

Thursday 2 April 2015

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

Communities

Johann Lamont (Glasgow Pollok) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government when it last met Glasgow City Council and what issues were discussed.

(S4O-04211)

Marco Biagi: The Scottish Government last met with Glasgow City Council on 9 March 2015, when the First Minister discussed growing the economy, eliminating poverty, relationships with local government and educational attainment.

Clare Adamson (Central Scotland) (Scottish National Party): To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of how increasing the work allowance for universal credit will impact on (a) the income of working households in the lower end of the income distribution scale and (b) incentives to work for claimants in Scotland.

(S4W-24955)

Margaret Burgess: Increasing the work allowances for universal credit would provide targeted support to low income households. This would allow households to retain more of their income as they enter work or increase their earnings and can therefore improve incentives to work. The benefits of increasing the work allowances accrue largely to working households in the bottom half of the income distribution.

Universal credit and the power to change the work allowances remain reserved matters for the UK Government.

Elaine Murray (Dumfriesshire) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government what action owner occupiers can take when they are dissatisfied by the factoring service provided by a registered social landlord that owns properties in the block or area concerned.

(S4W-25061)

Margaret Burgess: The Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 provides protections for homeowners who use the services of any property factor, including a property factor which is a registered social landlord.

Homeowners who are unhappy about the service provided by their property factor should, in the first instance, raise the matter with the factor directly and follow the factor's own internal complaints procedure. If the homeowner remains dissatisfied, they can apply to have their case considered by the Homeowner Housing Panel, which can issue legally-binding enforcement orders.

Enterprise and Environment

Jackie Baillie (Dumbarton) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government on what date it will publish a revised oil and gas bulletin.

(S4W-25018)

Fergus Ewing: The Budget 2015 represented an admission by the chancellor that his policy for the North Sea has been wrong and that the poor stewardship by successive UK governments has had a detrimental impact on our oil and gas sector. The measures announced by the chancellor are a step in the right direction for our oil and gas sector and reflect the types of reforms that both the Scottish Government and the industry, have been demanding for a number of years.

As yet the full impact of the March 2015 Budget measures is not clear, for example the Finance Bill 2015 permits the Treasury broaden the scope of the Investment Allowance by introducing subsequent regulations. I sought clarity from the UK Government on this matter when attending the Oil & Gas Council on 24 March 2015.

The Scottish Government will analyse the fiscal changes that the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced in the Budget, in collaboration with stakeholders in the industry, and assess the impact

that the reforms will have on future investment and production, and in turn tax revenues. When this analysis is complete we will publish an updated oil and gas Analytical Bulletin, as soon as is feasible.

Health and Social Care

Mark Griffin (Central Scotland) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport last met NHS Lanarkshire and what was discussed.

(S4O-04212)

Shona Robison: Ministers and government officials regularly meet with representatives of all NHS boards, including NHS Lanarkshire, to discuss matters of importance to local people.

Jim Hume (South Scotland) (Scottish Liberal Democrats): To ask the Scottish Government how much it would cost to extend free personal care to people under 65 who have Alzheimer's or dementia.

(S4W-24753)

Shona Robison: Data is not currently available to accurately estimate how much it would cost to extend free personal care to people who have Alzheimer's disease or dementia and are aged under 65.

Linda Fabiani (East Kilbride) (Scottish National Party): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-10978 by Aileen Campbell on 25 January 2013, whether it has established the position regarding the involvement of NHS personnel in work with families and children who have been held at the Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre since 1 May 2010, and, if so, whether personnel have been involved; on how many occasions, and on what dates.

Holding answer issued: 1 April 2015

(S4W-24963)

Shona Robison: This is a reserved matter by the UK Government and therefore the Scottish Government does not hold this information. Officials have been in contact with NHS Lanarkshire who have been unable to provide any advice on their involvement.

