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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Meeting of the Parliament

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 17 May 2016

Wednesday 25 May 2016

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 26 May 2016

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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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 A motion or amendment is live if it has not been debated, withdrawn or otherwise deleted.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-00111 David Torrance: Fife Businesses Win at Scottish Independent Retail Awards 2016**—That the Parliament congratulates Robertson’s coffee shop and Macauley’s Fruit & Veg Merchant on their recent success at the Scottish Retail Awards 2016; understands that these awards, voted for by the public, highlight the value of independent retailers to communities and recognise and reward the work and spirit of local entrepreneurs across Scotland; notes the success of Robertson’s coffee shop, which commenced trading in Kirkcaldy a year and a half ago and was the Central Scotland winner of Coffee Shop of the Year; notes also the success of Macauley’s Fruit & Veg Merchant, which is based in Burntisland, on being named as the Central Scotland winner in the Fresh Produce Provider of the Year category; recognises the important role, and many benefits, that independent retailers contribute to high streets across Scotland; commends both winners on the hard work and dedication that has resulted in them receiving these accolades, and wishes them all the best in their future endeavours.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Jenny Gilruth*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*

***S5M-00110 Tom Arthur: Barrhead Foundry**—That the Parliament congratulates everyone at Barrhead Foundry on the first anniversary of its opening; recognises the significant role that it plays as a community hub; notes that its library recently received a prestigious Edge Award in recognition of the innovative way that it serves the public; commends its staff on their hard work, and wishes them, and Barrhead Foundry, well for the future.

Supported by: Bob Doris*, Kenneth Gibson*, Emma Harper*, Colin Beattie*

***S5M-00109 Joan McAlpine: Paralympic World-record Breaker, Shelby Watson**—That the Parliament congratulates Shelby Watson, who is a wheelchair athlete from Johnstonebridge, on recently setting two T33 world records in the 100 and 200 metres at the 11th international meeting Kern Pharma – Grand Prix Sauleda in L’Hospitalet, Spain; notes that the previous 200 metres record had stood for 16 years and that Shelby now holds these records alongside the 400 and

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1,500 metres; recognises that Shelby is an inspiring young woman and role model, and wishes her well for the future.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Bruce Crawford*, Emma Harper*, Jackie Baillie*, Kenneth Gibson*

***S5M-00108 David Torrance: Congratulations to Kirkcaldy High School—**That the Parliament congratulates Kyle Pitcaithly and Umar Mohammed, both S3 pupils at Kirkcaldy High School, on their success in winning the East of Scotland Crown Procurator Fiscal Public Speaking Competition for 2016 and lifting the coveted shield and title; recognises the hard work that went into preparing for the competition and the teamwork involved and commends them both for their success in what was a closely fought contest; notes that this achievement means that they will now go on to represent East of Scotland Schools in the national final to be held at the High Court in Edinburgh on 1 June, and wishes them every success in competing against the West and North winners.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Kenneth Gibson*, Joan McAlpine*

***S5M-00107 David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Floral Art Club Celebrates its 60th Anniversary—**That the Parliament congratulates Kirkcaldy Floral Art Club on its 60th anniversary; notes that the club was formed in 1956, with the aim of promoting friendship through flowers; recognises that the club has gone from strength to strength and plans to celebrate its diamond anniversary with an event and demonstration for over 100 people at the Dean Park Hotel; understands that club members have been involved in many local initiatives to brighten up Kirkcaldy through the use of floral displays as well as the organisation of several charity events; welcomes the contributions made by the members, which it considers to be invaluable to the community, and wishes the club the best of luck for the future.

Supported by: Jenny Gilruth*, Bruce Crawford*, Colin Beattie*, Kenneth Gibson*, Joan McAlpine*

***S5M-00106 Gillian Martin: New Build for Markethill Primary School in Turriff Underway—**That the Parliament congratulates Markethill Primary School in Turriff on the turf cutting for its new school building; notes that Markethill is the latest of the schools in the Aberdeenshire East parliamentary constituency to benefit from a new building and will see the staff and pupils enjoy, by 2017, a new fit-for-purpose facility, which will provide a larger nursery facility on site, increasing the provision of nursery places by 100, and understands that it will also have new sports facilities and be a fantastic asset to the Turriff community.

