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Future Business Programme

The Business Bulletin contains details of the Future Business where known for the next and subsequent week. However, as agreed by the Scottish Parliament on Wednesday 8 June, Business Motion S5M-00371 also sets out the Chamber business for the w/c 27 June. Details of this business can be found in the digital version of the Business Bulletin (https://bb.parliament.scot/). If members have any questions on this matter, please contact the Business Team (business.team@parliament.scot).

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: The Economy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-00246 Clare Haughey: Increase in Trade Union Membership in Scotland

Committee Meetings

10:00am Education and Skills Committee

10:00am Local Government and Communities Committee

10:00am Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

10:30am Finance Committee

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2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

1. Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage people to take up teaching posts in the Moray area. (S5O-00031)

2. Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has invested in building or refurbishing schools in South Lanarkshire since 2007. (S5O-00032)

3. Willie Coffey: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure fair access to universities for young people from every community. (S5O-00033)

4. Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government whether the full £750 million pledged for the Scottish Attainment Challenge will be given to headteachers to spend on their individual schools' priorities. (S5O-00034)

5. Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to enhance education and skills for a circular economy. (S5O-00035)

6. Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the EIS regarding its ballot for industrial action. (S5O-00036)

7. John Scott: To ask the Scottish Government what the results of information gathered by local authorities on schoolchildren show about their career path aspirations, other than attending college or university. (S5O-00037)

8. David Torrance: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to increase early years learning and childcare. (S5O-00038)

9. Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government to what extent it considers that adverse intergenerational socioeconomic factors impact on educational attainment and what steps it will take to mitigate these over the next five years. (S5O-00039)

10. Murdo Fraser: [Not Lodged]

11. Jenny Gilruth: To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of headteachers in Fife secondary schools is female, and how this compares with the overall figure for the rest of Scotland. (S5O-00041)

12. Joan McAlpine: To ask the Scottish Government when it will next meet the management of Scotland's Rural College. (S5O-00042)

13. Ash Denham: To ask the Scottish Government what role breakfast clubs play in closing the attainment gap, and what support it provides to them. (S5O-00043)

14. Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support families accessing children's services. (S5O-00044)

15. Mary Fee: To ask the Scottish Government what targets it has set to measure the impact of the Scottish Attainment Fund in West Scotland. (S5O-00045)

16. Anas Sarwar: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage more young women to take up STEM subjects. (S5O-00046)

17. Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government what its education directorate's role is in addressing the number of 16 to 19-year-olds who are not in education, employment or training. (S5O-00047)

18. Ivan McKee: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to ensure that spending on education is targeted at areas where the attainment gap is greatest. (S5O-00048)

19. Stewart Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making in boosting the delivery of STEM subjects. (S5O-00049)

20. Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it provides for children with additional support needs. (S5O-00050)

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: The Economy

S5M-00448 Jackie Baillie: The Economy—That the Parliament notes recent publications, including the *EY Scottish ITEM Club*, which indicate that Scotland's economy faces many challenges in the coming year, with GDP growth forecasts downgraded; further notes, in particular, the decline in the oil and gas industry, with reported jobs losses of more than 120,000 since 2014, as reported by Oil & Gas UK recently, alongside the Bank of Scotland oil and gas sector report that shows that a third of businesses in the oil and gas industry plan to cut jobs further during 2016, showing the scale of the challenge; welcomes the Scottish Government's Transition Training Fund but notes that it has been reported that it has helped only 91 people, and calls on all parties in the Parliament to work together to support the oil and gas industry and its workforce and for action to be taken to support the industry over the short, medium and long term.

S5M-00448.3 Keith Brown: The Economy—As an amendment to motion S5M-00448 in the name of Jackie Baillie (The Economy), leave out from "indicate" to end and insert "recognises that the Scottish economy, and the oil and gas sector in particular, is facing many external challenges though will continue to grow this year, despite the impact of lower oil prices on the oil and gas sector, which has revised up its growth forecast for 2017, as the negative impact of the oil price fades and the pace of expansion picks up; acknowledges the EY Attractiveness Survey, which showed that Scotland attracted more foreign direct investment projects than any part of the UK outside London last year and has "been resilient in managing to weather the oil and gas price volatility storm whilst also being able to flourish in other sectors"; recognises the measures that the Scottish Government is taking to support workers and companies affected by falling oil prices and the wider slowdown in the global economy, including the Energy Jobs Taskforce, which has supported 8,800 individuals and over 100 employers to help those affected move forward into new employment, training or education; recognises that the Bank of Scotland oil and gas sector report provides clear evidence that there are still opportunities in the North Sea, and finds that more than half of companies believe that the UK Government must bring forward further support for exploration activity."

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the Parliament agrees the following programme of business-

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5.00 pm Decision Time

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Thursday 30 June 2016

10.45 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.45 am Members' Business

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S5M-00466 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee

Meetings—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, committees of the Parliament can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 10.45am to 11.40am on 30 June 2016.