The Scottish Government remains opposed to detaining any children of asylum seekers; detention of children in an asylum context is unnecessary and disproportionate. It is a breach of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and should not be happening in the UK.

The Scottish Government will continue to reaffirm this position at every available opportunity.

Jackson Carlaw (West Scotland) (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party): To ask the Scottish Government how many medical emergencies Community First Responders have responded to in each year since their introduction, broken down by NHS board area.

(S4W-25010)

Shona Robison: The Scottish Ambulance Service has provided information relating to Community First Responder activity back to 2006:

NHS Health Board Territory	Community First Responder Scheme Activity									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	TOTAL
Ayrshire and Arran	130	166	114	82	147	191	442	607	638	2517
Borders	0	38	94	129	102	68	92	128	174	825
Dumfries and Galloway	29	37	56	87	48	55	89	194	396	991
Fife	3	47	390	131	209	262	223	159	284	1708
Forth Valley	290	308	316	362	483	388	237	244	235	2863
Grampian	1247	1763	1660	924	1015	627	694	678	941	9549
Greater Glasgow	0	4	8	37	75	85	232	280	458	1179

NHS Health Board Territory	Community First Responder Scheme Activity									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	TOTAL
and Clyde										
Highland	57	269	434	410	468	569	530	525	741	4003
Lanarkshire	1	0	2	70	362	287	190	179	181	1272
Lothian	169	307	555	670	489	539	698	683	551	4661
Orkney	0	0	7	19	83	72	72	52	33	338
Shetland	0	3	2	19	20	33	25	29	9	140
Tayside	0	70	303	328	1045	169	366	457	269	3007
Western Isles	16	50	89	148	129	112	95	71	70	780
No Health Board Specified	25	46	64	57	74	94	82	97	151	690
TOTAL	1967	3108	4094	3473	4749	3551	4067	4383	5131	34523

Jackson Carlaw (West Scotland) (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party): To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the Scottish Ambulance Service's decision to restructure its Community Resilience Department due to a lack of funding.

(S4W-25013)

Shona Robison: The Scottish Ambulance Service work in partnership with a number of public and voluntary organisations including the British Heart Foundation who contribute towards service delivery costs in delivery community resilience related functions and services including. The service are currently reviewing how their core funding from the Scottish Government can achieve best value and are approaching voluntary organisations with a view to enabling partnership working with funding contributions towards community related services.

The Scottish Government has agreed the *Local Delivery Plan for the Scottish Ambulance Service for 2015-16* which sets out workstreams to enable continued partner working towards strengthening community resilience. This is echoed in the *Scottish Ambulance Service Strategy - Towards 2020 Taking Care to the Patient*.

Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-24780 by Shona Robison on 19 March 2015, what the (a) highest and (b) lowest number of bed occupancies was at Ospadal Uibhist agus Bharraigh [Uist and Barra Hospital] in Benbecula in each week in 2014.

(S4W-25026)

Shona Robison: Information on weekly occupied beds and occupancy rates is not held centrally. Monthly information is available and the following table shows average number of occupied beds for Uist and Barra Hospital, NHS Highland between January and September 2014.

Occupied beds for Uist and Barra Hospital, by month:

	January 2014	February 2014	March 2014	April 2014	May 2014	June 2014	July 2014	August 2014	September 2014
Average Occupied Beds	16.4	21.6	16.9	13.6	15.6	13.4	12.8	12.4	10.7

Source: Information Services Division Scotland, ISD(S)1

Nanette Milne (North East Scotland) (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party): To ask the Scottish Government how many rheumatology nurse specialists there are, broken down by NHS board; whether it considers the provision to be adequate, and for what reason.

(S4W-25068)

Shona Robison: Information on the number of rheumatology clinical nurse specialists in each NHS board as at 30 September 2014 is shown in Table 1.

It is the responsibility of each individual NHS board to ensure they have the right person in place at the right time to ensure they can provide safe, effective and high quality care for their patients.

