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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 15 June 2016

Tuesday 28 June 2016

2:00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by First Minister Statement: EU Referendum
followed by Scottish Government Debate: BBC Charter Developments
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 June 2016

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Communities, Social Security and Equalities
followed by Ministerial Statement: A Delivery Plan for Excellence and Equity in Education
followed by Ministerial Statement: Provisional Outturn 2015-16
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Gender and the Workplace
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:30 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

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

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Future Committee Meetings

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

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-00467.5 Elaine Smith: The Best Start in Life for Scotland's Children—As an amendment to motion S5M-00467 in the name of Aileen Campbell (The Best Start in Life for Scotland's Children), after "diet" insert "as well as a copy of the NHS Health Scotland publication, *Off to a Good Start,* which provides information on the positive case for breastfeeding,".

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*S5M-00501 Neil Findlay: End the Tampon Tax—That the Parliament understands with frustration that sanitary products are classified as essential luxury goods; notes that menstruation is not an option for women and that sanitary protection is not a luxury, but a necessity; believes therefore that these products should be zero-rated for VAT; condemns the Chancellor of the Exchequer on what it sees as his failure to give women the dignity that they deserve in his recent budget when he retained the 5% VAT on sanitary products; congratulates change.org on its petition, Stop taxing periods. Period, which, it understands, has gathered over 320,000 signatures; acknowledges that a number of supermarkets have taken the issue into their own hands and are reducing prices; believes that aspects of VAT will soon be devolved, and calls on the First Minister

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to take the lead and to abolish what it considers this unfair tax on women as soon as is practicably possible.

Supported by: David Stewart*, Pauline McNeill*

*S5M-00499 Gillian Martin: Celebrating BBC Aberdeen's Awards Success—That the Parliament congratulates BBC Aberdeen on its recent success at the Royal Television Awards; understands that *Scotland's War at Sea* won the accolade of Best History Programme and that Jim McColl, presenter of *Beechgrove Garden*, received the overall Royal Television Award, having been on air for 1,000 episodes; notes the high standard of these awards and the prestige associated with such recognition, and celebrates the success of BBC Aberdeen's team whose skill and passion it considers has enhanced culture in the local area and beyond.

Supported by: Richard Lochhead*, Richard Lyle*, Joan McAlpine*, Lewis Macdonald*, Neil Findlay*, Clare Haughey*, Bill Kidd*

*S5M-00497 Gordon MacDonald: Al-Anon Family Groups, 65 Years of Supporting Families with Alcohol-related Issues—That the Parliament understands that Al-Anon Family Groups, a charity that receives no external financial support, has only one focus, which is to help and support families and friends of problem drinkers; believes that for every problem drinker it is estimated that at least five other people are adversely affected; understands that there are well over 100 Al-Anon Family Groups meetings in Scotland for people who are, or have been, affected by someone else's drinking to meet and gain understanding and support in order to resolve their common problems, and commends the work of the charity, which celebrates its 65th anniversary in 2016 of supporting families dealing with alcohol-related issues.

Supported by: John Mason*, Stuart McMillan*, Richard Lyle*, Monica Lennon*, Clare Haughey*, Kenneth Gibson*, Joan McAlpine*, James Dornan*, Neil Findlay*, Gillian Martin*, Bill Kidd*, Gordon Lindhurst*

*S5M-00496 James Dornan: Congratulating the Greenview Café on its 10th Birthday—That the Parliament congratulates the Greenview Café on its 10th birthday; considers that its service to the community in providing a place where friendships can be made has helped to break down social isolation and provide a focal point for local people; notes that the café hosts a number of community-led activities, such as the photography club, which have contributed to an increase in volunteering and developed many transferable skills among people who have dedicated themselves to their community and who have benefited from this exciting community asset, and wishes the café continued success.