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

S5M-00246 Clare Haughey: Increase in Trade Union Membership in Scotland—That the Parliament welcomes new figures showing that trade union membership in Scotland grew by 42,000 between 2014 and 2015; understands that Scotland was the only nation in the UK to see a proportional increase in trade union membership in this time period; considers that trade unions play an invaluable role in Scottish society, which should never be allowed to be diminished, and notes calls for workers in Rutherglen and across Scotland to ensure that they play their role in continuing the fight for workers' rights by joining a trade union.

Committee Meetings

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

Education and Skills Committee 1st Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. Choice of Convener: The Committee will choose a Convener.
- 3. Choice of Deputy Convener: The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
- 4. **Legacy Report:** The Committee will consider the Education and Culture Committee Session 4 Legacy Report.
- 5. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
- 6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

Local Government and Communities Committee 1st Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. Choice of Convener: The Committee will choose a Convener.
- 3. Choice of Deputy Convener: The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
- 4. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private and to consider its work programme in private at future meetings.
- 5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 1st Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. Choice of Convener: The Committee will choose a Convener.
- 3. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
- Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instrument— The Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2016.
- 5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to the development of its work programme.

Finance Committee 1st Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee will choose a Convener.
- 3. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
- 4. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
- 5. **Committee Adviser:** The Committee will consider whether it wishes to appoint a committee adviser and decide whether to consider potential candidates for the position in private at its next meeting.
- 6. **Approach to work programme:** The Committee will consider the legacy paper of the previous session's Finance Committee and decide whether to consider its initial work programme in private at its next meeting.
- 7. **Proposed contingent liability:** The Committee will consider its approach to a proposed contingent liability.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 8 June 2016

Thursday 16 June 2016

- 11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 11:40 am General Questions
- 12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-00247 Kate Forbes: Rural Communities and the Post-study Work Visa

- 2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2:30 pm Scottish Government Debate: The Best Start in Life for Scotland's Children

followed by Business Motions

- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm

Public Audit Committee 16 June 2016 1st Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. Choice of Convener: The Committee will choose a Convener.
- 3. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
- 4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

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 16 June 2016 1st Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. Choice of Convener: The Committee will choose a Convener.
- 3. Choice of Deputy Convener: The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
- 4. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- 5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 30 June, the Committee expects to take oral evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities on issues related to her portfolio. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

European and External Relations Committee 16 June 2016 1st Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. Choice of Convener: The Committee will choose a Convener.
- 3. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
- 4. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- 5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, the Committee expects to take oral evidence.

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

Public Petitions Committee 16 June 2016 1st Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee will choose a Convener.
- 3. Choice of Deputy Convener: The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
- 4. Work programme: The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Social Security Committee 16 June 2016 1st Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. Choice of Convener: The Committee will choose a Convener.
- 3. Choice of Deputy Convener: The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
- 4. Next Committee meeting: The Committee will consider its forward work.

Proposed future business

The Committee expects its next meeting to be on 30 June.

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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 16 June 2016

1st Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. Choice of Convener: The Committee will choose a Convener.
- 3. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
- 4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 30 June, the Committee expects to consider its approach to the registration of cross-party groups and its work programme.

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

Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Motions for Debate

*S5M-00467 Aileen Campbell: The Best Start in Life for Scotland's Children—That the Parliament commits to making Scotland the best place for children to grow up; supports parents through the promotion of children's health and wellbeing from pre-birth, in the early years and primary education; believes that the new 10-year mental health strategy should help renew focus on the early identification of child mental health issues; welcomes that all pregnant women will receive free vitamins and support to enable a healthier diet, and that every newborn in Scotland will be entitled to a baby box to help them to get the best start in life; agrees with a grant for expectant mothers on low incomes for the first and subsequent children, and that low-income families should also receive grants when their child starts both nursery and school; believes that investment in the expansion of high-quality early learning and childcare, alongside an increase in highly-trained staff, will support children during their early years and help them to reach their full potential, and supports efforts to reduce stigma and social pressures on children of all ages.

Supported by: Shona Robison*, Mark McDonald*

S5M-00448 Jackie Baillie: The Economy—That the Parliament notes recent publications, including the *EY Scottish ITEM Club*, which indicate that Scotland's economy faces many challenges in the coming year, with GDP growth forecasts downgraded; further notes, in particular, the decline in the oil and gas industry, with reported jobs losses of more than 120,000 since 2014, as reported by Oil & Gas UK recently, alongside the Bank of Scotland oil and gas sector report that shows that a third of businesses in the oil and gas industry plan to cut jobs further during 2016, showing the scale of the challenge; welcomes the Scottish Government's Transition Training Fund but notes that it has been reported that it has helped only 91 people, and calls on all parties in the Parliament to work together to support the oil and gas industry and its workforce and for action to be taken to support the industry over the short, medium and long term.