Due to the multidisciplinary nature of the role, a nurse may work in more than one specialty; however only one specialist area is recorded for each nurse. The figures shown do not include those who spend part of their time working in rheumatology but have been recorded against another specialty. Care provided is also multidisciplinary, involving nursing, medical and allied health professional skills, knowledge and awareness. For those reasons, patients in boards without specialist nurse provision indicated are fully able to access high quality rheumatology services.

Table 1: Rheumatology clinical nurse specialist staff in post as at 30 September 2014:

	Whole time equivalent
Scotland	29.6
NHS Ayrshire and Arran	2.0
NHS Borders	0.6
NHS Dumfries and Galloway	0.6
NHS Fife	-
NHS Forth Valley	-
NHS Grampian	-
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	17.3
NHS Highland	2.0
NHS Lanarkshire	2.0
NHS Lothian	2.9
NHS Orkney	-
NHS Shetland	-
NHS Tayside	1.9
NHS Western Isles	0.2

Source: Scottish Workforce Information standard System (SWISS); Information Services Division Scotland.

Learning and Justice

Neil Findlay (Lothian) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government what action it plans to take as a result of the report by Sheriff Principal Bowen, Consumer Protections in Conveyancing Cases.

(S4O-04213)

Paul Wheelhouse: The Scottish Government is aware of the issues raised by Sheriff Principal Bowen's report. I am in regular contact with the Law Society of Scotland as these issues have been the subject of discussion with the Law Society and, separately, with the Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism, given his portfolio responsibilities for the registries of Scotland to seek their views on how they intend to take forward the recommendations, while contact has also been made with Homes of Scotland on this issue, with a view to addressing the concerns regarding protection for home buyers in conveyancing law.

Tavish Scott (Shetland Islands) (Scottish Liberal Democrats): To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has reduced funding for the curriculum for excellence-aligned digital resource for primary schools, Tigtag, and, in light of (a) the resource being (i) reportedly the most used in the Glow network and (ii) used in over 70 other countries that compete with Scotland for improved Programme for International Assessment (PISA) scores to assist toward establishing high-value science and technology jobs and (b) its investment in promoting the re-launch of the Glow network, whether it considers that this is consistent with the aspiration set out in its programme for government to *continue to support improvement in the learning and teaching of science, technology, engineering and mathematics in schools, with a particular focus on primary schools*, and what the reasons are for its position on this matter.

(S4W-24986)

Alasdair Allan: We are committed to supporting primary science as laid out in the Programme for Government, this includes ensuring the delivery of best value across Scotland. We are working with Education Scotland to improve the learning and teaching of science in primary schools in a number of

ways, Education Scotland has dedicated staff supporting this area. A range of local and national face-to-face events have taken place. New content has been published to a dedicated STEM central website and the monthly STEM e bulletin now has 2400 subscribers. Other elements of the Glow network have been used to deliver online science learning events to schools across the country and a primary science teachers' collaborative network has also been established.

In addition, the Scottish Schools Education Research Centre (SSERC), with support from the Scottish Government, has established a successful primary science cluster programme which has now trained primary science mentors in 16 local authorities. We are continuing to support SSERC to consolidate the progress that has been made and to expand it out to other local authority areas. The science space on Glow is growing. Education Scotland officials are in discussion with the company who provide the 'Tig-Tag' resource to explore ways in which schools and local authorities who have been using this service can continue to do so when the current contract ends in June 2015.

Neil Findlay (Lothian) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government what safety impact assessment it has conducted of merging the British Transport Police with Police Scotland and whether it will publish the details.

(S4W-24997)

Michael Matheson: The Scottish Government will continue to engage with all key stakeholders throughout 2015 on proposals to shape the integration of the function of BTP in Scotland within Police Scotland. This will include the British Transport Police (BTP), the BTP Federation, other staff associations and unions, and the rail regulator on how this can be most effectively achieved within our national Police Service.

