

Business Bulletin

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Selection of the Parliament's Nominee for First Minister

As announced by the Presiding Officer, the selection of the Parliament's nominee for First Minister will take place at 2.00pm on Tuesday 17 May.

The nomination period will open at 9.30am and close at 1.30pm on Tuesday. Nominations must be submitted on official nomination forms. Nomination forms will be available from the Business Team office in T1.03 (top of the Garden Lobby steps).

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

As appointed by the Presiding Officer

Tuesday 17 May 2016

2:00 pm Selection of the Parliament's nominee for First Minister

Future Committee Meetings

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

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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.

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 A motion or amendment is live if it has not been debated, withdrawn or otherwise deleted.

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.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S5M-00020 Miles Briggs: Living Streets Scotland's Walk to School Week 2016**—That the Parliament considers that walking to school can improve the physical and mental health of children, young people, parents and carers and provides children and young people with a greater sense of independence and self-confidence; notes the success of Living Streets Scotland's Walk to School Week 2016 and congratulates the 20,000 pupils from schools across Scotland who participated; notes that children from Abbeyhill Primary School in Edinburgh joined MSPs outside the Parliament to mark the launch of week, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue its focus on walking to school as a critical part of delivering its National Walking Strategy Action Plan and efforts to create a culture where everyone walks more often.

Supported by: Kevin Stewart*, John Mason*, Douglas Ross*, Jackie Baillie*, Alex Johnstone*

***S5M-00019 Jackie Baillie: SMC's Appraisal of the Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Treatment, Translarna**—That the Parliament understands with concern that the Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) has recommended that Duchenne muscular dystrophy treatment, Translarna, should not be approved for funding by the NHS in Scotland; further understands that a petition by nine-year-old Michael Young, who would be eligible for the treatment, to the First Minister to intervene following this decision has attracted over 96,000 signatures; expresses disappointment at what it sees as the restrictions placed on patient involvement during the SMC assessment process; understands that the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has recommended Translarna for funding by the NHS in England through a proposed managed access agreement in which the drug would be made available for five years at a discounted price while further evidence is gathered; believes that the SMC should introduce a similar agreement for assessing treatments that emerge, and calls on the Scottish Government to intervene to ensure that there is consistency of access to Translarna across all of Scotland's NHS boards through the peer approved clinical system.

Supported by: Elaine Smith*, Iain Gray*

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***S5M-00018 Ben Macpherson: Botanic Cottage Reopens**—That the Parliament welcomes the reopening to the public on 10 May 2016 of the Botanic Cottage at the Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh (RBGE); understands that this makes the cottage now both the RBGE's oldest and newest building; acknowledges that it was originally completed on 10 May 1766 and previously stood at the entrance to the former site on Leith Walk; appreciates that the historic building was rescued from demolition in 2008, meticulously dismantled stone by stone and rebuilt at the new RBGE site in Inverleith using traditional techniques and historically accurate materials; further appreciates that it was saved following a community campaign, which was led by the Botanic Cottage Trust, and with support from individual donors and funding bodies, including the Heritage Lottery Fund; welcomes the news that, as part of RBGE's community education programme, the cottage will be used as a state-of-the-art centre for community and education initiatives, and further welcomes that groups of all ages will be able to use the facility as a space for classes, workshops, demonstrations, talks and meetings.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, Kevin Stewart*, Jackie Baillie*, Gail Ross*

***S5M-00017 John Mason: Returning Officers' Expenditure**—That the Parliament understands that the returning officers responsible for organising elections are likely to be paid considerable extra on top of what many would consider to be extremely generous salaries; notes reports that, following the 2016 Scottish election and the EU referendum in June, returning officers across the country could benefit to the sum of almost £500,000 between them; affirms that returning officers have an extremely important role that is sometimes carried out in difficult circumstances; notes however the reported comments of Malcolm Burr, the chair of the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives Scotland, that "the outdated system of remuneration requires a review" and of Willie Sullivan, the director of the Electoral Reform Society Scotland, that the running of elections should be "added to the job descriptions of local authority chief executives as an integral part of their role", and agrees that, at a time of budgetary restraint, a review of this expenditure is required.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*