***S5M-00448.4 Patrick Harvie: The Economy**—As an amendment to motion S5M-00448 in the name of Jackie Baillie (The Economy), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "recognises that Scotland's economy faces many challenges in the coming year, for which narrow indicators such as GDP provide an inadequate description; urges the Scottish Government to continue to develop the National Performance Framework into a broad range of economic indicators and end its emphasis on GDP; considers that recent and predicted North Sea job losses and dramatic oil

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price fluctuations demonstrate a compelling reason to plan the transition away from Scotland's current economic reliance on the fossil fuel economy, which cannot offer a long-term future; believes that such a transition is vital to secure employment, harness offshore skills, develop a sustainable economy and address concerns raised by the Governor of the Bank of England that overexposure to fossil fuels represents a risk to financial stability, and calls on all parties in the Parliament to collaborate with workers, trade unions, industry and other governments to build a just transition to a secure sustainable economy for workers of today and the future."

*S5M-00448.3 Keith Brown: The Economy—As an amendment to motion S5M-00448 in the name of Jackie Baillie (The Economy), leave out from "indicate" to end and insert "recognises that the Scottish economy, and the oil and gas sector in particular, is facing many external challenges though will continue to grow this year, despite the impact of lower oil prices on the oil and gas sector, which has revised up its growth forecast for 2017, as the negative impact of the oil price fades and the pace of expansion picks up; acknowledges the EY Attractiveness Survey, which showed that Scotland attracted more foreign direct investment projects than any part of the UK outside London last year and has "been resilient in managing to weather the oil and gas price volatility storm whilst also being able to flourish in other sectors"; recognises the measures that the Scottish Government is taking to support workers and companies affected by falling oil prices and the wider slowdown in the global economy, including the Energy Jobs Taskforce, which has supported 8,800 individuals and over 100 employers to help those affected move forward into new employment, training or education; recognises that the Bank of Scotland oil and gas sector report provides clear evidence that there are still opportunities in the North Sea, and finds that more than half of companies believe that the UK Government must bring forward further support for exploration activity."

Supported by: Paul Wheelhouse*

*S5M-00448.2 Tavish Scott: The Economy—As an amendment to motion S5M-00448 in the name of Jackie Baillie (The Economy), insert at end "; recognises the importance of a long-term strategy of maximising economic recovery from the North Sea and western Shetland oil and gas fields; notes the integral role of the Oil and Gas Authority in leading this, and calls for the £40 billion in decommissioning to be part of that long-term strategy, given the jobs that should accrue to Scottish ports and businesses from that work".

*S5M-00448.1 Murdo Fraser: The Economy—As an amendment to motion S5M-00448 in the name of Jackie Baillie (The Economy), after "people" insert "; further welcomes the fiscal changes that have been made by the UK Government to support the industry; notes that the Bank of Scotland report finds that 52% of large companies in the sector have an interest in diversifying into onshore gas production, but regrets that the Scottish Government's current moratorium prevents these opportunities being developed".

Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

*S5M-00463 Stuart McMillan: Royal Mail and RNIB Scotland's Parliamentary Transcription

Service—That the Parliament congratulates the Royal Mail and RNIB Scotland on extending their parliamentary transcription service to include communications between blind and partially-sighted people and their MSPs; notes that this service, supported by a grant from the Royal Mail, provides transcriptions of braille or audio communication into standard print and vice versa, and welcomes the extension of the scheme, which it believes will be of benefit to its service users in Greenock, Inverclyde and across Scotland.

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Supported by: David Torrance*, Clare Haughey*, Andy Wightman*, Bob Doris*, Stewart Stevenson*, Jackson Carlaw*, Joan McAlpine*, Kenneth Gibson*, Neil Findlay*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*S5M-00466 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Meetings—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, committees of the Parliament can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 10.45am to 11.40am on 30 June 2016.

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- 10.45 am Members' Business
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*S5M-00462 Bill Kidd: Congratulating Macmillan Cancer Support and Glasgow Life, Scottish Charity Awards 2016—That the Parliament congratulates the Macmillan Cancer Support and Glasgow Life on winning the Perfect Partnership Award at the SCVO Scottish Charity Awards 2016; understands that Macmillan worked with Glasgow Life to establish cancer information and support drop-in services in Glasgow's libraries, and contacts every person in the city who receives

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a cancer diagnosis; understands that this partnership has ensured that over 20,000 Glaswegians have not faced cancer alone by providing assessments, physical therapy programmes and emotional and financial support; believes that there are currently eight programmes in Glasgow and that this partnership is the largest programme of its kind for a UK-wide cancer charity; applauds Macmillian Cancer Support and Glasgow Life for all the great work that they do for cancer patients in Glasgow, and wishes the participants, volunteers and staff of these organisations continued success in the future.

Supported by: James Dornan*, David Torrance*, Rona Mackay*, Stuart McMillan*, Stewart Stevenson*, Clare Haughey*, George Adam*, Bob Doris*, Mairi Evans*

*S5M-00461 Colin Beattie: Rotary Club Cyclist's Sponsored Bike Ride—That the Parliament congratulates the cyclist, Daniel Barreto, on his sponsored cycle from Land's End to John O' Groats; understands that Daniel aims to raise £10,000 in aid of the End Polio Now campaign; notes that he was supported by the Dalkeith Rotary Club as he cycled through the Midlothian stage of his sponsored cycle, and wishes him the best of success in reaching his targets.