***S5M-00105 Jenny Marra: Closure of RBS Carnoustie Branch—**That the Parliament notes with concern the proposed closure of the RBS branch in Carnoustie; understands that this will leave RBS customers without a branch in the town; is unaware of any effort made by the bank to consult the local community; believes that this is unfair to many customers who have been loyal to RBS over the years, and urges the bank to reconsider this decision and put the needs of its customers first.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, John Mason*, Iain Gray*, Alison Johnstone*, Jackie Baillie*

***S5M-00104 David Stewart: Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services—**That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's decision to award the next contract for lifeline Clyde and Hebrides ferry services to the public sector operator, Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac); supports this endorsement of the principle of public ownership and operation of public services; understands that the bidding process is likely to have cost CalMac in excess of £3 million; applauds the RMT, the other CalMac unions and the STUC for their consistent campaign in favour of the national operator's bid and against Serco's bid to, it considers, divert hundreds of millions of

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public subsidy and passenger revenue into the pockets of private shareholders, and calls on the Scottish Government to press the case with the European Commission for an exemption for lifeline Scottish ferry services from European competition law under Teckal case law to prevent a repeat of what it sees as this expensive and destabilising tender process.

Supported by: John Finnie*, Lewis Macdonald*, Elaine Smith*, Rhoda Grant*, Iain Gray*, Alex Rowley*, Alison Johnstone*, Jackie Baillie*, Claudia Beamish*

***S5M-00103 Stuart McMillan: Greenock Waterfront Cinema**—That the Parliament congratulates Greenock Waterfront Cinema as it celebrates its 20th birthday in 2016; notes that it is an independent four-screen cinema that aims to entertain all ages and tastes in films; further notes that the management has a reputation for working closely with people in the Inverclyde community including with a Saturday Kids Club and special screenings with subtitles for people who are hard of hearing or deaf; recognises that the Waterfront Cinema also provides special screenings for people with autistic spectrum disorders in which the sound is turned down; notes that many charities in Inverclyde raise funds and awareness at events in the cinema; welcomes Greenock Waterfront Cinema having strong links with schools, youth groups and having a programme that is varied, including the screening of the Inverclyde Ballet Company Alba Ballet full-length recording of *The Nutcracker*; acknowledges that Greenock Waterfront Cinema has received nominations for awards that recognise its varied work in the community with an Investor in People Award and Greenock Chamber of Commerce Bees Knees Award to the assistant manager as an Emerging Young Talent, and wishes Greenock Waterfront Cinema every success in the future.

Supported by: Rona Mackay*, Bob Doris*, David Torrance*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Joan McAlpine*

***S5M-00102 Liam McArthur: Young Farmers' Are Ewe Okay? Campaign**—That the Parliament welcomes the new campaign by the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs (SAYFC), Are Ewe Okay?; notes that it is being headed by Joanna Foubister, who has been an events manager for the SAYFC Grampian region since September 2015 and is originally from Netherton Farm in Orkney; understands that it has been set to help people working in agriculture who have poor mental health and to help break the stigma surrounding the issue; understands that, over the next 12 months, it will focus on raising awareness of mental wellbeing by encouraging young people in rural areas to listen, talk and share; recognises that it is the first campaign to focus on young people in the farming industry, who, because of the nature and demands of their work and the isolation that can come from living in rural areas, face their own set of challenges; acknowledges that nine out of 10 young people facing poor mental health have experienced negative treatment from others; considers that this highlights the importance of both overcoming the stigma surrounding mental health issues and treating mental and physical health on an equal basis; congratulates Joanna and everyone who is involved with this SAYFC campaign for taking on such this important issue, and wishes them well with this excellent initiative.

Supported by: Douglas Ross*, Alex Johnstone*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Jackie Baillie*, Alison Johnstone*, Ross Thomson*

***S5M-00101 Kenneth Gibson: CalMac Secures Clyde and Hebrides Ferries Network Contract**—That the Parliament congratulates Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) on securing the £900 million ferry contract to continue operating the Clyde and Hebrides ferries network; considers that the contract, which will run from 1 October 2016 for a period of eight years, is in safe hands with CalMac, which has successfully operated ferry services on the Clyde and Hebrides network for decades; notes that the tendering process was carried out as the result of the same EU

