 NHS Lanarkshire Awarded Carbon Trust Standard Certification** (lodged on 02 May 2012) Joan McAlpine, Stuart McMillan, Bob Doris, Kevin Stewart, Humza Yousaf, Paul Wheelhouse, Jamie Hepburn, David Torrance, Mark McDonald\*

**S4M-02758 Mary Ann Kennedy's Global Gathering** (lodged on 01 May 2012) Fiona McLeod, Kevin Stewart, Rob Gibson, Neil Findlay, David Stewart, Mark McDonald\*, Sarah Boyack\*

**S4M-02753 Carbon Trust Standard Certification for NHS Lanarkshire** (lodged on 01 May 2012) David Stewart, David Torrance, Gil Paterson

**S4M-02752 Funds for the Youth Project** (lodged on 01 May 2012) Fiona McLeod, Humza Yousaf, David Torrance, Mark McDonald\*

**S4M-02751 Walks Worker for Changes, East Lothian** (lodged on 01 May 2012) Humza Yousaf, Paul Wheelhouse, David Torrance

**S4M-02750 Congratulations to Mayfield and Easthouses Youth 2000 Project** (lodged on 01 May 2012) Stuart McMillan, Humza Yousaf, David Torrance

**S4M-02749 Congratulations to Bonnyrigg & Lasswade Seniors Forum** (lodged on 01 May 2012) Humza Yousaf, David Torrance

**S4M-02748 VAT on Historic Buildings** (lodged on 02 May 2012) Neil Findlay, David Stewart, Richard Simpson\*, Sarah Boyack\*

**S4M-02747 Angus and North East Creating Talent Pool for the Future** (lodged on 01 May 2012) Humza Yousaf, David Torrance, Gil Paterson

**S4M-02746 Congratulations to Shetland's Young Fiddler of the Year** (lodged on 01 May 2012) David Stewart, David Torrance, Gil Paterson, Mark McDonald\*, Sarah Boyack\*

**S4M-02745 Newtyle's Community Champions** (lodged on 01 May 2012) Humza Yousaf, David Torrance, Gil Paterson

**S4M-02743 Clyde Valley High Fundraising for Lanarkshire Cancer Care** (lodged on 01 May 2012) Claudia Beamish, Neil Findlay, Siobhan McMahon, David Torrance, Gil Paterson

**S4M-02742 End2End** (lodged on 01 May 2012) David Stewart, David Torrance

**S4M-02739 Tragic Death of Khalil Dale** (lodged on 01 May 2012) Claudia Beamish, Richard Simpson, David Stewart, David Torrance, Gil Paterson, Margaret McDougall

**S4M-02737 Congratulations to Castle Precision Engineering Systems** (lodged on 30 April 2012) David Torrance, Gil Paterson

**S4M-02736 Congratulations to Grangemouth's Young Portonian Theatre Company** (lodged on 01 May 2012) Kevin Stewart, Paul Wheelhouse, David Torrance, Mark McDonald\*

**S4M-02735 Congratulations to Winners of Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland Funding** (lodged on 30 April 2012) David Torrance

**S4M-02733.1 Clydesdale Bank Job Losses** (lodged on 30 April 2012) Humza Yousaf, David Torrance, Gil Paterson

**S4M-02732 Scottish Charity Awards 2012 Nominations** (lodged on 30 April 2012) Bill Walker, Hanzala Malik, Patricia Ferguson, Dennis Robertson, Richard Simpson, Margaret Burgess, Anne McTaggart, Richard Lyle, Kenneth Gibson, Margaret McCulloch, Kezia Dugdale, Alison Johnstone, Sarah Boyack, Mike MacKenzie, Angus MacDonald, Colin Beattie, Fiona McLeod, Jackie Baillie, David Torrance, Joe FitzPatrick, Gil Paterson, Margaret McDougall, Hugh Henry\*, Jean Urquhart\*, Elaine Murray\*

**S4M-02731 From Hollywood to North Berwick** (lodged on 30 April 2012) David Torrance

**S4M-02730 World Asthma Day** (lodged on 30 April 2012) David Torrance, Alison Johnstone, Annabel Goldie\*

**S4M-02729 Stonewall Scotland Gay and Bisexual Men's Health Survey** (lodged on 30 April 2012) Elaine Murray, Richard Simpson, Sarah Boyack\*