Supported by: Ivan McKee*, Joan McAlpine*, Stuart McMillan*, Mairi Evans*, Jackie Baillie*, Bill Kidd*, Bob Doris*, Stewart Stevenson*, David Torrance*

*S5M-00460 Ash Denham: Thistle Centre for Wellbeing Opening—That the Parliament welcomes the opening of the new Thistle Centre for Wellbeing in Niddrie, Edinburgh; recognises the diverse work undertaken by the Thistle Foundation in supporting the health and wellbeing of communities in providing support services for independent living; notes that this includes support for veterans, those with long-term health conditions and young people, and welcomes the benefits that the centre, which also offers a community hub space, will bring to Edinburgh Eastern.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Joan McAlpine*, Bob Doris*, Colin Beattie*, Ivan McKee*, Rona Mackay*, Bill Kidd*, Jackie Baillie*, Stewart Stevenson*

*S5M-00459 Graeme Dey: Junior Saltire Award for Monifieth High School—That the Parliament congratulates Monifieth High School on winning the Junior Saltire Award; understands that the team consisted of the pupils, Luke Thomson, Logan Cosgove, Ben Birtwistle and Thomas Ridge, who invented a floating wave energy converter, using wave power to create electricity that was then tested at the University of Edinburgh's FloWave Ocean Energy Research Facility, which is considered the world's most sophisticated ocean simulator; notes that each pupil received a Junior Saltire trophy and they also collected a prize of £750 for STEM resources at Monifeith High School; further understands that more than 600 pupils from around Scotland took part in the competition, which is funded by the Scottish Government; further congratulates all the finalists, and hopes that the awards will inspire pupils from around the country to consider career options in the industry.

Supported by: Ash Denham*, Joan McAlpine*, David Torrance*, Ivan McKee*, Bob Doris*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Jackie Baillie*, Stewart Stevenson*

*S5M-00458 Gail Ross: First Graduate Medical Programme—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement from the Scottish Government of the first graduate medical programme, which will be delivered by the universities of Dundee, St Andrews and the Highland and Islands (UHI); understands that it will focus on the recruitment of graduates from across Scotland to increase the likelihood of them remaining in the country and to help meet the current and future needs of the NHS; welcomes the emphasis of recruitment for remote and rural areas; further welcomes the involvement of UHI and NHS Highland in this regard; believes that the programme will attract a significant number of medical students who will be able to carry out the majority of their training in

communities around the Highlands and Islands, and believes that this will be of great benefit to these communities as well as the students.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Clare Haughey*, Joan McAlpine*, Bruce Crawford*, Ivan McKee*, Michael Russell*, Christina McKelvie*, Mairi Evans*, Bill Kidd*, Bob Doris*, Stewart Stevenson*, Ash Denham*

*S5M-00457 David Stewart: UHI Selected to Deliver Graduate Medical Programme—That the Parliament congratulates the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) on being one of the three Scottish universities chosen to deliver Scotland's first graduate medical programme; notes that the programme will be run in collaboration with the medical schools in St Andrews and Dundee and partner NHS boards; understands that the four-year programme, which is likely to start in 2018-19, is designed to meet the current and future needs of the country's NHS; notes that the programme is to have a specific focus on recruitment of graduates to increase the likelihood of trainees remaining in Scotland, particularly in rural and remote areas; notes that, through the initiative, a significant number of medical students will access and undertake the majority of their training in communities around the Highlands and Islands region; considers that this collaborative venture will enhance the UHI's existing work in addressing remote and rural healthcare and will be another important development of the School of Health, Social Care and Life Sciences, and congratulates the UHI on this achievement.

Supported by: Liz Smith*, Jackie Baillie*, David Torrance*, Rhoda Grant*, Colin Beattie*, Stewart Stevenson*, Michael Russell*

*S5M-00456 Ruth Maguire: Citizens Advice Scotland's Report, Learning From Testing **Times**—That the Parliament welcomes Citizens Advice Scotland's report, *Learning From Testing* Times, which analyses the impact of the early rollout of universal credit (UC) in Scotland on Citizens Advice Bureaux clients; is concerned at the substantial number of early issues highlighted in the report due to the way that the UK Government has designed UC, including a six-week wait for a first payment, administration problems, and lack of a Freefone helpline number; understands that UC is currently only available to a small number of claimants but will eventually be claimed by over 800,000 people in Scotland, including people with complex health conditions, carers, families with children, and low-income workers; considers that this will present further challenges to the people of Scotland and the services that support them; calls on the UK Government to take urgent practical measures to address the design and administrative issues that have emerged in the early rollout of UC to ensure that Scottish claimants do not face hardship or delays in payments; believes that the devolution of administrative flexibilities in relation to UC to the Scottish Parliament represents an opportunity to make improvements to certain aspects of UC; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to use these flexibilities to change payment times and end the so-called bedroom tax, and further welcomes that the Parliament has agreed that dignity and respect will be at the heart of Scotland's new social security powers.

