

# Business Bulletin

## *Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

### **Change to membership of the Parliamentary Bureau**

The Presiding Officer wishes to inform members that Mike Rumbles has replaced Willie Rennie as a member of the Parliamentary Bureau.

### **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 today.

The nomination period will open at 9.30am and close at 1.30pm. 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).

The Presiding Officer will read out each candidate's name in alphabetical order. Candidates will be allocated five minutes to speak in support of their candidacy which will be followed by the voting process.

Members will be given the opportunity to vote "yes" for one candidate, using the electronic voting system. Members may vote only once. Only "yes" votes will be counted.

After votes have been cast in support of candidates, Members who have not cast a "yes" vote for a candidate will then have an opportunity to vote to abstain. If any Member records a vote more than once, all of that Member's votes will be treated as spoiled.

A candidate will be selected if a simple majority is obtained. If no majority is obtained, the candidate with the smallest number of votes will be eliminated and further rounds of voting will be held until a valid result is achieved.

Where there is only one candidate, members may vote "yes", "no" or "abstain", using the electronic voting system. The candidate is selected if he or she obtains a simple majority in their favour.

Members are reminded that the electronic voting system will be used in this process and security passes will therefore be required.

After a candidate is selected, each party leader will be invited to speak for five minutes each, taken in party size (largest party first) with the successful candidate being called to speak last.

### **MSP Group Photograph**

The MSP photograph will take place following the selection of the Parliament's nomination as First Minister.

## **Today's Business**

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**followed by** Business Motions

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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.

### Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

**\*S5M-00030 David Stewart: Diabetes in Scotland**—That the Parliament acknowledges the continued rise in the number of cases of diabetes; understands that there are over 280,000 people in Scotland, including in the Highlands and Islands, living with the condition and that the number is predicted to rise to 480,000 2035; acknowledges the recent World Health Organization report that warned that cases had nearly quadrupled worldwide to 422 million in 2014 from 108 million in 1980 and that high blood sugar levels are a major killer, linked to 3.7 million deaths around the world each year, and welcomes the publication of Diabetes Scotland's *The Bellwether Report*, which calls for diabetes to be made a national clinical priority to ensure that there is universal person-centred care for people living with the condition.

Supported by: Jackson Carlaw\*, Iain Gray\*, Liam McArthur\*, Elaine Smith\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Peter Chapman\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Christine Grahame\*, Douglas Ross\*

### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*S5M-00037 James Dornan: Welcoming the Promotion of Queen's Park Football Club**—That the Parliament congratulates Scotland's oldest football club, Queen's Park Football Club, based at Hampden Park, on its promotion to Scottish League One; acknowledges the dedication of the many people who have made this possible, from fans, members of staff and others, but primarily the team and coaching staff under the management of Gus MacPherson, for their hard work, and looks forward to further success in the coming seasons.

Supported by: Angus MacDonald\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Graeme Dey\*

**\*S5M-00036 James Dornan: Judgement on the Unlawfully Imposed Sanctions on Benefit Claimants**—That the Parliament welcomes the report in the *Third Force News* concerning the Court of Appeal judgement on the unlawful implementation of sanctions on thousands of benefit

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claimants as it is incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights; further welcomes the legal defeat of the UK Government's position so that sanctions cannot be imposed retrospectively; welcomes the refunding of benefit sanctions to the thousands affected by what it considers this disgraceful policy, and believes that this situation highlights the growing need for the Scottish Parliament to have welfare powers that control the sanctions regime and create a lawful and sensitive Scottish welfare system.

Supported by: Angus MacDonald\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Graeme Dey\*, Patrick Harvie\*

**\*S5M-00035 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Supporting Local Post Office Counters—**That the Parliament notes the sudden and unexpected closure of Duart Crescent Post Office in West Edinburgh; understands that residents in the vicinity of Duart Crescent will now have to visit St John's Road or Barnton to access postal services; recognises that this is one of several recent post office closures to have occurred in suburban West Edinburgh in recent years; believes that community post office counters supply a vital, lifeline service to communities across Scotland, particularly to older residents; regrets the impact that the closure of post office counters such as Duart Crescent can have on the viability of surrounding local businesses and the life of local communities, and urges the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government and the Post Office to support and, where possible, reopen such post office counters.