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competition directives that tied a previous Labour/Liberal Democrat administration in 2005 to conduct a tendering process at that time; acknowledges that the SNP administration on various occasions raised concerns with the European Commission on the requirement to conduct the tendering process at all; rejects what it sees as the repeated unfounded claims and misrepresentations made by the Labour Party, particularly during the Scottish Parliament election campaign, that the SNP administration was privatising ferry services, while ignoring the fact that the Conservative Party actually argued for privatisation in the Chamber on 25 November 2015; considers that, if the Labour Party's demands to halt the tendering process had been followed, months of expensive legal wrangling, uncertainty for passengers and CalMac staff would have ensued, inevitably delaying the contract award; praises the Scottish Government on the transparency with which the tendering process was carried out; welcomes the progress on the construction of the two new ferries currently underway in Port Glasgow, the first of which will serve the Ardrossan to Brodick route from the summer of 2018, and wishes CalMac every success in its continued operation of the Clyde and Hebrides ferries network.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Ben Macpherson*, Angus MacDonald*, Stuart McMillan*, Michael Russell*, Bill Kidd*, Ruth Maguire*, John Mason*, Tom Arthur*, Richard Lyle*, Bob Doris*, Colin Beattie*, Christina McKelvie*

***S5M-00100 Stuart McMillan: Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services**—That the Parliament congratulates CalMac Ferries Ltd on becoming the preferred bidder to operate the next contract for the Clyde and Hebrides ferry services network; notes that the £900 million contract is to last for the next eight years and that CalMac's successful bid made almost 350 commitments to improve its service, including investment in ports and ferries, the introduction of smart ticketing, increasing passenger and vehicle traffic, maintaining its headquarters in Gourock, retaining the CalMac pension scheme and maintaining the policy of no compulsory redundancies; commends CalMac on its successful and competitive bid, and wishes everyone at the company every success.

Supported by: John Mason*, Kenneth Gibson*, Michael Russell*, David Torrance*, Angus MacDonald*, Bruce Crawford*, Ben Macpherson*, Stewart Stevenson*, Tom Arthur*, Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*, Bob Doris*, Colin Beattie*, Mairi Evans*, Christina McKelvie*

***S5M-00099 Rhoda Grant: RBS Opening Hours**—That the Parliament calls on RBS to rethink its decision to reduce opening hours from August 2016 at some branches in Argyll and Bute, at Campbeltown, Bowmore on Islay and Scarinish on Tiree, after last year's branch closures at Lochinver, Stromness, Invergordon and Lybster in the Highlands and Islands; notes that rural areas have more fragile economies and are more reliant on national banks such as RBS, and calls on the bank, which has been bailed out by the public, to reconsider its decision.

Supported by: David Stewart*, John Mason*, Ross Greer*, Jackie Baillie*, Alison Johnstone*, Richard Lyle*, Colin Beattie*

***S5M-00098 Neil Findlay: Scotland's First Oil Rush**—That the Parliament commends BBC Scotland on its documentary, *Scotland's first oil rush*, which traced the development of the shale oil industry in West Lothian; notes how the industry was centred around the villages of Broxburn, Addiewell, West Calder, Pumpherston and neighbouring communities and that the culture of the area has been heavily influenced by its industrial past, in particular shale and coal mining; welcomes documentary-making such as this, and looks forward to other programmes like this being developed, which examine the industrial, social and economic and political experiences of industrial working class communities across Scotland.

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***S5M-00097 Fulton MacGregor: Congratulations to New Kidz, Coatbridge at the European Dance Championships—**That the Parliament congratulates New Kidz from MAD Studios in Coatbridge on winning the European Dance Championships in Germany on 15 May 2016 after winning the United Dance Organisation World Street Dance Championships in Glasgow in August last year and recognises the time, dedication and commitment of Michelle Allan, Caitlin McCormack and the other volunteers who have made this success a reality and, in doing so, further enhanced the profile of street dancing and the reputation of Coatbridge and Scotland at an international level.

Supported by: Ben Macpherson*, Richard Lyle*, Bob Doris*, Stuart McMillan*, Rona Mackay*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Kenneth Gibson*

***S5M-00096 Tavish Scott: Congratulations to Shetland's Lean Learning Academy—**That the Parliament congratulates the 10 representatives from Ocean Kinetics, LEF, Malakoff and Shetland Composites who have completed the Lean Learning Academy; understands that the academy is a joint project delivered by Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service; notes that the programme aims to transform the businesses involved; further understands that these 10 participants are the first to have graduated from the project, and wishes them continued success as they use the knowledge gained to develop their workplaces.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, David Torrance*, Douglas Ross*, Liam McArthur*, Richard Lyle*, Colin Beattie*, Jackie Baillie*, Ross Thomson*

***S5M-00095 Douglas Ross: Veterinary Disease Surveillance in Highlands and Islands—**That the Parliament welcomes the decision by Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) to invest in a new post mortem facility in Inverness to cover the Highlands and Islands; notes the serious concerns that were raised by staff and local stakeholders when initial plans suggested that the post mortem facility would be lost from the region and notes the views expressed by local farmers, crofters and many others who rely on this facility and were concerned about a diminution of the service provided if the post mortem facility were to be relocated outwith the region; further welcomes the fact that veterinary services staff will remain in their current facility until they move to the new site, which is expected to be by mid-2017, and commends SRUC for listening to local stakeholders, who were clear that a facility should remain in the Inverness area.