Supported by: Richard Lyle*, Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, David Torrance*, John Mason*, Clare Haughey*, Joan McAlpine*, Bruce Crawford*, Bob Doris*, Graeme Dey*, John Finnie*, Colin Beattie*, Christina McKelvie*, Ivan McKee*, Stuart McMillan*, Gail Ross*, Rona Mackay*, Ash Denham*, Stewart Stevenson*

*S5M-00455 Clare Adamson: Drowning Prevention Week 2016—That the Parliament recognises that 18 to 25 June 2016 has been designated Drowning Prevention Week by the Royal Lifesaving Society UK (RLSS); understands that one person drowns every 20 hours in the UK and hundreds more experience life-changing injuries through near drowning; notes that, by spreading water safety advice far and wide, Drowning Prevention Week aims to teach people how to stay

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safe near water; further notes that the campaign encourages schools, clubs, leisure centres and communities to promote water safety through events, lessons, games and activities in a bid to make people more aware of the dangers of water, and recognises the work of organisations such as RLSS in promoting water safety. **R**

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*S5M-00454 Ash Denham: MoonWalk Scotland Success—That the Parliament congratulates the participants and volunteers at WalktheWalk charity's MoonWalk Scotland 2016; recognises the achievements of the charity, which it understands is the largest grant-making breast cancer charity in the UK; notes that thousands of participants were involved in the various walking challenges; understands that over £400,000 was raised before participants set off from Holyrood Park in Edinburgh, and hopes to see an even larger turnout next year.

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*S5M-00453 Tavish Scott: Refugee Festival Scotland—That the Parliament recognises Refugee Festival Scotland; understands that the festival is being coordinated by the Scottish Refugee Council; notes that a variety of arts, cultural and sporting events will run from 14 to 26 June 2016; further notes that a special performance event will be held at Lerwick Baptist Church on 17 June to highlight the struggle faced by many refugees escaping war, and wishes all participants involved in the festival both in Shetland and across Scotland the best of luck.

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*S5M-00452 Kenneth Gibson: Ardrossan Castle Carnival—That the Parliament commends the Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society (ACHS) for hosting a medieval carnival on 18 June 2016; notes that this is an event to celebrate the 470th anniversary to the day of the Privy Council of Scotland meeting at Ardrossan Castle; understands that the Privy Council's role was similar in many ways to the modern-day Cabinet of the Scottish Government; acknowledges that some of the most powerful nobles, landowners and clergy attended the meeting; recognises that the carnival will be family friendly, with various attractions including archery, face painting, jousting, jesters, medieval costumes, a pipe band and stocks and sponges; understands that the castle area was previously underutilised and applauds the ACHS for reviving the area and creating a more welcome and conducive learning atmosphere for families, visitors and students; encourages people to go along; wishes the society the best of luck in making final arrangements for the event, and wishes it and all attendees a wonderful, fun-filled day.

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*S5M-00451 Clare Adamson: Scottish Youth Rally for Persecuted Christians—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Youth Rally for persecuted Christians, which takes place on 16 June 2016 at Carfin Lourdes Grotto; notes that the rally has been organised by the charity, Aid to the Church in Need; understands that approximately 1,100 pupils from across Scotland will commit to standing in solidarity with those experiencing religious persecution and will hear from Sarmad Ozan, a young man who fled religious persecution in Iraq; considers that religious persecution is a human rights issue, and expresses unity with Christians and people of all faiths who face such persecution.

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*S5M-00450 Christina McKelvie: Scotland's History of Solidarity and Welcome—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the landmark documentary film and visual art exhibition, Lest We Forget: First World War - Refugees Then and Now, on 14 June 2016 at the Mitchell Library, Glasgow: notes that the project, which was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, was coordinated by the Scottish Refugee Council and involved a diverse group of refugees and asylum seekers from many countries, including Eritrea, North Sudan, South Sudan, Iran and Syria, who worked with Scottish colleagues to document the heritage and experiences of the 19,000 Belgian people who were welcomed to Scotland after being displaced because of the war; acknowledges what it sees as the persistent truth that then, as now, war and human rights abuse are often at the root as to why people become refugees and that the ongoing crisis situations in the Middle East and north Africa today are tragic reminders of this: considers the humanitarianism of the people of Scotland through the years in welcoming people seeking a better life or fleeing poverty or persecution to be inspiring; notes that this includes people from Italy at the start of the 20th century, Jewish people escaping the Nazis, Chilean people in the 1970s, Bosnians and Kosovars in the 1990s and the women, men and children from all over the world who, on what it believes is an unprecedented scale, are being presently forced from their homeland but who are being welcomed across the country's villages, towns and cities to become new Scots; believes, however, that such humanitarianism cannot survive on history alone but requires visible, proud and active solidarity, which is the theme of Refugee Festival Scotland 2016, and believes that maintaining this solidarity will allow Scotland to continue to welcome refugees.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-00449 Christina McKelvie: MND Charity Successes at the 2016 SCVO Scottish Charity Awards (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Angus MacDonald*