***S5M-00016 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Mental Health Awareness Week**—That the Parliament notes that Mental Health Awareness Week takes place between 16 and 22 May 2016; further notes that this year's theme is relationships, and will highlight both how fundamental these are to everyone's health and wellbeing and the barriers that exist to forming and maintaining them, which include the impact of bullying and pressures on work-life balance; understands that there will be events held across the country during the week, ranging from film screenings to walks, and a pottery workshop to a bake sale; notes that the Mental Health Foundation is asking people to make a relationship resolution, encouraging them to invest more in being present with and listening to friends, family and colleagues; understands that, each year, one-in-four people in Scotland will experience a diagnosable mental health problem; believes that initiatives such as this awareness week make an important contribution to ending the stigma and discrimination surrounding mental health issues, and thanks all of those involved in this event for their efforts.

Supported by: Pauline McNeill*, Jackie Baillie*, John Mason*, Gail Ross*, David Torrance*, Ross Thomson*, Douglas Ross*, Kenneth Gibson*, Iain Gray*

***S5M-00015 Douglas Ross: This Farming Life**—That the Parliament welcomes the success of the BBC programme, *This Farming Life*, which was a 12-part series that focussed on six farming families from the Highlands and Islands and documented the highs and lows of farming from unique personal perspectives; further welcomes what it sees as the positive image of Scottish farming and farming life that was portrayed by everyone in the programme; understands that the average audience was 1.7 million, equating to 8% of the UK share and 12% in Scotland;

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commends all of the families involved on showing the hard work and dedication that is required to farm in different parts of Scotland, which is replicated by farmers and crofters across the country on a daily basis; acknowledges the skilful work of the production team in capturing the outstanding footage of the lives on the farms and the surrounding areas, which included aerial shots of the Scottish countryside, and wishes continued success to all the families involved in the series, who made it such compelling viewing.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Liam McArthur*, Jackie Baillie*, Bill Kidd*, John Lamont*, Kenneth Gibson*, Kevin Stewart*

***S5M-00014 Angus MacDonald: CATCA Success at the Scottish Rural Awards—**That the Parliament congratulates the Communities Along The Carron Association (CATCA), which is a group of local volunteers committed to the regeneration of the River Carron, its communities and the adjacent land, on winning the Conservation and the Environment category at the recent Scottish Rural Awards; notes the award is given to an organisation, business or person for creating, innovating and succeeding in enhancing the countryside through sustainability, protection, rescue introduction or reorganisation that goes beyond the requirements of the law; understands that, through the collective effort of over 3,500 people, CATCA's work has resulted in the river being cleared of over 100 tons of log jams, 70 tons of fly-tipped items and 2,000 bags of litter; commends it on working with local authorities, agencies and other groups to improve the water and wildlife habitat of the Carron, develop a path network and promote educational and heritage projects; understands that the group secured local nature reserve status for the Carron Dams site in 2013 and has helped to achieve funding for over £1 million of path network improvements, and wishes it continued success for the future.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Maree Todd*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jackie Baillie*, Bill Kidd*, Bob Doris*, Kevin Stewart*

***S5M-00013 Ross Thomson: The Rubislaw Quarry Heritage Centre—**That the Parliament welcomes plans for a Granite Heritage Visitor Centre at the site of Aberdeen's historic Rubislaw Quarry; notes that the quarry, dating back to 1680 and once the largest man-made hole in Europe, produced over eight million tons of granite that contributed to almost 75% of Aberdeen's buildings, bridges and monuments; understands that it was also used to build noted buildings and landmarks across the UK, including London's Waterloo Bridge and the Bruce Memorial at Bannockburn; commends Hugh Black and the late Sandy Whyte for their contributions in bringing forward ambitious and visionary plans to preserve this important site; recognises the potential for such a site to attract visitors and to benefit the area's economy; congratulates the owners on receiving planning approval from Aberdeen City Council, and wishes the owners continued success in taking their plans forward.