**\*S5M-00034 Miles Briggs: Congratulations to Edinburgh City Football Club—**That the Parliament congratulates Edinburgh City Football Club on its promotion to League Two of the Scottish Professional Football League (SPFL); notes that the promotion of the Meadowbank side follows a victory against East Stirlingshire; pays tribute to the manager, Gary Jardine, and all the team's players, including the veteran midfielder, Dougie Gair, who scored the winning late penalty against East Stirlingshire, on what it considers their fantastic achievement in winning the Lowland League and then entering League Two of the SPFL; further notes that Edinburgh City Football Club's promotion to the Scottish League means that there are three clubs from the capital in the league for the first time in more than two decades, and wishes all the players and supporters of the team well in future games.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, John Lamont\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Ben Macpherson\*, Alex Johnstone\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Liam McArthur\*, Kevin Stewart\*

**\*S5M-00033 Neil Findlay: World Inflammatory Bowel Disease Day—**That the Parliament understands that, worldwide, five million people live with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, conditions known as inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD); notes that World IBD Day is marked on 19 May each year and is led by patient organisations representing 35 countries on four continents from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, 28 European nations through the umbrella organisation, EFCCA, Israel, Japan, New Zealand to the United States of America, and congratulates Scottish campaigners on their work in highlighting World IBD Day and, in particular, Steven Sharp from West Lothian, who has raised over £11,000 for Crohn's and Colitis UK.

**\*S5M-00032 Neil Findlay: Youngest ever Celtic Player—**That the Parliament warmly congratulates Jack Aitchison of Fauldhouse in West Lothian on his first team appearance for Celtic Football Club at the weekend, scoring on his debut; notes that, aged just 16, he is the youngest first team player in the club's 128-year history, and wishes Jack and his family all the best for the future.

Supported by: Elaine Smith\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Kevin Stewart\*

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**\*S5M-00031 Liam McArthur: Kirkwall Grammar School Youth Philanthropy Initiative Finals 2016**—That the Parliament commends pupils from Kirkwall Grammar School (KGS) on participating in Orkney's Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) final; notes that the YPI is an active citizenship programme that raises awareness among young people about philanthropy and their local community; further notes that each participating school is responsible for directing a £3,000 grant to a local charity through a unique programme of team work, research and competition; understands that six local charities, Y People Orkney, Age Concern Orkney, Women's Aid Orkney, Orkney Charitable Trust, Orkney Foodbank and Orkney MS Society, were represented in the final by S3 pupils from KGS, who all delivered outstanding presentations outlining why their chosen charity should be awarded the grant; congratulates the winning team of Ciaran Campbell, Mac Cook, Abbie Laing and Katie MacDonald on being selected by the panel of judges and securing the £3,000 award for their chosen charity, Y People Orkney; recognises that this funding will prove invaluable in supporting YPeople Orkney's work with young people, including those affected by mental ill health; further congratulates all those involved in a successful YPI programme, which has developed better understanding and involvement of young people in the work of the third sector in Orkney, and looks forward to YPI being rolled out to Stromness, Westray and other schools in Orkney in the near future.

Supported by: Jackie Baillie\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Douglas Ross\*, Miles Briggs\*, Kevin Stewart\*

**\*S5M-00029 Kenneth Gibson: National Centre Cumbrae Celebrates Turning 40**—That the Parliament recognises the 40th birthday of one of Scotland's most important water sports venues, which was celebrated on 14 May 2016; is aware that sportscotland's National Centre Cumbrae has played a vital role in developing sailing and water sport activity including sailing, paddlesports, powerboating and wind surfing; understands that, with partners such as RYA Scotland, sportscotland has invested significant funds in the national centre to support Olympic medal-winning performances; notes that, in creating a world-class sporting system that allows elite athletes to excel, participation opportunities are open to the wider public; believes that the National Centre Cumbrae has been pivotal to the success of Scottish sailing over the last 40 years and is essential to the growth of that sport going forward, providing the perfect conditions for athletes and coaches to learn and develop, helping them to challenge at the very highest level, and hopes that the centre will continue to do so for the next 40 years and beyond.