The good work of BTP officers is valued by the Scottish Government and the people of Scotland. It is essential that these skills are maintained and protected for the continued safety and security of the rail network and its passengers

Neil Findlay (Lothian) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to consult on its plans for policing of the rail network from 2016.

(S4W-24998)

Michael Matheson: Police Scotland is responsible for policing in Scotland and it is an anomaly that policing of the railway is out with the jurisdiction of our national Chief Constable. Integration of the British Transport Police (BTP) within Police Scotland will ensure the most efficient and effective delivery of all policing in Scotland and will ensure accountability for the safety and security of our rail network is directed through the Scottish Police Authority and the Scottish Parliament.

The Scottish Government will continue to engage throughout 2015 with all key stakeholders to shape the future model of rail policing within Police Scotland and to ensure that our railways continue to enjoy excellent policing.

The good work of BTP officers and staff in Scotland is valued by the Scottish Government and the people of Scotland, and protecting and maintaining their specialist skills and knowledge will be a priority.

Neil Findlay (Lothian) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the number of British Transport Police officers working on the Scottish rail network.

(S4W-24999)

Michael Matheson: British Transport Police advise that there are currently 223 police officers and 50 support staff working for British Transport Police on the Scottish rail network.

Sarah Boyack (Lothian) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government how many dog thefts have been reported in each year since 2011, broken down by region, and how many resulted in the dog being returned to its owner.

(S4W-25005)

Paul Wheelhouse: The data held centrally on recorded crime is based on an aggregate count of crimes and offences recorded and cleared up by the police. Dog thefts would be recorded in the statistics as a crime of theft, however it is not possible to separately identify the number of thefts which related specifically to dogs.

Roderick Campbell (North East Fife) (Scottish National Party): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on spending and ongoing commitment under the CashBack for Communities scheme.

(S4W-25143)

Michael Matheson: Details of actual spend and allocated funding for CashBack and other community initiatives since 2008 are set out in the following table. All of the funding has been recovered through the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002:

	CashBack/community initiatives Phases 1 and 2 (2008-09 through to 2015-16 for some projects)	CashBack/community initiatives Phase 3 (2014-15 to 2016-17)	Total
Funding Committed	56,295,000	18,814,124	75,109,124
Actual Spend to Date	52,680,069	3,598,304	56,278,373
Outstanding Spend	1,949,700	15,215,820	17,165,520
Total Anticipated Spend	54,629,769	18,814,124	73,443,893

Actual spend was less than committed funding in phases 1 and 2. Actual spend can differ from committed funding for a variety of reasons including delays in the start of projects, vacancies in staffing and costs being less than anticipated, for example when match funding has been offered.

Strategy and External Affairs

Bill Kidd (Glasgow Anniesland) (Scottish National Party): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide the names of the special advisers in post; what their responsibilities are; what their pay bands are; how many special advisers are in each pay band, and what the total salary cost of employing special advisers was in 2013-14.

(S4W-25214)

John Swinney: Special Advisers are appointed in accordance with Part 1 of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 by the First Minister as a special adviser for the purpose of providing assistance to the Scottish Ministers.

The *total costs of the special adviser team of 14 special advisers employed during the financial year 2013-14 was £1,022,396.

Following the change in First Minister 11 special advisers remained in post. With the appointment of Jeanette Campbell and Kate Higgins on 1 April 2015, there are currently 13 special advisers. The special advisers and their specific responsibilities are as follows:

Name	Role	Appointed
Liz Lloyd	Chief of Staff to the First Minister including the co-ordination of the Special Adviser team Senior Special Adviser on the Constitution Responsible for the First Minister's Strategic programme in Government Special Adviser for Culture, Europe and External Affairs (temp)	30 January 2012
Noel Dolan	Senior Special Adviser to the First Minister FMQs, Policy Advice to the First Minister	26 May 2011