S5M-00447 Stuart McMillan: Scottish Grand Prix of the Sea Inverciyde (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Clare Haughey*, Peter Chapman*, Angus MacDonald*, Jackson Carlaw*, Jackie Baillie*, Richard Lyle*, David Torrance*

S5M-00446 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Solidarity with Those Affected by the Orlando Shootings (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Clare Haughey*, Bill Kidd*, Margaret Mitchell*, Peter Chapman*, Douglas Ross*, Angus MacDonald*, Neil Findlay*, Jackson Carlaw*, Miles Briggs*, Jackie Baillie*, Richard Lyle*, Iain Gray*, Alexander Stewart*, David Torrance*, Maree Todd*, Ash Denham*, Ivan McKee*

S5M-00445 Liam McArthur: Hoy's 30th Half-marathon (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Bob Doris*, Jackie Baillie*, Bill Kidd*, Douglas Ross*, David Torrance*, Maree Todd*, Colin Beattie*, Brian Whittle*

S5M-00440 Margaret Mitchell: Record Number of Queen's Men from the Lanarkshire BB (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Elaine Smith*, Peter Chapman*, Jackson Carlaw*, Richard Lyle*, David Torrance*, Brian Whittle*

S5M-00439 Anas Sarwar: Macmillan Cancer Support and Glasgow Life Perfect Partnership Award (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Ivan McKee*, Bob Doris*, Kenneth Gibson*, Liam McArthur*, Neil Findlay*, Jackson Carlaw*, Adam Tomkins*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jackie Baillie*, Richard Lyle*, David Torrance*

S5M-00438 Jeremy Balfour: Annual Edinburgh Taxi Trade Children's Outing (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Donald Cameron*, Bill Kidd*, Margaret Mitchell*, Peter Chapman*, Ivan McKee*, Kenneth Gibson*, Neil Findlay*, Jackson Carlaw*, Jackie Baillie*, Richard Lyle*, David Torrance*, Ash Denham*, Ben Macpherson*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*

S5M-00437 John Finnie: Capacity on the Highland Main Line North of Perth (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Patrick Harvie*, Elaine Smith*, Mark Ruskell*

S5M-00436 Richard Lochhead: Congratulations to Dennis Malcolm OBE (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Peter Chapman*, Richard Lyle*, David Torrance*

S5M-00435 Gail Ross: Captain's Galley Nets Awards (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Angus MacDonald*, Richard Lyle*, Joan McAlpine*, Bill Kidd*, Bob Doris*, Patrick Harvie*, Douglas Ross*, Liam McArthur*, David Torrance*, Jackie Baillie*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*

S5M-00434 Bruce Crawford: Chris Martin of the Callander Youth Project Trust (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Angus MacDonald*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bob Doris*, David Torrance*

S5M-00433 Gail Ross: Ullapool and District Pipe Band Success (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Richard Lyle*, Joan McAlpine*, Bill Kidd*, Bob Doris*, Douglas Ross*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*

S5M-00432 Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde, Marine Tourism Capital of Scotland (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Angus MacDonald*, Joan McAlpine*, David Torrance*, Mairi Evans*

S5M-00430 Neil Findlay: West Lothian College Awards Ceremony (lodged on 13 June 2016) New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, David Torrance*

S5M-00429 Neil Findlay: Cancer Support Available in West Lothian (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, David Torrance*

S5M-00428 Neil Findlay: St Columba's Bathgate Celebrates 100 years (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: David Torrance*

S5M-00427 Alison Johnstone: Shetland to Scilly, New Technologies for Peace Tour (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Ross Greer*

S5M-00426 David Stewart: Congratulating David Cameron on CBE (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Angus MacDonald*, David Torrance*

S5M-00424 Jackson Carlaw: Congratulations to Williamwood High School at the Schools Athletics Championships (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Peter Chapman*, Richard Lyle*, David Torrance*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*

S5M-00423 Richard Lochhead: Rothes Primary School Centenary (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Jackie Baillie*

S5M-00422 Finlay Carson: Congratulations to the Rt Hon Sir Alex Fergusson (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Jackie Baillie*, Alexander Stewart*, Edward Mountain*, Jamie Greene*, Brian Whittle*

S5M-00421 Mark Ruskell: Scotland's National Mountain Biking Strategy (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, David Torrance*, Ivan McKee*

S5M-00420 James Dornan: Macmillan Cancer Support and Glasgow Life Win SCVO Award (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, David Torrance*, Clare Haughey*, Bruce Crawford*, Joan McAlpine*

S5M-00418 Jackie Baillie: Vale of Leven Autism and Asperger's Forum Receives Queen's Award (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

S5M-00416 Elaine Smith: National Breastfeeding Week (lodged on 10 June 2016)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Gail Ross*