Supported by: Ben Macpherson\*, Bill Kidd\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jackie Baillie\*, John Mason\*, Kevin Stewart\*

**\*S5M-00028 Christine Grahame: Flying Scotsman Visit just the Ticket, eventually**—That the Parliament calls on Network Rail to provide a full explanation as to why it announced the cancellation of the Flying Scotsman's visit to Midlothian and the Borders on the Friday evening just 36 hours prior to the event taking place; commends Scottish Government ministers, local politicians, Scottish Borders and Midlothian councils and people power for ensuring there was a complete U-turn on the decision so that the visit went ahead successfully; understands that, in February 2016, Network Rail was forced to pay out compensation during the refurbished Flying Scotsman's inaugural run from London to York due to issues with train services, and urges the company to fully reimburse any passengers who missed out on travelling on the train and who may be out of pocket as a result, together with local businesses that may have incurred losses through cancellations; congratulates all those involved in ensuring that the Flying Scotsman had a successful visit, which was two years in the making, through Midlothian and the Borders on 15 May 2016, and considers that oversight of Network Rail's operations in Scotland should be devolved to the Scottish Parliament.

Supported by: John Mason\*, Angus MacDonald\*, Ivan McKee\*, Kevin Stewart\*



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**\*S5M-00027 Tavish Scott: Mary Blance's Honorary Fellowship**—That the Parliament congratulates Mary Blance on being awarded an Honorary Fellowship of Association for Scottish Literary Studies; understands that the award was presented at a ceremony in Edinburgh; notes Mary's ongoing work to preserve the Shetland dialect and support Scottish literature; recognises the efforts of Shetland ForWirds in further promoting the dialect, and wishes Mary further success in her work.

Supported by: Liam McArthur\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Miles Briggs\*, Douglas Ross\*, Kevin Stewart\*

**\*S5M-00026 Neil Findlay: Race for Life at Hopetoun House**—That the Parliament congratulates the thousands of runners and walkers who took part in Cancer Research UK's annual Race for Life event at Hopetoun House in South Queensferry; notes that this is part of a series of events across the UK raising money to invest in Cancer research, and looks forward to further events that will help fund research making further progress in defeating cancer.

Supported by: Jackson Carlaw\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Elaine Smith\*, Iain Gray\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Ben Macpherson\*, Douglas Ross\*, Kevin Stewart\*

**\*S5M-00025 Stuart McMillan: UK Government Policies Affecting Scotland**—That the Parliament notes with interest that the Conservative leader, Ruth Davidson, has supported Radio Clyde's Superhero Day, whereby the station collected cash to provide children with a hot meal each day when they are on school holidays; considers it ironic that there is support from the Conservatives while the UK Government has cut the Scottish Government's budget by 10.6% between 2010-11 and 2019-20; believes that the UK Government is stigmatising and intimidating disabled people through welfare cuts such as the so-called bedroom tax, that it is overseeing a shocking growth in foodbank use, with the Trussell Trust blaming benefit sanctions and delays to universal credit payments, that it has slashed support for the renewables industry, risking the future of a booming Scottish industry and thousands of jobs and that the Tories have quietly ended free school meals for thousands of primary schoolchildren in England, and recommends that the Tories back the SNP's commitment to provide free school meals for all Scottish schoolchildren in primaries 1 to 3.

Supported by: Christine Grahame\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Kevin Stewart\*

**\*S5M-00024 Lewis Macdonald: Congratulations to Riverbank School, Tillydrone, on Unicef Recognition**—That the Parliament congratulates Riverbank School in Tillydrone, Aberdeen, on receiving the Level 2 Award from Unicef under the Rights Respecting Schools awards scheme, for the third time; recognises that Level 2 is the highest award given by Unicef UK to schools and that Riverbank School is the only school in the UK to receive this award three times; understands that Unicef UK gave the award to the school in recognition of its efforts in areas such as supporting a school in Uganda, a project also supported by pupils at St Machar Academy and community groups in Tillydrone, and raising funds for young Syrian refugees; notes that, during a recent day of celebration to mark Riverbank School's involvement in the Unicef UK Rights Respecting initiative, pupils took part in a live internet link with students at their partner school in Uganda, and congratulates the head teacher, Susan Ironside, her staff and pupils on their achievement.