***S5M-00012 Gail Ross: Welcoming Syrian Refugees to Alness—**That the Parliament commends The Highland Council on resettling in Alness, Ross-shire, 25 to 30 refugee families from crisis-hit Syria; recognises the importance of providing safe, secure homes and support for all refugees; welcomes the training from the Scottish Refugee Council for frontline staff, which it believes is essential to help the families integrate in the community, and looks forward to further homes being made available in the areas of Highlands where suitable housing, schooling and health support can be identified.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, Jeane Freeman*, David Stewart*, Ivan McKee*, Mark McDonald*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Neil Findlay*, David Torrance*, Kenneth Gibson*, Pauline McNeill*, Liam McArthur*, Bob Doris*, Jackie Baillie*, Maree Todd*, Kevin Stewart*

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***S5M-00011 Alison Johnstone: Partnership on Women's Education in Malawi**—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish charities, the Mamie Martin Fund and the Soko Fund, on their new partnership to support girls' education in Malawi; understands that the partnership will connect the Mamie Martin Fund's work to support girls at secondary school with the Soko Fund's university scholarships to enable more young women in Malawi to continue their education to university level; recognises that women's education is an essential element of supporting the development of a country, and welcomes the launch of this partnership between these two small charities to be hosted by the University of Edinburgh School of Social and Political Science on 14 June 2016.

Supported by: Rona Mackay*, Michael Russell*, Patrick Harvie*, Bruce Crawford*, Bill Kidd*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Elaine Smith*, Neil Findlay*, David Torrance*, Kenneth Gibson*, Liam McArthur*, Jackie Baillie*, Maree Todd*, Kevin Stewart*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-00010 Jackie Baillie: Arthritis Care Week 2016 (lodged on 12 May 2016)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Claudia Beamish*, Jackson Carlaw*, Iain Gray*, Bruce Crawford*, Douglas Ross*, Maurice Golden*, Rachael Hamilton*, Ross Thomson*, Elaine Smith*, Neil Findlay*, Kenneth Gibson*, Pauline McNeill*, Liam McArthur*, Maree Todd*, Kevin Stewart*

S5M-00009 Liam McArthur: International Nurses' Day 2016 (lodged on 12 May 2016)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Bruce Crawford*, Jeane Freeman*, Bill Kidd*, Monica Lennon*, Tom Arthur*, John Mason*

S5M-00008 Liam McArthur: Orkney Chosen for a new European-wide Hydrogen Project (lodged on 12 May 2016)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bruce Crawford*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Maree Todd*

S5M-00007 Michael Russell: Commemorating the 21st Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide (lodged on 12 May 2016)

New Support: Rona Mackay*, Tom Arthur*, Iain Gray*, Bruce Crawford*, Jeane Freeman*, Bill Kidd*, Neil Findlay*, Ross Thomson*, Liam McArthur*, David Torrance*, Elaine Smith*, Bob Doris*, Pauline McNeill*, John Mason*

S5M-00006 Alex Johnstone: Stolen Valour (lodged on 12 May 2016)

New Support: Maurice Golden*, Ross Thomson*

S5M-00005 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Increasing Safety in Residential Care Homes (lodged on 12 May 2016)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Maree Todd*

S5M-00004 Douglas Ross: Fochabers Ice Cream Parlour, Scotland's Best Ice Cream Parlour (lodged on 12 May 2016)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Oliver Mundell*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bruce Crawford*, Maurice Golden*, Ross Thomson*, Donald Cameron*, David Torrance*, Maree Todd*

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S5M-00003 Neil Findlay: Scotland, Pitchford and Undercover Policing (lodged on 12 May 2016)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Monica Lennon*, Elaine Smith*, Pauline McNeill*

S5M-00002 Neil Findlay: Blacklisting Compensation Payout (lodged on 12 May 2016)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Elaine Smith*

S5M-00001 Neil Findlay: Lessons from Hillsborough (lodged on 12 May 2016)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Monica Lennon*, Elaine Smith*

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 13 May 2016

S5W-00056 Michael Russell: To ask the Scottish Government what permissions are required to fish for razor clams in the Firth of Clyde.

