Thursday 20 April 2017 **Business Bulletin** *Iris Ghnothaichean*



Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S5M-04358 Clare Haughey: International Workers Memorial Day 2017

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion: Super-Majorities - Standing Order Rule Changes

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions 5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

9:00am Public Petitions Committee

9:15am Equalities and Human Rights Committee

9:30am Social Security Committee

9:45am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

10:00am Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee

1:00pm Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

1. Anas Sarwar: To ask the Scottish Government what its assessment is of NHS workforce morale. (<u>S50-00878</u>)

2. Ross Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government what contingencies are in place to mitigate the impact on students, particularly those with upcoming exams, of reported planned strikes by college lecturers. (<u>S50-00879</u>)

3. Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to automating some benefits, such as school clothing grants, free school meals and the educational maintenance allowance, to increase the uptake by those most in need. (<u>S5O-00880</u>)

4. Mark Griffin: [Not Lodged] (S50-00881)

5. Adam Tomkins: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update regarding Glasgow Kelvin College's request to retain £3 million from the sale of the Stow College building. (<u>S50-00882</u>)

6. Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that homes in the private rented sector are energy efficient. (<u>S50-00883</u>)

7. Graeme Dey: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with BBC Scotland regarding the resourcing of its new channel. (<u>S5O-00884</u>)

8. Bruce Crawford: To ask the Scottish Government how many local authorities have frozen council tax levels for 2017-18. (<u>S5O-00885</u>)

9. Alison Harris: [Not Lodged] (S50-00886)

10. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government how it is increasing access to new medicines. (<u>S50-00887</u>)

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

1. Ruth Davidson: To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the day. (<u>S5F-01149</u>)

2. Kezia Dugdale: To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the week. (<u>S5F-01142</u>)

3. Willie Rennie: To ask the First Minister what issues will be discussed at the next meeting of the Cabinet. (<u>S5F-01145</u>)

4. Maree Todd: To ask the First Minister whether she will provide an update on her visit to the United States. (<u>S5F-01158</u>)

5. Edward Mountain: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports of defects found in school buildings. (<u>S5F-01162</u>)

6. Claire Baker: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports of sexually exploitative behaviour in the private rented housing sector. (<u>S5F-01166</u>)

7. Adam Tomkins: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's position is on Reform Scotland's view that local authorities should be responsible for all matters that are not specifically reserved to the Scottish Parliament. (<u>S5F-01167</u>)

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

<u>S5M-04358</u> Clare Haughey: International Workers Memorial Day 2017—That the Parliament recognises International Workers Memorial Day on 28 April 2017, and every year, as a day to remember those who have lost their lives as a result of incidents at work, occupational disease or ill health, and as a day for the STUC, affiliated trade unions, Scottish Hazards, employers and enforcement agencies to reaffirm their commitment to making workplaces safer for workers today and in the future; notes that this year's theme is tackling inequalities in occupational health, a theme designed to raise awareness of poor health and safety in precarious employment and the so-called gig economy; considers that there is a need for workers in these areas to enjoy the trade union-effect where evidence shows that workers protected by trade unions are less likely to suffer injury; notes the benefits for employers and organisations already working with trade unions to strive for improved workplace health, safety and occupational health, and considers that effective and meaningful enforcement is vital in improving health and safety across Scottish workplaces. **R**

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland

<u>S5M-05185</u> Keith Brown: Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland—That the Parliament expresses concern about the impact on Scotland of the military base closures announced by the Ministry of Defence as part of its Estate Optimisation Strategy; supports local community opposition to closures, and calls on the UK Government to engage fully with the Scottish Government, local authorities and local communities as a matter of urgency.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

<u>S5M-05185.3</u> Jackson Carlaw: Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland—As an amendment to motion S5M-05185 in the name of Keith Brown (Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland), leave out from "expresses" to end and insert "understands that the Ministry of Defence's Estate Optimisation Strategy has the sensible aims of updating the defence estate to be more capability focused and better suited to the needs of modern armed forces; believes that the UK Government should continue to engage fully with the Scottish Government, local authorities and local communities on the review; notes that the defence estate in Scotland will still remain considerable; acknowledges that the UK Government has made wider investment in defence in Scotland supporting thousands of jobs, and believes that an independent Scotland would have a very limited military, which would weaken the defence of the nation and damage its proud military traditions."