Supported by: Jackie Baillie\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jenny Marra\*, Kevin Stewart\*

**\*S5M-00023 Angus MacDonald: Forth Valley College Wins Prestigious TES Further Education Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Forth Valley College (FVC) on winning the Best Teaching and Learning Initiative award at the recent Times Educational Supplement (TES)

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Further Education award ceremony held at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London; understands that FVC was recognised for setting up an 80-strong creative learning leadership group, with management, teaching staff, learning and support staff and the student union all involved, which has led to initiatives such as launching a Raspberry Pi computer into space on a hydrogen balloon and media and engineering students making a film about 3D printing; notes that the college was also shortlisted in the Employer Engagement and Apprenticeship Programme of the Year categories; believes that winning such accolades is an excellent testament to the good work that is continuously being carried out across all FVC's campuses, and wishes the college principal, staff and students continued success for the future.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Bill Kidd\*, Kevin Stewart\*

**\*S5M-00022 Mark McDonald: Aberdeen-Warsaw Flight Launched**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of Wizz Air's direct flight to the Polish capital of Warsaw from Aberdeen International Airport; notes that the flight marks the first time that Warsaw has been served as a destination from Aberdeen International Airport, which, it considers, will further strengthen Aberdeen city's connectivity to some of Europe's major cities; understands that Wizz Air is the largest low-cost airline in Central and Eastern Europe; congratulates Aberdeen International Airport on securing the new route, and recognises the value of this new service and the connections that it provides for travellers in Aberdeen and the north east of Scotland.

Supported by: Clare Haughey\*, Peter Chapman\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Bill Kidd\*, Ivan McKee\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Kevin Stewart\*

### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**S5M-00042 Jenny Gilruth: Recognising the Contribution to Public Life of Tricia Marwick** (lodged on 16 May 2016)

New Support: Kevin Stewart\*, Graeme Dey\*, Gail Ross\*, Clare Haughey\*, Liam McArthur\*, Kate Forbes\*, Rachael Hamilton\*

**S5M-00020 Miles Briggs: Living Streets Scotland's Walk to School Week 2016** (lodged on 13 May 2016)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, Neil Findlay\*, Ross Thomson\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Liam Kerr\*, John Lamont\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, John Finnie\*, Liam McArthur\*, Angus MacDonald\*, Peter Chapman\*

**S5M-00019 Jackie Baillie: SMC's Appraisal of the Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Treatment, Translarna** (lodged on 13 May 2016)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, Neil Findlay\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Miles Briggs\*

**S5M-00018 Ben Macpherson: Botanic Cottage Reopens** (lodged on 13 May 2016)

New Support: Mark McDonald\*, Neil Findlay\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Gordon MacDonald\*, Clare Haughey\*, Bob Doris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Angus MacDonald\*, Miles Briggs\*

**S5M-00017 John Mason: Returning Officers' Expenditure** (lodged on 13 May 2016)

New Support: Ross Thomson\*, Michael Russell\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Jenny Marra\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Angus MacDonald\*

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**S5M-00016 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Mental Health Awareness Week** (lodged on 13 May 2016)

New Support: Mark McDonald\*, Neil Findlay\*, Liam McArthur\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Clare Haughey\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Angus MacDonald\*, Miles Briggs\*

**S5M-00015 Douglas Ross: This Farming Life** (lodged on 13 May 2016)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Angus MacDonald\*

**S5M-00014 Angus MacDonald: CATCA Success at the Scottish Rural Awards** (lodged on 13 May 2016)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson\*, Clare Haughey\*

**S5M-00013 Ross Thomson: The Rubislaw Quarry Heritage Centre** (lodged on 13 May 2016)

New Support: Alex Johnstone\*, Douglas Ross\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Liam Kerr\*, John Lamont\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jackie Baillie\*

**S5M-00012 Gail Ross: Welcoming Syrian Refugees to Ainess** (lodged on 13 May 2016)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson\*, Clare Haughey\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Angus MacDonald\*

**S5M-00011 Alison Johnstone: Partnership on Women's Education in Malawi** (lodged on 13 May 2016)

New Support: Mark McDonald\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Clare Haughey\*

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

New Support: Mark McDonald\*, Angus MacDonald\*

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

New Support: Mark McDonald\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Clare Haughey\*, Angus MacDonald\*

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

New Support: Mark McDonald\*, Stewart Stevenson\*

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

New Support: Mark McDonald\*, Stewart Stevenson\*

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

New Support: Liam Kerr\*

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

New Support: Liam Kerr\*

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

New Support: Patrick Harvie\*

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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 16 May 2016

**S5W-00074 Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has had a response from the Home Secretary regarding its request for the Pitchford Inquiry into undercover policing to be extended to cover Scotland.