S5W-00057 Michael Russell: To ask the Scottish Government how many licences there are for fishing for razor clams in the Firth of Clyde.

S5W-00058 Michael Russell: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to further regulate fishing for razor clams in the Firth of Clyde.

S5W-00059 Michael Russell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is aware of any proposal by Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd to withdraw security screening at Tiree Airport.

S5W-00060 Michael Russell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is aware of any proposals by Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd to enhance the availability of Tiree Airport by installing permanent or demountable lighting.

S5W-00061 Michael Russell: To ask the Scottish Government what proposals it has to reduce the burden of charity regulation on small charities.

S5W-00062 Michael Russell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will examine the burden of charity regulation on small charities with no full-time or part-time staff.

S5W-00063 Michael Russell: To ask the Scottish Government what regulation it plans to put in place for the South Arran Marine Protected Area.

S5W-00064 Michael Russell: To ask the Scottish Government whether there has been a significant increase in the number of creels being placed in the South Arran Marine Protected Area following its designation and what proposals it has to regulate any overfishing.

S5W-00065 Michael Russell: To ask the Scottish Government what steps Marine Scotland has taken to (a) regulate and (b) manage the South Arran Marine Protected Area.

S5W-00066 Michael Russell: To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements it will make to allow people who live on Islay to make blood donations.

S5W-00067 Michael Russell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will ensure that mobile blood donation centres are used in the Argyll islands, if necessary by making special arrangements for transportation with Caledonian MacBrayne.

S5W-00068 Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will re-enter Scotland in the (a) Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) and (b) Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) assessment of educational progress in schools.

S5W-00069 Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what mechanism it will use over the next four years to allocate resources from the Scottish Attainment Fund to schools.

S5W-00070 Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what criteria it will use over the next four years to determine whether there has been improvement in educational attainment.

S5W-00071 Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to carry out a review of the support provided to school pupils with additional support needs.

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S5W-00072 Angus MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government how many firms in the Falkirk East constituency have used the Adopt an Apprentice scheme, also broken down by the number of apprentices adopted.

S5W-00073 Angus MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government how many crofting townships have (a) been asked to supply professionally audited accounts to the Crofting Commission and (b) supplied professionally audited accounts in each of the last five years; how many crofting townships have no committees at present, and how many grazings committees have been removed by the Crofting Commission in each of the last five years.

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Subordinate legislation in progress *(date of laying)*

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 19 May 2016

National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/97) *(12 February 2016)*

National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/98) *(12 February 2016)*

Subject to annulment by 20 May 2016

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) 2016 (SSI 2016/100) *(16 February 2016)*

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Messengers-at-Arms) 2016 (SSI 2016/101) *(16 February 2016)*

Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/104) *(17 February 2016)*

Subject to annulment by 21 May 2016

Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/115) *(23 February 2016)*

Salmon Carcass Tagging (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/116) *(23 February 2016)*

Tweed Regulation (Salmon Carcass Tagging) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/117) *(23 February 2016)*

Tweed Regulation (Salmon Conservation) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/118) *(23 February 2016)*

Subject to annulment by 22 May 2016

Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/113) *(24 February 2016)*

Non-Domestic Rates (Levyng) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/114) *(24 February 2016)*

Non-Domestic Rates (Enterprise Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/119) *(24 February 2016)*

Non-Domestic Rates (Steel Sites) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/120) *(24 February 2016)*

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Non-Domestic Rates (Renewable Energy Generation Relief) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/121) *(24 February 2016)*

Non-Domestic Rates (Telecommunication Installations) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/122) *(24 February 2016)*

Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/124) *(24 February 2016)*

Concession Contracts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/125) *(24 February 2016)*

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 (SSI 2016/126) *(24 February 2016)*

National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/127) *(24 February 2016)*

Non-Domestic Rates (Telecommunications and Canals) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 (SSI 2016/129) *(24 February 2016)*

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2016 (SSI 2016/131) *(24 February 2016)*

New Documents

Committee Reports

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

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the 12 May 2016 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Food Standards Scotland Statement on Performance of Functions (SG/2016/73) laid under section 5(6)(a) of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Operating Plan 2016–2019 (SG/2016/60) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

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