Supported by: Richard Lyle*, Colin Beattie*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*, Gillian Martin*, Bill Kidd*

***S5M-00495 Oliver Mundell: Lockerbie Gala Day 2016**—That the Parliament recognises the exceptional efforts of Lockerbie's residents in the organisation of the town's annual gala day; appreciates in particular the work of the event's 2016 committee and of David Kennedy, Taylor Edwards and Mary Ann Bell-Irving in their positions as the Standard Bearer, Cornet and Lass respectively, and congratulates Molly Carruthers on being crowned Gala Queen 2016.

Supported by: Liz Smith*, Alexander Burnett*, Annie Wells*, Alison Harris*, Peter Chapman*, John Lamont*, David Torrance*, Donald Cameron*, Colin Beattie*, Colin Smyth*, Jeremy Balfour*, Joan McAlpine*, Finlay Carson*, Kenneth Gibson*, Margaret Mitchell*

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*S5M-00494 Peter Chapman: Call for Action on Improving Safety on the A947—That the Parliament is sorry to see the death of George Wiseman, a local fisherman from Whitehills, on the A947; believes that vital improvement works must be undertaken as soon as possible to prevent further tragedies; understands that Aberdeenshire Council has options ready for implementation, and calls on Aberdeenshire Council and the Scottish Government to work together in order to allow work to begin as soon as possible.

Supported by: Liz Smith*, Liam Kerr*, Miles Briggs*, Oliver Mundell*, Annie Wells*, Alexander Burnett*, Murdo Fraser*, Alison Harris*, Donald Cameron*, John Lamont*

*S5M-00493 Neil Bibby: Bus Services Driving Passengers round the Bend—That the Parliament notes with concern the findings of Citizens Advice Scotland's report on local bus services, *Round the Bend*; notes that around 420 million bus passenger journeys are made in Scotland every year; understands that the report identifies a number of significant challenges that bus users face every day; recognises that one of the main concerns highlighted is irregular services to access healthcare, banks and further education; notes that fares vary substantially across Scotland's bus routes, ranging from 7p per mile to £1.80 per mile, with job seekers in some areas paying up to 15% of their income for a return trip to the nearest job centre; congratulates everyone at Citizens Advice Scotland involved in producing what it understands is the biggest piece of research ever carried out into Scotland's bus network; believes that buses play a vital role in keeping people moving and allowing them to access essential services, and calls for the introduction of bus regulation to put passengers at the heart of Scotland's bus network.

Supported by: Iain Gray*, Lewis Macdonald*, Pauline McNeill*, Anas Sarwar*, Colin Smyth*, Mark Ruskell*, Andy Wightman*, Neil Findlay*, Alex Rowley*

*S5M-00492 Mairi Evans: Queen's Fire Service Medal for Bryan Cuthill—That the Parliament congratulates Bryan Cuthill on being named as a recipient of the Queen's Fire Service Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2016; understands that Bryan, who is watch manager for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) at Brechin fire station, is now in his 38th year of retained service with SFRS; notes that, in his 38 years, Bryan has made himself available to the fire service and the local and wider community as much as possible, and thanks him and the many others who work at SFRS for their dedicated service to this country.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Graeme Dey*, David Torrance*, James Dornan*, Gillian Martin*, Joan McAlpine*

***S5M-00491 Liam Kerr: Young Addaction Dundee, Asda Foundation Funding**—That the Parliament acknowledges the brilliant work done by Young Addaction Dundee in reaching out to young people across the city through offering advice and information around drugs and alcohol; congratulates the charity on making a real difference to the city since its foundation in 2014, engaging with more than 4,200 young people and seeing a measurable reduction in youth-related antisocial behaviour, street drinking and alcohol-related offending, and applauds the Asda Foundation, which has awarded the charity a grant of £52,832, thus saving it from closure and enabling it to carry on with its vitally important work.