<u>S5M-05185.1</u> David Stewart: Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland—As an amendment to motion S5M-05185 in the name of Keith Brown (Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland), insert at end "; further notes the crucial economic and social contribution of

military bases in Scotland, and calls on the UK Government to halt all and any base closures until it has prepared and consulted on full economic assessment and employment diversification plans."

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion: Super-Majorities - Standing Order Rule Changes

<u>S5M-05176</u> Clare Adamson on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Scotland Act 2016 - Standing Order Rule Changes—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 4th Report, 2017 (Session 5), Scotland Act 2016 - Standing Order rule changes (SP Paper 115), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from the day on which section 11 of the Scotland Act 2016 comes into force.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

<u>S5M-05193</u> Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

<u>S5M-05194</u> Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 10th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Jackie Baillie and Willie Coffey will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. Appoint Acting Convener: The Committee will appoint an Acting Convener.
- 3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
- Section 22 report: The 2015-16 audit of the Scottish Police Authority: The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "The 2015/16 audit of the Scottish Police Authority" from—

John Foley, Chief Executive, and Andrew Flanagan, Chair of the Board, Scottish Police Authority;

Paul Johnston, Director-General Learning & Justice, and Donald McGillivray, Deputy Director of Police Division, Scottish Government.

5. **i6: a review:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "i6: a review" from—

John Foley, Chief Executive, and Andrew Flanagan, Chair of the Board, Scottish Police Authority.

- Section 22 report: The 2015-16 audit of Scottish Police Authority: The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda item 4 and take further evidence from— Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland; Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
- 7. **i6: a review:** The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda item 5 and take further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

Public Petitions Committee 7th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—

<u>PE1548</u> by Mrs Beth Morrison on National guidance on restraint and seclusion in schools;

and will take evidence from-

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister; Laura Meikle, Team Leader; Melanie Lowe, Policy Officer, Scottish Government.

<u>PE1581</u> Duncan Wright on behalf of Save Scotland's School Libraries on Save Scotland's school libraries;

and will take evidence from—

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister; Catriona Mackenzie, Policy Manager; Craig Flunkert, Team Leader, Scottish Government.

<u>PE1603</u> by Mairi Campbell-Jack and Douglas Beattie on behalf of Quaker in Scotland & Forces Watch on Ensuring greater scrutiny, guidance and consultation on armed forces visits to schools in Scotland;

and will take evidence from-

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister; Marie Swinney, Team Leader; Katherine McNab, Policy Adviser, Scottish Government.

2. **Consideration of continued petition:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—

<u>PE1627</u> by Annette McKenzie on Consent for mental health treatment for people under 18 years of age;

<u>PE1628</u> by R Maxwell Barr on behalf of Struan Lodge Development Group and Dunoon Community on Consultation on service delivery for the elderly or vulnerable; <u>PE1639</u> by Maureen Macmillan on Enterprise agency boards.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 10th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Gail Ross will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. **Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Helen Happer, Chief Inspector, and Thirza Wilson, Service Manager for Registration and Inspection, Care Inspectorate;

and then from—

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities, Lesley Irving, Head of Equality Policy, Equality, Human Rights and Third Sector Division, and Carolyn Younie, Head of Corporate Parenting and Formal Care, Scottish Government.

3. **Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.

Social Security Committee 8th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
- 2. Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Peter Allan, Community Planning Manager, Dundee City Council;

Professor Andrew Russell, Medical Director and Deputy Chief Executive, NHS Tayside; Robert McGregor, Policy Manager, Fife Council;

Dr Margaret Hannah, Director of Public Health, NHS Fife;

and then from—

Bill Scott, Director of Policy, Inclusion Scotland;

Emma Trottier, Policy Manager, Engender.

3. **Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

- 4. **Budget process consultation:** The Committee will consider whether it wishes to respond to the Budget Process Review Group's consultation.
- 5. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider its approach to its annual report.
- 6. **Committee expert support:** The Committee will consider nominations for expert support for its work.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 9th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Emma Harper will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its review of the format of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament should be taken in private at future meetings.
- 3. **Cross-Party Groups:** The Committee will consider applications for recognition from three Cross-Party Groups, and take evidence from—

Richard Leonard, Co-Convener of the proposed CPG on WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality);

Colin Smyth, Member of the proposed CPG on Inflammatory Bowel Disease; John Mason, Convener of the proposed CPG on Freedom of Religion or Belief.