Supported by: John Lamont, Oliver Mundell, Kenneth Gibson, Alexander Burnett, John Scott*, Alex Johnstone*, Margaret Mitchell*, Donald Cameron*, Jackson Carlaw*, Edward Mountain*, Liz Smith*, Miles Briggs*, Liam McArthur*, Richard Lyle*, Murdo Fraser*, Colin Beattie*, Ross Thomson*

***S5M-00094 Gordon MacDonald: SMESU Scout Expedition to Cambodia—**That the Parliament commends the South Morningside Explorer Scout Unit (SMESU), which is based at the church halls of Fairmilehead Parish Church, on its expedition to Cambodia in July 2016; understands that, after 18 months of preparation, 44 explorer scouts, aged 14 to 18, will embark on a month-long development expedition that will be supported by a young and dynamic leadership team of 11 adult volunteers who have given up a tremendous amount of their spare time to help bring this about; welcomes the news that the scouts will be working with Cambodian people and craftsmen to build a two-classroom school building that will help them engage with the community they plan to visit; notes that they will also teach people about Scotland at the high school and run a sports day for the children in the community, and believes that this will be an incredible, life-enriching experience for everyone involved that will help prepare the scouts to become active members of society.

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Supported by: Joan McAlpine, Kenneth Gibson, Ben Macpherson, Emma Harper*, Neil Findlay*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jeane Freeman*, David Torrance* R, Miles Briggs*, Richard Lyle*, Colin Beattie*, Jenny Gilruth*

***S5M-00093 Kenneth Gibson: Congratulations to Rebecca Howie**—That the Parliament congratulates the teenage author, Rebecca Howie, on the release of her first novel, *The Game Begins*; notes that the novel has reached the top 30 in its category on Amazon; applauds the dedication and hard work of Rebecca, who is a former Garnock Academy pupil; notes her plans to write further novels and to continue working towards her writing goals, and hopes that Rebecca's success will encourage more young people to write creatively and strive for success.

Supported by: David Stewart, Brian Whittle, Joan McAlpine, Jamie Greene, Graeme Dey, Rona Mackay*, Stewart Stevenson*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Baillie*, David Torrance*, Richard Lyle*, Colin Beattie*

***S5M-00090 Elaine Smith: Cuba Solidarity Campaign Bank Closure**—That the Parliament notes that in November 2015 the Co-operative Bank closed the bank account of the Cuba Solidarity Campaign in the UK; understands that the closure was due to "risk" arising from sanctions imposed by the US Government; further understands that the US blockade policies against Cuba are extraterritorial and are enforced by the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control; believes that, by adhering to US sanctions, the Co-operative Bank is complying with US extraterritorial legislation, which runs counter to the Protection of Trading Interests Act 1980 and similar EU legislation; further believes that US extraterritorial sanctions are a direct threat to British trading interests with Cuba and penalise British companies, organisations and individuals that work with the island; urges the UK Government to invoke the Protection of Trading Interests Act, which penalises companies that comply with US extraterritorial legislation over and above UK laws and is designed to ensure that British companies and individuals are not prevented from trading with Cuba in the future, and urges the Co-operative Bank to end what it considers its discriminatory policies against organisations wishing to make banking transactions with Cuba.

Supported by: Iain Gray*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-00089 Oliver Mundell: Dumfries and Galloway Schools' Success at Robert Burns World Federation National Schools Competition (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: Margaret Mitchell*, Jackson Carlaw*, Liz Smith*, Jackie Baillie*, David Torrance*, Alexander Burnett*, John Scott*, Miles Briggs*, John Lamont*, Edward Mountain*, Richard Lyle*, Colin Beattie*

S5M-00088 Lewis Macdonald: NHS Grampian Launches Pictorial Menu (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Neil Findlay*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Richard Lyle*, Colin Beattie*, Ross Thomson*

S5M-00087 Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Butcher is Q Guild 2016 BBQ UK Supreme Champion (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: David Torrance*, Bob Doris*, Richard Lyle*, Gillian Martin*, Colin Beattie*