Supported by: Oliver Mundell*, Annie Wells*, Murdo Fraser*, Colin Beattie*, John Lamont*, Miles Briggs*, Peter Chapman*, Graham Simpson*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Jackson Carlaw*, Alison Harris*, Alexander Burnett*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kenneth Gibson*, Clare Haughey*

*S5M-00490 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 16 June 2016—

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delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: The Best Start in Life for Scotland's Children

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Policing and Security

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Best Start in Life for Scotland's Children

*S5M-00489 Jackie Baillie: Asda's Social Enterprise Supplier Development Academy—That the Parliament welcomes the first Asda Social Enterprise Supplier Development Academy, which has been developed in partnership with Social Investment Scotland; notes that it aims to provide a boost to the sector by bringing together 12 social enterprises for a four-day master class; understands that it will help to develop skills by running workshops on supplier/retailer relationships and sessions focused on packaging and market strategies; believes that the businesses will be given access to one-to-one mentoring and finance, through social investment loans that will be funded by the carrier bag charge; recognises the tremendous work that social enterprises can do for communities, and hopes that the academy will prove a great success.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Iain Gray*, David Torrance*, Colin Smyth*, Neil Findlay*

*S5M-00488 Maree Todd: Jade Konkel, Scotland's First Full-time Professional Women's Rugby Player—That the Parliament congratulates Jade Konkel, who is from the Black Isle, on becoming Scotland's first full-time professional women's rugby player and welcomes the Scottish Rugby Union's commitment to women's rugby, which includes the announcement of an elite women's scholarship and plans to develop the competitiveness of the women's game.

Supported by: Liam McArthur*, Colin Beattie*, Alexander Burnett*, Jackie Baillie*, Stuart McMillan*, Bob Doris*, Graham Simpson*, Gail Ross*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*, Joan McAlpine*, Finlay Carson*, Annie Wells*, Tavish Scott*, Clare Haughey*, Margaret Mitchell*, Kenneth Gibson*

*S5M-00487 Jackson Carlaw: Heron Bros Seeks Specialist Local Subcontractors for School Works—That the Parliament welcomes the engagement of Heron Bros with specialist local subcontractors ahead of contract tendering for Eastwood school works; notes that Heron Bros is the principal contractor in building the new Joint Faiths' Campus in Newton Mearns and the extension and refurbishment works of Crookfur Primary School; understands that it held an information session on the morning of 14 June 2016 for all interested contractors at Fairweather Hall in Newton Mearns, and hopes that this approach will help deliver the quality tradespeople that Heron Bros needs.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Alison Harris*, Peter Chapman*, Liz Smith*, Oliver Mundell*, Donald Cameron*, Alexander Burnett*, Jeremy Balfour*, Margaret Mitchell*

*S5M-00486 Jackson Carlaw: Cosgrove Care Chief Executive, Walter Hecht, to Retire—That the Parliament notes that the chief executive of Cosgrove Care, Walter Hecht, is set to retire after nine years in post; thanks Walter for all his work over the years ensuring that Cosgrove Care continues to deliver the dedicated care for which it has become a byword; recognises that Cosgrove Care is a charity specialising in providing personalised support and care services for children and adults living in an around East Renfrewshire, Glasgow and North Lanarkshire who have learning disabilities, autistic spectrum disorders and mental health conditions, and looks forward to working with the new chief executive to ensure that the organisation continues to receive support from elected members.

Supported by: Liz Smith*, Alexander Burnett*, Graham Simpson*, Stuart McMillan*, Oliver Mundell*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Alison Harris*, Jeremy Balfour*

*S5M-00485 Jackson Carlaw: Giffnock Primary School Raised £1,302 for Diabetes UK—That the Parliament congratulates Giffnock Primary School on raising £1,302 for Diabetes UK; understands that the pupils raised the money through a sponsored swim; notes that 12 to 18 June 2016 is Diabetes Awareness Week, which helps to deal with common misconceptions and encourage more Scots to get tested for type 1 and type 2 diabetes, and trusts that this donation will help Diabetes UK as it raises awareness throughout 12 to 18 June and beyond.