Name	Role	Appointed
Stuart Nicolson	Head of Communications Senior Political Spokesperson for the First Minister	26 May 2011
Colin McAllister	Head of Policy and Special Adviser to the Deputy First Minister Senior Special Adviser for Finance and for Local Government FMQs, Programme for Government	3 October 2012
Campbell Gunn	Deputy Spokesperson for the First Minister and Communications Adviser	8 July 2013
Ross Ingebrigtsen	Deputy Spokesperson for the First Minister and Communications Adviser Strategic communications planning	20 January 2014
Alexander Anderson	Special Adviser for Infrastructure, Investment and the Cities and for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform	8 October 2012
Malcolm Fleming	Senior Special Adviser for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism and for Fair Work, Skills and Training	25 July 2011
John MacInnes	Political and Media Research Support for First Minister's Questions Support to Communications Special Advisers	3 June 2011
Davie Hutchison	Special Adviser for Health, Wellbeing and Sport Fol Legislation lead	8 June 2011
John McFarlane	Special Adviser for Justice Parliamentary Business including liaison with the Parliamentary Group	26 May 2011
Jeanette Campbell	Special Adviser for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights	1 April 2015
Kate Higgins	Special Adviser for Education and Lifelong Learning	1 April 2015

The special adviser pay bands and ranges and the number of special advisers within each pay band currently in place are:

Pay Band	Current Pay Range	Number of Special Advisers
1	£39,445 - £52,904	9
2	£51,041 - £67,709	1
3	£65,017 - £83,963	3
3 (premium)	£83,549 - £100,942	0
4	£86,965 - £104,462	0

*Total Costs include salary, ERNIC and employer pension contributions. Total costs figures have been converted into 2015-16 prices to adjust for inflation using HM Treasury GDP deflators, as at 18 March 2015. The total costs figure for 2014-15 is not yet available.

Transport Scotland

Drew Smith (Glasgow) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Expert Ferry Group (EFG) regarding the (a) invitation to tender documents and (b) contract specifications for Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services (CHFS) from October 2016 and whether it will publish any advice that it receives from the EFG or individual members of the group on the (i) contract specifications or (ii) procurement process.

(S4W-25043)

Derek Mackay: No discussions have taken place with the Expert Ferry Group regarding (a) the invitation to tender documents and (b) contract specifications for Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services from October 2016. The agenda and minutes for each meeting of the Expert Ferry Group are published on the Transport Scotland website.

Drew Smith (Glasgow) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government whether the Expert Ferry Group met in February 2015 and, if so, whether the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services contract was on the agenda.

(S4W-25044)

Derek Mackay: There was no meeting of the Expert Ferry Group in February 2015. The group last met on 17 March 2015, and the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services contract was not discussed. The agenda and minutes of each meeting are published on the Transport Scotland website.

Drew Smith (Glasgow) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government what advice the Expert Ferry Group has given to (a) Transport Scotland and (b) Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited on the future design of Scottish ferries.

(S4W-25045)

Derek Mackay: Although no formal advice has been provided to either Transport Scotland or Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited, discussion about the future design of Scottish ferries took place at the 5 November 2014 meeting of the Expert Ferry Group. The agenda and minutes of each meeting of the Expert Ferry Group, including the 5 November 2014 meeting, are available on the Transport Scotland website.

Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government what the principal terms are of the (a) leasing contract between Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd and Lloyds Banking Group and (b) sub-leasing contract between CalMac Ferries Ltd and Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd in respect of the MV Loch Seaforth.

(S4W-25050)

Derek Mackay: The terms of the lease agreements between Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd and Lloyds Banking Group and Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd and CalMac Ferries Ltd are confidential due to the requirements of Lloyds Banking Group.

Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government who it appointed to (a) lead its negotiations and (b) advise on the terms of the leasing contract between Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd and Lloyds Banking Group in respect of the MV Loch Seaforth.