S5M-00415 Bill Kidd: Commitment to Shipyard Workers on the Clyde (lodged on 10 June 2016)

New Support: David Torrance*, Bruce Crawford*, John Mason*, Clare Haughey*, Joan McAlpine*, Graeme Dey*, Colin Beattie*, Christina McKelvie*

S5M-00414 Edward Mountain: Donald Dewar Memorial Debate Competition (lodged on 10 June 2016)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Maree Todd*, John Scott*

S5M-00412 Jackson Carlaw: Jewish Objects for Education in Scotland (lodged on 10 June 2016)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-00411 Edward Mountain: Scottish Association of Painting Craft Teachers' Craft Competition (lodged on 10 June 2016)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

S5M-00400 Miles Briggs: Edinburgh Festival Fringe Programme 2016 (lodged on 09 June 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Brian Whittle*

S5M-00399 Bob Doris: Awards for All Grants across Maryhill and Springburn (lodged on 09 June 2016)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-00396 Gordon MacDonald: Promoting Traditional Building Skills and Materials (lodged on 08 June 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00390 David Torrance: Scottish Renewables Young Professionals Green Energy Awards (lodged on 08 June 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00387 Miles Briggs: End of Life Care for LGBT People (lodged on 08 June 2016)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-00384.1 Murdo Fraser: National Union of Students (lodged on 08 June 2016)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-00380 Oliver Mundell: Celebrating Annan Rugby Club's Success (lodged on 08 June 2016)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-00379 Douglas Ross: Noah's Ark Developmental Playgroup, 40th Anniversary (lodged on 08 June 2016)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-00373 Lewis Macdonald: Welcoming Start of Refugee Festival Scotland (lodged on 07 June 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00370 Rhoda Grant: Care Home Open Day 17 June 2016 (lodged on 07 June 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00368 Bill Kidd: Congratulating the Islamic Unity Alliance (lodged on 07 June 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00365 Rhoda Grant: UCI Mountain Bike World Cup (lodged on 07 June 2016)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-00364 Douglas Ross: Elgin Rotary Club Motorfun and Picnic in the Park (lodged on 07 June 2016)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-00363 Douglas Ross: Morayvia Group to Restore Cold War Relic (lodged on 07 June 2016) New Support: Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*

S5M-00362 Douglas Ross: Scottish Team at Euro 2016 (lodged on 07 June 2016)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-00357 Lewis Macdonald: Aberdeen's Golden Games (lodged on 06 June 2016)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-00348 Miles Briggs: 70th Edition of the Edinburgh International Film Festival (lodged on 06 June 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Brian Whittle*

S5M-00344 George Adam: Muhammad Ali, The Greatest (lodged on 06 June 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00338 Rachael Hamilton: Macamoon and Cuddybridge Apple Juice Success at Scottish Food and Drink Excellence Awards (lodged on 03 June 2016)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-00335 Kenneth Gibson: Living with Endometriosis (lodged on 03 June 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00332 Douglas Ross: Jim Walker, Outstanding Contribution to Food and Drink (lodged on 03 June 2016)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-00331 George Adam: Happy Birthday, Paisley Pirates (lodged on 03 June 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00323 Jeremy Balfour: The 11th MoonWalk Scotland (lodged on 02 June 2016) New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-00316 Andy Wightman: Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan 2016–2018 (lodged on 02 June 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00312 Margaret Mitchell: Hamilton Gymnastics Club (lodged on 02 June 2016)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-00308 Kenneth Gibson: Time to Ban Microbeads (lodged on 02 June 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00307 Lewis Macdonald: International Cricket Council's Historic Scottish Annual Conference (lodged on 02 June 2016)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-00300 John Lamont: Welcoming New Cancer Gene Therapy Developed by Ryboquin Ltd (lodged on 01 June 2016)

New Support: Edward Mountain*

S5M-00298 Graeme Dey: Carers Week 2016 (lodged on 01 June 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00294 Sandra White: Terra Incognita Set to Perform with Big Lottery Funding (lodged on 01 June 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00291 Annie Wells: Congratulating Beth Robb Adams (lodged on 01 June 2016)

New Support: Edward Mountain*

S5M-00288 Ash Denham: Sands UK's Sands Awareness Month, Turn Facebook/Twitter Orange (lodged on 01 June 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00284 Bill Kidd: Commemorating Ken Cameron, FBU General Secretary (lodged on 01 June 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00274 Ross Thomson: Caledonian Thebans Victory at World Championships (lodged on 31 May 2016)

New Support: Edward Mountain*

S5M-00264 Bill Kidd: International Day of UN Peacekeepers (lodged on 31 May 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00253 James Dornan: Living Wage in Scottish Football (lodged on 31 May 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00246 Clare Haughey: Increase in Trade Union Membership in Scotland (lodged on 31 May 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00232 Emma Harper: Commending the Robert Burns World Federation (lodged on 31 May 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00223 Ivan McKee: The Body Shop and Soapworks Ltd (lodged on 26 May 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00199 Kate Forbes: Don't Deport the Brains (lodged on 25 May 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00121 Sandra White: Glasgow 2016 Homelessness World Cup Legacy Project (lodged on 20 May 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