Supported by: Oliver Mundell*, Peter Chapman*, Finlay Carson*, Liz Smith*, Alison Harris*, Colin Beattie*, Alexander Burnett*, Annie Wells*, John Lamont*

*S5M-00484 Jackson Carlaw: East Renfrewshire Libraries to Mark 100 Years since the Birth of Roald Dahl—That the Parliament welcomes East Renfrewshire Libraries' decision to mark 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl; notes that the events are taking place between 25 June and 4 August 2016 as part of the Tesco Bank summer reading challenge, The Big Friendly Read; understands that the events are seeking to engage children in reading, with a focus on Dahl's well-known children's novels, *Fantastic Mr Fox*, *The BFG* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, amongst others; believes that fostering an enjoyment of reading for pleasure is a deeply worthwhile goal of this initiative, and wishes the initiative every success.

Supported by: Liz Smith*, Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Oliver Mundell*, Alexander Burnett*, Jackie Baillie*, Maurice Golden*, John Lamont*, Peter Chapman*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Alison Harris*, Margaret Mitchell*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-00483 Monica Lennon: Congratulations to St John Ogilvie High School, Hamilton (lodged on 15 June 2016)

New Support: Elaine Smith*, Stuart McMillan*, Richard Lyle*

S5M-00482 Bob Doris: Maryhill Volunteers Help Preserve Scotland's Canals (lodged on 15 June 2016)

New Support: Ivan McKee*, Bill Kidd*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00481 Bob Doris: John Paul Academy Graduation Mass (lodged on 15 June 2016)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00480 Clare Adamson: Congratulations to the Society of St Vincent de Paul on Clothing Giveaway (lodged on 15 June 2016)

New Support: Clare Haughey*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00479 Christina McKelvie: Human Rights Violations at Yarl's Wood Detention Centre (lodged on 15 June 2016)

New Support: Rona Mackay*, Mairi Evans*, Michael Russell*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Patrick Harvie*, John Mason*, Alex Rowley*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*, Joan McAlpine*, Clare Haughey*, Bill Kidd*

S5M-00478 Clare Adamson: Scottish Rowing Championships (lodged on 15 June 2016) New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Gillian Martin*, Kenneth Gibson*

S5M-00477 Clare Adamson: Newmains and District Gala Day (lodged on 15 June 2016) New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00476 Gillian Martin: The Transition Training Fund (lodged on 15 June 2016)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Joan McAlpine*, Colin Beattie*, Rona Mackay*, Gail Ross*, Clare Haughey*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*

S5M-00473 Alex Rowley: UK Ban on Hunting Trophies (lodged on 15 June 2016)

New Support: Ivan McKee*, Graeme Dey*, Claudia Beamish*

S5M-00470 James Dornan: Congratulations to Pollokshaws Area Network (lodged on 15 June 2016)

New Support: Ivan McKee*, Graeme Dey*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00469 Douglas Ross: Whale and Dolphin Centre a First-class Attraction for Moray (lodged on 15 June 2016)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Maurice Golden*

S5M-00468 Alex Cole-Hamilton: GP Crisis in Scotland's Communities (lodged on 15 June 2016)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Tavish Scott*, Anas Sarwar*, Liam McArthur*

S5M-00463 Stuart McMillan: Royal Mail and RNIB Scotland's Parliamentary Transcription Service (lodged on 14 June 2016)

New Support: John Mason*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00462 Bill Kidd: Congratulating Macmillan Cancer Support and Glasgow Life, Scottish Charity Awards 2016 (lodged on 14 June 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00461 Colin Beattie: Rotary Club Cyclist's Sponsored Bike Ride (lodged on 14 June 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00460 Ash Denham: Thistle Centre for Wellbeing Opening (lodged on 14 June 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00459 Graeme Dey: Junior Saltire Award for Monifieth High School (lodged on 14 June 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00458 Gail Ross: First Graduate Medical Programme (lodged on 14 June 2016)

New Support: Graeme Dey*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00457 David Stewart: UHI Selected to Deliver Graduate Medical Programme (lodged on 14 June 2016)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

S5M-00455 Clare Adamson: Drowning Prevention Week 2016 (lodged on 14 June 2016) New Support: Maurice Golden*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00454 Ash Denham: MoonWalk Scotland Success (lodged on 14 June 2016)

New Support: Graeme Dey*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00452 Kenneth Gibson: Ardrossan Castle Carnival (lodged on 14 June 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00451 Clare Adamson: Scottish Youth Rally for Persecuted Christians (lodged on 14 June 2016)