**S4M-02728 Murdochs not Fit and Proper People to Run BSKyB** (lodged on 27 April 2012) Sarah Boyack\*

**S4M-02727 Get on Your Bike to Raise Awareness for Dementia** (lodged on 27 April 2012) Richard Simpson

**S4M-02726 FOCUS Scotland Promotes Volunteers' Week** (lodged on 27 April 2012) Richard Simpson, David Torrance

**S4M-02724 International ME Awareness Month** (lodged on 27 April 2012) Richard Simpson, Annabel Goldie\*

**S4M-02723 Carnoustie's Musical History-makers** (lodged on 27 April 2012) Sandra White, David Torrance

**S4M-02722 West End Festival** (lodged on 27 April 2012) David Torrance\*, Maureen Watt\*

**S4M-02721 St Peter's RC School** (lodged on 27 April 2012) Sandra White, David Torrance

**S4M-02720 East End Development with the 2014 Commonwealth Games** (lodged on 26 April 2012) David Torrance

**S4M-02719 DAVI** (lodged on 26 April 2012) Rob Gibson, Fiona McLeod, Sarah Boyack, Claudia Beamish\*, Drew Smith\*

**S4M-02718 Alcohol Consumption and Cancer** (lodged on 26 April 2012) Jackson Carlaw, David Torrance, Annabel Goldie\*

**S4M-02717 Cycling through the Borders** (lodged on 26 April 2012) David Torrance

**S4M-02716 Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week 2012** (lodged on 26 April 2012) John Finnie, Jackson Carlaw, Annabel Goldie\*

**S4M-02715 Online Bullying, Don't Play The Game** (lodged on 26 April 2012) John Finnie, Richard Simpson

**S4M-02713 The Return of the STV Appeal** (lodged on 26 April 2012) David Torrance

**S4M-02710 Increased BT Investment in Scotland's Broadband Infrastructure** (lodged on 26 April 2012) Richard Simpson, Maureen Watt\*

**S4M-02707 Congratulations to Pupils of St Margaret's High School on their Fundraising for Malawi** (lodged on 26 April 2012) Maureen Watt\*

**S4M-02706 Coalfields Regeneration Trust** (lodged on 26 April 2012) Richard Simpson, Claudia Beamish\*

**S4M-02704 SMC Rejection of Prostate Cancer Drug, Abiraterone** (lodged on 25 April 2012) Alison McInnes, Murdo Fraser\*, Liam McArthur\*, Michael McMahon\*, Jamie McGrigor\*, Elaine Murray\*, Drew Smith\*

**S4M-02703 Humankind Index** (lodged on 25 April 2012) Richard Simpson, Alison Johnstone

**S4M-02702 Take-up of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit** (lodged on 25 April 2012) John Finnie, John Park\*, Richard Simpson\*

**S4M-02695 National Allergy Week, 23 to 29 April 2012** (lodged on 24 April 2012) Richard Simpson

**S4M-02694 Cuts to the Social Care Sector** (lodged on 24 April 2012) Richard Simpson

**S4M-02686 Spinal Injuries Scotland Webcast** (lodged on 24 April 2012) Richard Simpson\*

**S4M-02685 Dr Alexander Thomson, Rutherglen Old Parish Church** (lodged on 24 April 2012) Kevin Stewart, Neil Findlay, Elaine Murray, David Torrance

**S4M-02683 Helensburgh Tennis Player Selected for GB World Cup Team** (lodged on 23 April 2012) David Torrance

**S4M-02679 Welcoming Creative Skillset** (lodged on 24 April 2012) Maureen Watt\*

**S4M-02677 The Third Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Conference** (lodged on 23 April 2012) Linda Fabiani, Maureen Watt\*

**S4M-02672 Photonics Research** (lodged on 20 April 2012) Linda Fabiani

**S4M-02670 Black Watch Homecoming Parades** (lodged on 20 April 2012) Linda Fabiani

**S4M-02669 Scottish Scouting's Continued Success** (lodged on 20 April 2012) Linda Fabiani, Maureen Watt\*

**S4M-02668 Moving Toward a Smoke-free Ayrshire and Arran** (lodged on 20 April 2012) Maureen Watt\*

**S4M-02667 Plain Packaging of Tobacco Review of Evidence** (lodged on 20 April 2012) Alison Johnstone, David Torrance

**S4M-02666 Cystic Fibrosis Week** (lodged on 20 April 2012) David Torrance, Maureen Watt\*

**S4M-02665 Depression Awareness Week** (lodged on 20 April 2012) Maureen Watt\*

**S4M-02664 Orchid Male Cancer Awareness Week 2012** (lodged on 20 April 2012) Maureen Watt\*

**S4M-02662 Art Fund Prize 2012** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Linda Fabiani, Clare Adamson\*

**S4M-02661 Crime Falls in Strathclyde** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Clare Adamson\*

**S4M-02657 Pedal on Parliament Action on Cycling** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Joe FitzPatrick, David McLetchie\*