S5M-00040 Jackie Baillie: National Learning Disability Week (lodged on 17 May 2016)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

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Written Questions

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

Inspired Questions are initiated by the Scottish Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

Inspired questions lodged on 14 June 2016

S5W-00737 Jenny Gilruth: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the additional data published by the Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS) on 10 June 2016 clarifying that the scope of its undergraduate scheme for providers in Scotland increased in 2015 to include courses previously recruited through the postgraduate UCAS Teacher Training scheme and there has been variability in the recording of very late acceptances from cycle to cycle.

Written questions lodged on 14 June 2016

S5W-00714 Gordon Lindhurst: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that local authorities make provision for adequate as well as dedicated cycle routes in, to and through each of Scotland's cities.

S5W-00736 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-30377 by John Swinney on 16 March 2016, on what date further details of phase 2 of the superfast broadband programme will be confirmed, including who will be eligible to bid for contracts and whether the programme will be broken down by region.

S5W-00738 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what the waiting time at NHS Highland is for cataract operations and how this compares with the other NHS boards.

S5W-00739 Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5T-00012 by Michael Matheson on 14 June 2016, what access restrictions are in place on the data held by the Scottish Recording Centre.

S5W-00740 Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5T-00012 by Michael Matheson on 14 June 2016, what the (a) role and (b) remit is of the Scottish Recording Centre; whether it will provide a breakdown of the nature of its work; how many staff it employs, and how many offices it has, broken down by location.

S5W-00744 Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5T-00012 by Michael Matheson on 14 June 2016, whether (a) ministers and (b) officials were made aware that the Scottish Recording Centre received metadata from the GCHQ programme, Milkwhite, and, if so, when.

S5W-00745 Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5T-00012 by Michael Matheson on 14 June 2016, whether the (a) Cabinet, (b) Cabinet Secretary for Justice and (c) Cabinet's resilience sub-committee receives reports from the Scottish Recording Centre and, if so, how often.

S5W-00747 Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5T-00012 by Michael Matheson on 14 June 2016, which Police Scotland ranks can access the information held by the Scottish Recording Centre.

S5W-00748 Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Government which north-east business or stakeholder groups (a) are involved in the steering group for and (b) will be consulted as part of the feasibility study into improvements on the rail line between Aberdeen and the central belt.

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S5W-00749 Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Government on what dates any minister has met Network Rail since 2008 to discuss the rail line improvements between Aberdeen and the central belt.

S5W-00750 Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Government when ministers instructed Network Rail to commence a feasibility study, as stated by Keith Brown on 9 June 2016 (*Official Report*, c. 4), into delivering the 20-minute reduction in journey times on the rail line between Aberdeen and the central belt to which it has committed.

S5W-00751 Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has specified what Network Rail should do to deliver the 20-minute reduction in journey times on the rail line between Aberdeen and the central belt to which it has committed.

S5W-00752 Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Government whether the scope of the feasibility study into the improvements on the rail line between Aberdeen and the central belt will be published and, if so, when.

S5W-00753 Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Government when Network Rail will finish conducting its feasibility study into improvements on the rail line between Aberdeen and the central belt, as stated by Keith Brown on 9 June 2016 (*Official Report*, c. 4), and when the Scottish Government will receive that feasibility study.

S5W-00754 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government how many times in each of the past 12 months services on the Far North Line have not stopped at (a) Beauly and (b) Conon Bridge station because they were subject to delay, broken down by the reason for the delay.

S5W-00755 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-29382 by Maureen Watt on 29 January 2016, during which month in 2017 it will introduce the fecal immunochemical test (FIT) as part of the bowel screening programme to replace the fecal occult blood test (FOBT).

S5W-00756 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to introduce human papillomavirus (HPV) testing as the primary test in the cervical cancer screening programme, following recommendations from the UK National Screening Committee.

Progress of Subordinate Legislation | Adhartas Reachdais

Progress of Subordinate Legislation

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 25 June 2016 Lead committee to report by 20 June 2016

Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/178) (17 May 2016) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 7 September 2016

Lead committee to report by 5 September 2016 Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/187) (26 May 2016) (Justice)

Air Weapons Licensing (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/188) (26 May 2016) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 15 September 2016

Lead committee to report by 12 September 2016

Foods for Specific Groups (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/190) (3 June 2016) (Health and Sport)

Food Information (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/191) (3 June 2016) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 21 September 2016 Lead committee to report by 19 September 2016

National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/195) (9 June 2016) (Health and Sport) Documents | Sgrìobhainnean

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 14 June 2016-

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 1st Report 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 2)

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

Other Documents

The following document was laid before Parliament on 14 June 2016 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Historic Environment Scotland Corporate Plan 2016-19 (SG/2016/90) laid under section 9(4)(b) of the Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014.

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