New Support: Maurice Golden*, Colin Beattie*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00450 Christina McKelvie: Scotland's History of Solidarity and Welcome (lodged on 14 June 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

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

New Support: Clare Haughey*, Ivan McKee*, Graeme Dey*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liam McArthur*, Gillian Martin*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*, Colin Beattie*, Gillian Martin*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*, Colin Beattie*

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

New Support: Graeme Dey*, Colin Beattie*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*, Colin Beattie*, Gillian Martin*

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

New Support: Graeme Dey*, Gillian Martin*

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

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Gillian Martin*

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

New Support: Gillian Martin*

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

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00430 Neil Findlay: West Lothian College Awards Ceremony (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

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

New Support: Colin Beattie*

S5M-00425 Rhoda Grant: Congratulating Lucy Lintott on her Charity Work (lodged on 13 June 2016)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*, Graham Simpson*, Colin Beattie*

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

New Support: Graeme Dey*, Gillian Martin*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*, Graham Simpson*, Colin Beattie*

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

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Gillian Martin*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00419 Lewis Macdonald: New Project to Transcribe Aberdeen's Medieval Records (lodged on 13 June 2016) New Support: Colin Beattie*

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

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00417 Richard Lochhead: Congratulations to Lucy Lintott (lodged on 10 June 2016)

New Support: Maurice Golden*, Gillian Martin*

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

New Support: Gillian Martin*

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

New Support: Gillian Martin*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

S5M-00408 David Torrance: Kirkcaldy High School Pupils' Success at Go4SET National Finals (lodged on 09 June 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00407 Clare Adamson: North Lanarkshire Carers Together AGM (lodged on 09 June 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00406 Clare Adamson: EVA Wins Royal Television Society Award (lodged on 09 June 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00404 Liam McArthur: Orkney's RNLI Fundraisers and Station Officials Strike Gold (lodged on 09 June 2016)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

S5M-00402 Johann Lamont: Co-operatives Fortnight (lodged on 09 June 2016)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

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

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00398 Gail Ross: Cruise Figures (lodged on 09 June 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

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

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00392 Graeme Dey: Congratulations to Judith Strachan and her Friends (lodged on 08 June 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

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

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00389 David Torrance: Congratulations to CLEAR Buckhaven on Receiving £15,310 (lodged on 08 June 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00383 Bruce Crawford: Camphill Blair Drummond (lodged on 08 June 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00378 George Adam: Glasgow Airport Leads the Way (lodged on 08 June 2016) New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00377 John Mason: Queen Street Tunnel Works (lodged on 08 June 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00292 Mark Ruskell: Opposing CETA (lodged on 01 June 2016)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

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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 16 June 2016

S5W-00837 Bill Kidd: 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 there are in each pay band, and what the total salary cost of employing special advisers was in 2015-16.

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S5W-00702 Claudia Beamish: To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that there is a case for reviewing whether the use of night sights for the shooting of deer should be permitted.

S5W-00703 Claudia Beamish: To ask the Scottish Government how many owners and occupiers of land have been required by Scottish Natural Heritage to make a return of the number of wild deer taken or killed in each of the last three years and how many have made such a return in each local authority area.

S5W-00704 Claudia Beamish: To ask the Scottish Government how many statutory cull returns Scottish Natural Heritage has received in each of the last three years, broken down by local authority area.

S5W-00705 Claudia Beamish: To ask the Scottish Government how many wild deer have been taken or killed in each local authority area in each of the last three years, broken down by species.

S5W-00706 Claudia Beamish: To ask the Scottish Government whether Scottish Natural Heritage will revise its statutory cull return forms for 2016-17 to include space for the owner's or occupier's planned cull in the following year.

S5W-00707 Claudia Beamish: To ask the Scottish Government how Scottish Natural Heritage selects the owners from whom it requests statutory cull returns for the taking or killing of wild deer.