**S4M-02654 Scotland's First Women's Sevens Rugby Squad** (lodged on 19 April 2012) David Torrance

**S4M-02653 Social Media for Social Good** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Linda Fabiani, Richard Simpson\*

**S4M-02651 Parkinson's Awareness Week** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Linda Fabiani

**S4M-02648 Time-limiting of Contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Linda Fabiani

**S4M-02647 Ensure Scotland's Schools Sound Good** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Alison Johnstone, Graeme Pearson, Mark Griffin, Patricia Ferguson, Neil Bibby, Mary Fee\*, Kezia Dugdale\*, Elaine Murray\*, Claire Baker\*, Hanzala Malik\*, Richard Simpson\*, Margaret McCulloch\*

**S4M-02646 Celebrating Scotland's Heritage** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Clare Adamson\*

**S4M-02645 Hugh Murray, St Mirren Legend, Leaves after 15 Years' Service** (lodged on 18 April 2012) John Finnie

**S4M-02644 Report of the Commission on Women Offenders** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Linda Fabiani

**S4M-02642 Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Linda Fabiani

**S4M-02640 UK Border Agency** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Linda Fabiani, Clare Adamson\*

**S4M-02634 Concern at Evictions in Glasgow** (lodged on 17 April 2012) Linda Fabiani

**S4M-02628 Family Support for Recovering Addicts** (lodged on 19 April 2012) John Finnie, Drew Smith\*

**S4M-02621 Concern over Charitable Donations** (lodged on 16 April 2012) Linda Fabiani

**S4M-02590 International Workers' Memorial Day, Mourn the Dead and Fight for the Living** (lodged on 10 April 2012) Alison Johnstone

**S4M-02583 LAMH Recycle Ltd** (lodged on 10 April 2012) Alison Johnstone

**S4M-02573 Beyond the Frame** (lodged on 04 April 2012) Claudia Beamish, John Pentland\*

**S4M-02519 SYP Policy on Eating Disorder Awareness** (lodged on 27 March 2012) Alison Johnstone

**S4M-02517 Scottish Hazards and FACK Visit to Parliament** (lodged on 27 March 2012) Alison Johnstone

**S4M-02485 Glasgow Epilepsy Genetics Service** (lodged on 26 March 2012) Fiona McLeod

**S4M-02436 Fairtrade Fortnight Success** (lodged on 21 March 2012) John Finnie

**S4M-02085 Congratulations to East Kilbride YM Amateur Football Club** (lodged on 22 February 2012) Jim Eadie\*

**S4M-02016 Centenary of the Dewar Report** (lodged on 12 March 2012) Richard Simpson

**S4M-02015 Congratulating Revive MS on its 28th Anniversary** (lodged on 10 February 2012) Alison Johnstone

**S4M-01948 Central Scotland Road Safety Partnership's Safe Drive Stay Alive Initiative** (lodged on 06 February 2012) Alison Johnstone

**S4M-01945 Housing Associations** (lodged on 06 February 2012) Alison Johnstone

**S4M-01937 Celebrating Fife's Outdoor Education Centre** (lodged on 06 February 2012) Alison Johnstone





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### **Section H – New Documents**

#### **Subordinate Legislation**

##### **Affirmative instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 11 May 2012 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Office or Body as Specified Authority) Order 2012 [draft]  
laid under section 18(4) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

##### **Laid only instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 11 May 2012 and is not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Actions for removing from heritable property) 2012  
(SSI 2012/136)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

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### **Section J – Progress of Legislation**

**For further information on the progress of Bills and subordinate legislation, contact either the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for details).**

#### **Bills in Progress**

**A list of all bills in progress can be accessed by the Scottish Parliament website at:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Agricultural Holdings (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (Ex)**