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S5M-00086 Jackie Baillie: New Sports Facilities Open in West Dunbartonshire (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: David Torrance*

S5M-00085 Jamie Greene: Congratulations to the Kandy Bar Bakery in North Ayrshire (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Alexander Burnett*, David Torrance*, Liz Smith*, Miles Briggs*, John Lamont*, Ross Thomson*

S5M-00084 Bruce Crawford: Callander Youth Project (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: Mark Ruskell*, David Torrance*, Murdo Fraser*, Gillian Martin*, Jenny Gilruth*

S5M-00083 David Stewart: Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: Mark Ruskell*, Monica Lennon*

S5M-00081 Lewis Macdonald: France Honours North East and Highland Veterans (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: Ross Thomson*

S5M-00079 Kevin Stewart: Clydesdale and Yorkshire Banks and their Staff Support Hospices (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00078 Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Aberdeen's Young Designers (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00077.1 Jackie Baillie: TS Queen Mary Returns to the River Clyde (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: Pauline McNeill*

S5M-00077 Stuart McMillan: TS Queen Mary Returns to the River Clyde (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: Emma Harper*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00076 Angus MacDonald: John Mitchell Haulage Donates £60k to Strathcarron Hospice (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00074 Oliver Mundell: 16 and 17-year-old Voter Registration at Annan Academy (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Jamie Greene*, Alison Johnstone*, Alex Johnstone*, Graeme Dey*, Margaret Mitchell*, Stuart McMillan*, Neil Findlay*, Donald Cameron*, Jackson Carlaw*, Jackie Baillie*, John Scott*, Alexander Burnett*, John Lamont*, Edward Mountain*, Richard Lyle*, Colin Beattie*, Ross Thomson*

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S5M-00073 Bob Doris: Calling on RBS to Reverse Branch Closure Plans (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00072 Tavish Scott: Official Opening of Total's Shetland Gas Plant (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: David Torrance*, Ross Thomson*

S5M-00071 Kevin Stewart: Nurses before Nukes, Teachers before Trident and Bairns before Bombs (lodged on 17 May 2016)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00070 Clare Adamson: Child Safety Week 2016 (lodged on 17 May 2016)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00069 Kenneth Gibson: Tesco Installs Defibrillators (lodged on 17 May 2016)

New Support: David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Bob Doris*, Gillian Martin*

S5M-00065 Kenneth Gibson: National Epilepsy Week (lodged on 17 May 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00064 Bill Kidd: Yoker Primary School Takes Part in Health Week (lodged on 17 May 2016)

New Support: Emma Harper*

S5M-00062 Gail Ross: Congratulations to Dunnet Bay Distillery (lodged on 17 May 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S5M-00060 Kevin Stewart: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (lodged on 17 May 2016)

New Support: Ross Thomson*

S5M-00054 John Lamont: Congratulations to Scottish Borders Council School Cook of the Year (lodged on 17 May 2016)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Liz Smith*

S5M-00053 John Lamont: 2016 Borders Common Ridings and Festivals (lodged on 17 May 2016)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Alexander Burnett*, Liz Smith*, Ross Thomson*

S5M-00048 Ross Thomson: Naming of the Diamond Bridge (lodged on 17 May 2016)

New Support: Margaret Mitchell*, Liz Smith*, Murdo Fraser*

S5M-00047 Clare Haughey: Support of Mental Health Awareness Week 2016 (lodged on 17 May 2016)

New Support: Bill Kidd*

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S5M-00046 Graeme Dey: Congratulations to Beth Morrison (lodged on 17 May 2016)

New Support: Emma Harper*

S5M-00045 Gail Ross: Congratulations to Annie's Bakery (lodged on 17 May 2016)

New Support: Emma Harper*

S5M-00042 Jenny Gilruth: Recognising the Contribution to Public Life of Tricia Marwick (lodged on 17 May 2016)

New Support: John Scott*

S5M-00034 Miles Briggs: Congratulations to Edinburgh City Football Club (lodged on 16 May 2016)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Liz Smith*

S5M-00033 Neil Findlay: World Inflammatory Bowel Disease Day (lodged on 16 May 2016)

New Support: Miles Briggs*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Liz Smith*, Edward Mountain*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Edward Mountain*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Edward Mountain*

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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 19 May 2016

S5W-00114 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-30367 by Fergus Ewing on 17 March 2016, what its position is on the UK Government's plan to deliver a UK-wide cost recovery mechanism for Shetland's subsidy using the Hydro Benefit Replacement Scheme.