S5W-00708 Claudia Beamish: To ask the Scottish Government what the difference has been in each of the last three years between the total number of culled deer from the statutory returns and from game dealers' records.

S5W-00709 Claudia Beamish: To ask the Scottish Government whether Scottish Natural Heritage has carried out a review of the levels of competence among people who shoot deer, as required under the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996 and, if not, when such a review will take place.

S5W-00795 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S5W-00367 and S5W-00369 by Keith Brown and Jamie Hepburn on 14 and 15 June 2016 respectively, whether it will provide a breakdown of how it arrived at the figure of "more than 2,500 individuals" being provided with support by the Energy Jobs Taskforce, and whether it is satisfied with the accuracy of this answer and, if so, for what reason.

S5W-00796 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the comment by Paul Wheelhouse on 15 June 2016 (*Official Report*, c. 26) that the Energy Jobs Task Force "has engaged with approximately 8,800 individuals" and the assertion in amendment S5M-00448.3 by Keith Brown that the task force "has supported 8,800", whether it will provide a breakdown of how

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it arrived at the figure, and whether it is satisfied with the accuracy of these figures and, if so, for what reason.

S5W-00797 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-00248 by Angela Constance on 14 June 2016, when the inspectors of the funeral industry will be appointed; what the selection criteria for the appointments will be, and for how long the appointments will last.

S5W-00800 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-00248 by Angela Constance on 14 June 2016, what the terms will be of the review of the funeral industry.

S5W-00801 Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government how many air guns were surrendered to police stations during the amnesty between 23 May and 12 June 2016, also broken down by Police Scotland division.

S5W-00802 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-00246 by Angela Constance on 14 June 2016, whether it has made an assessment of the March 2016 report by the Work and Pensions Committee of the UK Parliament, *Support for the bereaved*, and, if so, what its position is on the findings.

S5W-00803 Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government how much it spent on (a) print and (b) broadcast advertising and marketing materials to promote the air gun amnesty between 23 May and 12 June 2016.

S5W-00804 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-00236 by Angela Constance on 14 June 2016, who the members are of the stakeholder reference group on funeral poverty; on what dates it has met and plans to next meet, and whether it will publish the minutes of its meetings.

S5W-00807 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-00236 by Angela Constance on 14 June 2016, whether it will publish the full details of its consultation on devolved social security benefits and when the consultation will (a) begin and (b) end.

S5W-00808 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-00241 by Angela Constance on 14 June 2016, by what date it will publish the funeral costs plan.

S5W-00809 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-00239 by Angela Constance on 14 June 2016, what assessment it has made of the adequacy in Scotland of the current UK eligibility criteria for the Funeral Payment.

S5W-00810 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-00249 by Angela Constance on 14 June 2016, whether its consultation on devolved social security benefits will include a plan to introduce parity in the burial and cremation costs that are charged by local authorities.

S5W-00811 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-00245 by Angela Constance on 14 June 2016, whether it will publish a list of the stakeholders that ministers have met since 5 May 2016.

S5W-00812 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will increase carer's allowance to the same level as jobseeker's allowance in the first year following the devolution of social security benefits.

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S5W-00813 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the UK Government in relation to the further devolution of welfare powers outlined in the Scotland Act 2016.

S5W-00814 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish the consultation announced on 8 February 2016 on plans to increase organ donation.

S5W-00815 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government whether its plans to increase organ donation announced on 8 February 2016 include the introduction of an opt-out system.

S5W-00816 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government who the members are of the Scottish Donation and Transplant Group.

S5W-00817 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government when the Scottish Donation and Transplant Group will next meet and what matters will be discussed.

S5W-00818 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to publish the minutes of meetings of the Scottish Donation and Transplant Group.

S5W-00820 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the UK Government in relation to the future of HMRC Cumbernauld and whether and, if so, when it has had discussions with staff representatives.

S5W-00821 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered moving Revenue Scotland operations to North Lanarkshire.

S5W-00822 Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5O-00024 by Paul Wheelhouse on 9 June 2016, whether the concerns of residents of the village of Torrance in relation to its possible role as a depot for fracking operations will be considered as part of the consultation on fracking.