Stage 2 completed

9 May

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

*([Legislation\\_Team@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk))*

<b>Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill (Ex)</b>	
Subordinate Legislation Committee	15 May
Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament)	24 May
<i>All amendments should be lodged by 4.30 pm on Friday 18 May with the clerks in the Legislation Team (Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk)</i>	
<b>Criminal Cases (Punishment and Review) (Scotland) Bill (Ex)</b>	
Stage 2 (Justice Committee)	15 May
<b>Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill (Ex)</b>	
Stage 2 completed	2 May
<i>Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk)</i>	
<b>Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill (Ex)</b>	
Stage 1 (evidence, Subordinate Legislation Committee)	15 May
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government and Regeneration Committee))	16 May
<b>Long Leases (Scotland) Bill (Ex)</b>	
Stage 2 (Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee)	16 May
<i>All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 11 May with the clerks in the Legislation Team (Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk)</i>	
<b>National Library of Scotland Bill (Ex)</b>	
Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament)	16 May
<b>Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill (Ex)</b>	
Stage 1 completed	10 May
<i>Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk)</i>	
<b>Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Bill (Ex)</b>	
Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice))	15 May
<b>Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill (Ex)</b>	
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health and Sport))	15 May
Stage 1 (evidence, Subordinate Legislation Committee)	15 May
<b>Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill (Ex)</b>	
Stage 1 (lead committee (Welfare Reform))	15 May

**Subordinate legislation in progress**  
*(date of laying)* **(Lead Committee)**

**Instrument subject to approval**

Instrument subject to approval by 4 June 2012

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Dalgety Bay) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/135) (9 May 2012) **(Health and Sport)**

**Affirmative instruments**

Lead committee to report by 15 May 2012

Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft] (21 March 2012) **(Equal Opportunities)**

Lead committee to report by 3 June 2012

Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 [draft] (25 April 2012) **(Finance)**

Lead committee to report by 8 June 2012

Property Factors (Code of Conduct) (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft] (30 April 2012) **(Infrastructure and Capital Investment)**

Lead committee to report by 19 June 2012

Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Office or Body as Specified Authority) Order 2012 [draft] (11 May 2012) **(Justice)**

**Negative Instruments**

*Members should note that the deadline for the lead committee to report by is an administrative deadline. Lead committees normally report on negative instruments only after considering a motion recommending annulment of the instrument. Where Members have queries in relation to this deadline, they should contact the clerks to the Subordinate Legislation Committee.*

Subject to annulment by 16 May 2012  
Lead committee to report by 7 May 2012

Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement No. 4,  
Transitional and Savings Provisions) Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/99)  
(22 March 2012) **(Education and Culture)**

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment)  
2012 (SSI 2012/101) (22 March 2012) **(Justice)**

Subject to annulment by 24 May 2012  
Lead committee to report by 14 May 2012

Firemen's Pension Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI  
2012/106) (30 March 2012) **(Local Government and Regeneration)**

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 (SSI  
2012/107) (30 March 2012) **(Local Government and Regeneration)**

Public Contracts and Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations  
2012 (SSI 2012/108) (30 March 2012) **(Infrastructure and Capital  
Investment)**

Subject to annulment by 29 May 2012  
Lead committee to report by 21 May 2012

Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (National Parks) (Consequential Provisions)  
Order 2012 (SSI 2012/117) (20 April 2012) **(Local Government and  
Regeneration)**

Bankruptcy Fees etc. (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/118) (20 April  
2012) **(Justice)**

Subject to annulment by 1 June 2012  
Lead committee to report by 28 May 2012

Food Additives (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/119) (23  
April 2012) **(Health and Sport)**

Subject to annulment by 3 June 2012  
Lead committee to report by 28 May 2012

Snares (Training) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/124) (25 April 2012)  
**(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

Subject to annulment by 5 June 2012  
Lead committee to report by 28 May 2012

Education (Provision of Information as to Schools) (Scotland) Revocation  
Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/129) (27 April 2012) **(Education and Culture)**

Education (School and Placing Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/130) (27 April 2012) **(Education and Culture)**

Subject to annulment by 8 June 2012  
Lead committee to report by 4 June 2012

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Fish Farming) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/131) (30 April 2012) **(Local Government and Regeneration)**

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland (Practice and Procedure) (No. 2) Amendment Rules 2012 (SSI 2012/132) (30 April 2012) **(Health and Sport)**

### **Other documents**

Lead committee to report by 11 June 2012

Public Services Reform (Planning) (Pre-application consultation) (Scotland) Order 2012 and proposed Explanatory Document (SG 2012/52) [draft] (28 March 2012) **(Local Government and Regeneration)**

Public Services Reform (Planning) (Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Order 2012 and proposed Explanatory Document (SG 2012/53) [draft] (28 March 2012) **(Local Government and Regeneration)**

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