S5W-00115 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-30367 by Fergus Ewing on 17 March 2016, whether it will publish the details of discussions that it has had with the UK Government regarding (a) maintaining the Hydro Benefit Replacement Scheme and (b) introducing a UK-wide cost recovery mechanism for Shetland's distribution network.

S5W-00116 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-30367 by Fergus Ewing on 22 March 2016, whether it will confirm what stakeholders it met, and on what dates these meetings took place.

S5W-00128 Adam Tomkins: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Scottish Information Commissioner is subject to purdah.

S5W-00129 Adam Tomkins: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the report in the *Daily Record* on 29 March 2016 that the Scottish Information Commissioner was minded to delay announcing decisions that might be critical of ministers until after the 2016 Scottish election.

S5W-00130 Adam Tomkins: To ask the Scottish Government when it became aware that the Scottish Information Commissioner was minded to delay announcing decisions that might be critical of ministers until after the 2016 Scottish election, as reported in the *Daily Record* on 29 March 2016.

S5W-00131 Adam Tomkins: To ask the Scottish Government whether there was communication between it and the Scottish Information Commissioner regarding the commissioner being minded to delay announcing decisions that might be critical of ministers until after the 2016 Scottish election and, if so, whether it will publish details of this.

S5W-00132 Adam Tomkins: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the report in the *Daily Record* on 29 March 2016 that the Scottish Information Commissioner was minded to delay announcing decisions that might be critical of ministers until after the 2016 Scottish election, whether it is aware of the commissioner delaying such announcements in previous periods of purdah.

S5W-00133 Adam Tomkins: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to introduce (a) legislative or (b) other proposals regarding the scope and application of purdah on the duties of the Scottish Information Commissioner and the commissioner's ability to announce decisions.

S5W-00134 Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on reports that cells at Paisley police station are used only at weekends.

S5W-00135 Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what financial support it will provide to Renfrewshire Women's Aid in 2016-17.

S5W-00137 Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has been informed by Police Scotland about changes to the operation of cells at Paisley police station.

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S5W-00138 Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government how important it considers the services provided by Renfrewshire Women's Aid to be.

S5W-00139 Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the introduction of transitional state pension arrangements for women in Scotland who were born in the 1950s.

S5W-00140 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase the number of specialist inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) nurses in the NHS Lothian area.

S5W-00141 Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what educational evidence the decision to introduce standardised testing for primary 1 pupils was based on.

S5W-00142 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the *Scottish Survey of Literacy and Numeracy* is to be published more than one month later than in previous years, on 31 May 2016; when this decision was made; who made the decision, and what stakeholders were consulted.

S5W-00145 Jackson Carlaw: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding was provided to each NHS board in 2015-16 and is being provided in 2016-17 to support the implementation of the Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Framework and whether it contained or contains a ring-fenced component for hepatitis C.

S5W-00146 Angus MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government how many off-grid energy households it estimates there are in the (a) Falkirk East and (b) Falkirk West parliamentary constituency.

S5W-00147 Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) action it has taken and (b) further plans it has to raise public awareness of Familial Arrhythmia Network in Scotland.

S5W-00149 Richard Lyle: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making in developing guidance to assist licensing authorities that are considering funfair applications. **R**

S5W-00150 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the findings published by Scottish Natural Heritage in *The Proportion of Scotland's Protected Sites in Favourable Condition 2016*, that show that the proportion of such features on these sites at 31 March 2016 was 66.6%, for what reason the national indicator for protected nature sites reports it as 80.4%.

S5W-00151 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on Audit Scotland's assessment that there is a "high risk" that the CAP Futures programme will not achieve its aim to minimise disallowance.

S5W-00152 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government how much of CAP Futures project costs has been spent on contractors.

S5W-00153 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on Audit Scotland's view that (a) conflicts of interest within the CAP Futures programme were not dealt with effectively and (b) the delivery director should not have been on the resources group and allowed a direct involvement in recruitment decisions.

S5W-00154 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what the final cost is of CalMac Ferries Ltd's bid for the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services contract.

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Subordinate Legislation

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Negative instruments

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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)*

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

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

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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)*

Subject to annulment by 25 June 2016

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

New Documents

Committee Reports

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the 19 May 2016 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Annual Report and Accounts 2015 for the year ended 31 December 2015 (SG/2016/62) laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Engineering Construction Industry Training Board - Report of the Trustees and Accounts for the Year-ended 31 December 2015 (SG/2016/63) laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

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