S5W-00823 Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to reduce the number of children and young people requiring mental health inpatient treatment being treated in non-specialist wards.

S5W-00824 Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made on its commitment in the *Mental Health Strategy for Scotland: 2012-2015* to (a) make basic infant mental health training more widely available to professionals in the children's services workforce and (b) improve child psychotherapy by investing in a new cohort of trainees.

S5W-00825 Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government what is it doing to reduce any disparities between NHS boards in waiting times for child and adolescent mental health services.

S5W-00827 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the SNP 2016 manifesto commitment for "the first low emission zone to be put in place by the end of 2018", whether the location for the first zone will be announced prior to 4 May 2017, and what criteria it will use to select the zones.

S5W-00828 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government by what date it expects its air quality standard targets to be fully met.

S5W-00829 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to provide additional funding to local authorities to help establish and maintain low emission zones and, if so, how much.

S5W-00830 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding how many teachers or graduates with speech and language expertise are employed in nurseries in each local authority area, and what support it can provide to increase this.

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S5W-00831 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government how it is ensuring that bus services are protected for remote and rural communities.

S5W-00832 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government when it last discussed local bus subsidies with local authorities and regional transport partnerships.

S5W-00833 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has paid to private bus operators across all grants and subsidies in each of the last five years.

S5W-00834 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that GP surgeries and hospitals are accessible by public transport for all NHS patients.

S5W-00835 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to jobseekers so that they can afford to meet travel costs to jobcentres and work interviews.

S5W-00836 Mary Fee: To ask the Scottish Government how much will be allocated to Renfrewshire Council through the second tranche of the Attainment Scotland Fund.

S5W-00838 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether the transfer of birthing services from the Vale of Leven Hospital or Inverclyde Royal Hospital to the Royal Alexandra Hospital would be classified as a major service change.

S5W-00839 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that the reported proposal in the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde draft local delivery plan to transfer birthing services from the Vale of Leven Hospital to the Royal Alexandra Hospital would run contrary to the NHS board's commitment in the agreement, *Vision for the Vale*, that "the Community Maternity Unit will be sustained and promoted".

S5W-00840 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether NHS Greater Glasgow and Clydehas has carried out a public consultation regarding transfering birthing services from the Vale of Leven Hospital to the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

S5W-00841 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has allocated each year to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde toward the promotion of the Community Maternity Unit at the Vale of Leven Hospital since the publication of the agreement, *Vision for the Vale*, broken down by type of marketing activity.

S5W-00842 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde local delivery plan is subject to ministerial approval.

S5W-00843 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport last met the chair or chief executive of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to discuss services at the Vale of Leven Hospital, and whether it will publish the minutes of the meeting.

S5W-00844 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport is aware of the reported proposal in the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde draft local delivery plan to transfer birthing services from the Vale of Leven Hospital to the Royal Alexandra Hospital and, if so, when the cabinet secretary was informed of this.

S5W-00845 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-00622 by John Swinney on 15 June 2016, when it next plans to conduct a national survey of adult literacies.

S5W-00846 Mike Rumbles: To ask the Scottish Government whether Aberdeenshire Council's invitation to tender for new mental health service provision across Aberdeenshire references preventative measures and includes a crossover from the current commissioned services to the

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new provision and whether it considers that not doing so could lead to people deemed "low risk with a possible risk of elevation" being unable to access existing support in the area.

S5W-00847 Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question SW5-00476 by Angela Constance on 16 June 2016, whether it will express each figure on a per capita basis ranked in descending order.

S5W-00848 Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will discuss with the retail sector adopting a code of practice or agreement on the sale of food and drink to schoolchildren in the vicinity of schools, and what powers it has to regulate the price, promotion and display of unhealthy products in such circumstances.

S5W-00852 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support language development in pre-school age children.

S5W-00853 Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government what support is available for heritage railways, such as the Keith and Dufftown Railway in Moray.

S5W-00854 Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has carried out of the contribution of heritage railways to tourism.

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Subject to annulment by 7 September 2016

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

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Other Documents

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