(S4W-25051)

Derek Mackay: The Scottish Government did not appoint any advisors to negotiate or advise on the terms of the leasing contract between Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) and Lloyds Banking Group as it was CMAL's responsibility to obtain appropriate advice.

Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government who will have responsibility for (a) providing and (b) paying for any substitute vessel for the MV Loch Seaforth.

(S4W-25052)

Derek Mackay: CalMac Ferries Ltd is responsible for providing a substitute vessel for the MV Loch Seaforth. Costs are dealt with under the provisions of the public service contract between CalMac Ferries Ltd and Transport Scotland.

Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government how much Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd will pay each year to lease the MV Loch Seaforth.

(S4W-25053)

Derek Mackay: I refer the member to the answer to question S4W-25050 on 2 April 2015. All answers to written parliamentary questions are available on the Parliament's website, the search facility for which can be found at: <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx>.

Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-24214 by Derek Mackay on 11 February 2015, whether it will provide a breakdown of what the operational cost will be for the MV Loch Seaforth for its time in service.

(S4W-25056)

Derek Mackay: A breakdown of the operational costs for the MV Loch Seaforth is a commercially confidential matter for CalMac Ferries Ltd.

Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-24213 by Derek Mackay on 11 February 2015, whether it will provide an update of the cost of the alterations to the (a) Stornoway and (b) Ullapool harbour facilities in order to meet the requirements of the MV Loch Seaforth, and from what sources the money was drawn.

(S4W-25057)

Derek Mackay: I refer the member to the answer to question S4W-24212 on 11 February 2015. All answers to written parliamentary questions are available on the Parliament's website, the search facility for which can be found at: <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx>.

Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government what procedures it adopted to ensure that the procurement methods used to secure the use of the MV Loch Seaforth under a private leasing arrangement offered best value for money.

(S4W-25058)

Derek Mackay: A full tender process for an operating lease arrangement was undertaken by Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) in line with the EU procurement rules. This resulted in the award of the contract to Lloyds Banking Group as their tender was assessed as the most economically advantageous in terms of lease rentals and lease terms.

CMAL is subject to Procurement Capability Assessments (PCA) as are all public bodies. CMAL participates and prepares documentary evidence for annual Procurement Capability Assessments which are conducted by the Scottish Government.

Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government what consultation took place between Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd and Caledonian MacBrayne Ltd prior to the leasing agreement with Lloyds Banking Group for the the MV Loch Seaforth being entered into.

(S4W-25059)

Derek Mackay: CalMac Ferries Ltd were not part of the negotiations that took place between Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd and Lloyds Banking Group in the run up to the lease being entered into as they were not party to the contract between Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd and Lloyds Banking Group.

Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government how many crossings on the (a) Stornoway – Ullapool, (b) Uig – Tarbert, (c) Oban – Castlebay – Lochboisdale, (d) Barra – Eriskay, (e) Lochboisdale – Mallaig, (f) Berneray – Leverburgh and (g) Uig – Lochmaddy ferry service in each month (i) between November 2013 and April 2014 were and (ii) since November 2014 have been (A) scheduled and (B) cancelled, and what the reason was for each cancellation.

(S4W-25073)

Derek Mackay: The information requested is detailed in the following two tables.

Table 1 November 2013 – April 2014:

Route	Month	Total Scheduled Sailings	Cancelled Sailings Weather	% Cancelled Weather	Cancelled Sailings Technical	% Cancelled Technical	Cancelled Sailings Other Reasons	% Cancelled Other Reasons
Stornoway to Ullapool	Nov 2013	163	12	7.36%	2	1.23%	0	0.00%
	Dec 2013	156	26	16.67%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Jan 2014	162	16	9.88%	4	2.47%	0	0.00%
	Feb 2014	156	13	8.33%	3	1.92%	1	0.64%
	Mar 2014	166	12	7.23%	6	3.61%	0	0.00%
	Apr 2014	164	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
*Uig to Tarbert/ Lochmaddy	Nov 2013	164	2	1.22%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Dec 2013	162	16	9.88%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Jan 2014	162	13	8.02%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Feb 2014	152	4	2.63%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Mar 2014	168	11	6.55%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Apr 2014	178	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Oban to Castlebay/ Lochboisdale	Nov 2013	84	12	14.29%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Dec 2013	81	32	39.51%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Jan 2014	82	13	15.85%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Feb 2014	66	6	9.09%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Mar 2014	88	12	13.64%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Apr 2014	94	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Ardmhor (Barra) to Eriskay	Nov 2013	276	29	10.51%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Dec 2013	262	70	26.72%	4	1.53%	0	0.00%
	Jan 2014	268	58	21.64%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Feb 2014	256	20	7.81%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Mar 2014	280	30	10.71%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Apr 2014	300	0	0.00%	14	4.67%	0	0.00%
Lochboisdale To Mallaig	Nov 2013	24	8	33.33%	0	0.00%	4	16.67%
	Dec 2013	36	25	69.44%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Jan 2014	24	10	41.67%	2	8.33%	0	0.00%
	Feb 2014	12	8	66.67%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Mar 2014	36	10	27.78%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Apr 2014	4	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Berneray to Leverburgh	Nov 2013	120	8	6.67%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Dec 2013	118	22	18.64%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Jan 2014	134	27	20.15%	1	0.75%	0	0.00%
	Feb 2014	158	10	6.33%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Mar 2014	172	24	13.95%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Apr 2014	218	16	7.34%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

Table 2 November 2014 – 19 March 2015:

Route	Month	Total Scheduled Sailings	Cancelled weather	% Cancelled weather	Cancelled Technical	% Cancelled Technical	Cancelled Other	% Cancelled Other
Stornoway to Ullapool	Nov 2014	159	10	6.29%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Dec 2014	157	19	12.10%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Jan 2015	170	40	23.53%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Feb 2015	172	4	2.33%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Mar 2015	103	14	13.59%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
*Uig to Tarbert/ Lochmaddy	Nov 2014	162	1	0.62%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Dec 2014	164	16	9.76%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Jan 2015	162	28	17.28%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Feb 2015	152	16	10.53%	4	2.63%	0	0.00%
	Mar 2015	103	19	18.45%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Oban to Castlebay/ Lochboisdale	Nov 2014	60	3	5.00%	2	3.33%	0	0.00%
	Dec 2014	84	22	26.19%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Jan 2015	84	30	35.71%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Feb 2015	80	12	15.00%	0	0.00%	2	2.50%
	Mar 2015	56	13	23.21%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Ardmhor (Barra) to Eriskay	Nov 2014	270	26	9.63%	2	0.74%	0	0.00%
	Dec 2014	268	38	14.18%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Jan 2015	268	54	20.15%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Feb 2015	256	22	8.59%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Mar 2015	172	38	22.09%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Lochboisdale To Mallaig	Nov 2014	4	0	0.00%	4	100.00%	0	0.00%
	Dec 2014	36	16	44.44%	4	11.11%	0	0.00%
	Jan 2015	36	24	66.67%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Feb 2015	32	16	50.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Mar 2015	20	12	60.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Berneraay to Leverburgh	Nov 2014	120	6	5.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Dec 2014	118	18	15.25%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Jan 2015	116	18	15.52%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Feb 2015	148	24	16.22%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Mar 2015	108	26	24.07%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

Please note that the statistics for Uig-Tarbert-Lochmaddy service are collated for the combined Uig-Tarbert-Lochmaddy services.

David Stewart (Highlands and Islands) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of (a) Perth to Inverness and (b) Aberdeen to Inverness rail links is single track.

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Derek Mackay: I refer the member to the answer to question S4W-18414 on 29 November 2013. All answers to written parliamentary questions are available on the Parliament's website, the search facility for which can be found at: <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx>.