**S5W-00075 Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether there should be a Scottish inquiry into undercover policing.

**S5W-00076 Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has made an assessment of how many Scottish police officers were members of the (a) Special Demonstrations Squad and (b) National Public Order Intelligence Unit.

**S5W-00077 Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has made an assessment of how many Scottish citizens were monitored by the (a) Special Demonstrations Squad and (b) National Public Order Intelligence Unit.

**S5W-00078 Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what lessons it has learned from the outcome of the Hillsborough inquests.

**S5W-00079 Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether, in light of the outcome of the Hillsborough inquests, it will reconsider the call for a review of the policing and convictions of miners arrested in Scotland during the 1984-85 miners' strike.

**S5W-00080 Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government how many GP surgeries have a shortage of GPs.

**S5W-00081 Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government how many GP surgeries are holding telephone consultations as a result of a shortage of GPs.

**S5W-00082 Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is of public bodies and agencies not minuting meetings because of political sensitivities.

**S5W-00083 Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government how many local authority jobs have been lost over the last 10 years, not including NHS staff transferred to joint boards.

**S5W-00084 Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what lessons it has learned from the blacklisting case at the High Court.

**S5W-00085 Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government which companies that had to apologise to the blacklisted workers following the recent High Court case have been awarded public sector contracts in Scotland in the last eight years.

**S5W-00087 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £500,000 funding allocated to the Small Business Research Initiative to tackle diabetes has been distributed to organisations.

**S5W-00088 Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government how many children under the age of 12 have received a criminal record since the publication of *Do the Right Thing: Progress Report 2012*.

**S5W-00092 Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it is charging interest on the difference if a claimant's common agricultural policy Basic Payment Scheme payment is less than the sum received under the emergency National Basic Payment Support Scheme; what the rate of interest is, and for what reason it considers this amount appropriate.

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**S5W-00093 Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government how many farmers and crofters have (a) applied for and (b) received support under the emergency National Basic Payment Support Scheme.

**S5W-00094 Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government (a) how much money has been paid to farmers and crofters and (b) what the average payment has been under the emergency National Basic Payment Support Scheme.

**S5W-00095 Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government how many and what percentage of farmers and crofters eligible for assistance under the emergency National Basic Payment Support Scheme have not received any money from the scheme.

**S5W-00096 Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government how many farmers' and crofters' common agricultural policy Basic Payment Scheme allocation exceeded the amount that they received under the National Basic Payment Support Scheme; what the (a) average and (b) largest difference was, and what percentage failed to repay the difference within seven days.

**S5W-00097 Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government how many hours in overtime staff in Rural Payments and Inspections Division area offices (a) have worked since 31 January 2016 and (b) are anticipated to work, and at what cost.

**S5W-00098 Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government on what date it expects to complete the distribution of common agricultural policy payments and whether this will be before the payment window closes.

**S5W-00099 Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what evidence it has that maintaining the age of criminal responsibility at eight is in the best interests of children.

**S5W-00100 Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will (a) implement the recommendations of the Advisory Group on the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility and (b) take early action to raise the age of criminal responsibility to 12 years.

**S5W-00101 Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the current age of criminal responsibility is (a) damaging Scotland's international standing and (b) impacting on the life chances of young children.

**S5W-00102 Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to introduce primary legislation to raise the age of criminal responsibility to 12.

**S5W-00103 Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason a spokesperson stated on 18 March 2016 that the Scottish Government "remains open to considering future change" to the age of criminal responsibility and that "Ministers are not taking a firm position on these matters at this point".

**S5W-00104 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what meetings (a) ministers and (b) officials have had with representatives from Graham's the Family Dairy at which development proposals at (i) Hill of Drip and (ii) Airthrey Kerse were discussed, broken down by (A) date and (B) location.

**S5W-00106 Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the potential impact on the local community, what its position is on proposals to close Paisley Crown Post Office and what discussions it has had or plans to have with (a) Post Office Ltd and (b) the UK Government regarding its future.

**S5W-00108 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government on what date it will publish a response to its consultation on a Future Islands Bill.

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**S5W-00109 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has for the introduction of a Future Islands Bill.

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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)*

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