4. Commission on Parliamentary Reform: The Committee will take evidence from-

John McCormick, Chair, and John Finnie, Commission member, Commission on Parliamentary Reform.

- 5. **Cross-Party Group approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Groups on WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality), Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Freedom of Religion or Belief.
- 6. **Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report and draft Standing Order rule changes.

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee 10th Meeting, 2017

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

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Mairi Evans will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 and 5 in private.
- 3. Evidence session on Commissioning Policy: The Committee will take evidence from-

Ian MacKenzie, Nations & Regions Manager, and Sophie Jones, Head of Corporate Relations, Channel 4;

Alan Clements, Director of Content, STV.

- 4. **Evidence session on Commissioning Policy:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- 5. **EU strategy:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing 7th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 1.00 pm in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Sub-Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. **Financial planning of Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence from—

Craig Suttie, General Secretary, Association of Scottish Police Superintendents; Calum Steele, General Secretary, Scottish Police Federation; George McIrvine, Branch Secretary, Unison Scotland.

3. Work programme: The Sub-Committee will consider its work programme.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 19 April 2017

Tuesday 25 April 2017

2:00 pm Time for Reflection followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions followed by Topical Questions (if selected) followed by Scottish Government Debate: Child Tax Credit Cuts followed by Stage 1 Debate: Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill followed by Business Motions followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions 6:20 pm Decision Time followed by Members' Business — S5M-04248 Maurice Golden: WWF Earth Hour 2017

Wednesday 26 April 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions Justice and the Law Officers; Culture, Tourism and External Affairs followed by Scottish Green Party Business followed by Business Motions followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions 5:00 pm Decision Time followed by Members' Business — S5M-04021 George Adam: MS Awareness Week

Thursday 27 April 2017

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11:40 am General Questions
12:00 pm First Minister's Questions
followed by Members' Business — S5M-04708 Neil Findlay: Flawed Airport Consultation
2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Social Security Agency
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 2 May 2017

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Debate: Deer Management in Scotland

followed by Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee Debate: Review of Priorities for Crofting Law Reform

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 3 May 2017

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm First Minister's Questions

2:15 pm General Questions

2:35 pm Portfolio Questions Education and Skills

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3:15 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

Motions

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Motions for Debate

<u>S5M-05185</u> Keith Brown: Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland—That the Parliament expresses concern about the impact on Scotland of the military base closures announced by the Ministry of Defence as part of its Estate Optimisation Strategy; supports local community opposition to closures, and calls on the UK Government to engage fully with the Scottish Government, local authorities and local communities as a matter of urgency.

Supported by: Jamie Hepburn, Paul Wheelhouse

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*<u>S5M-05185.2</u> Mike Rumbles: Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland—As an amendment to motion S5M-05185 in the name of Keith Brown (Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland), leave out from "; supports" to end and insert ", and, given the concern that exists among communities about jobs and local economies, calls on all parties to set out their positions on the future of the country's defence capabilities during the forthcoming UK General Election."

*<u>S5M-05185.1</u> David Stewart: Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland—As an amendment to motion S5M-05185 in the name of Keith Brown (Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland), insert at end "; further notes the crucial economic and social contribution of military bases in Scotland, and calls on the UK Government to halt all and any base closures until it has prepared and consulted on full economic assessment and employment diversification plans."

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*<u>S5M-05216</u> Ruth Maguire: North Ayrshire Schools' Success at National Concert Band

Festival—That the Parliament congratulates the North Ayrshire Schools' Senior Concert Band on winning the Youth Wind Band – County Class category at the National Concert Band Festival; understands that the group is made up of 36 pupils from secondary schools across North Ayrshire; applauds the talent and hard work of the young people involved; understands that the group has achieved success in this competition several times in recent years, and wishes everyone involved every success for the future.

Supported by: Stuart McMillan*, Ash Denham*, Kenneth Gibson*, Richard Lyle*, Jenny Gilruth*

*<u>S5M-05215</u> Gillian Martin: Hannah Miley, Gold Medallist—That the Parliament congratulates Hannah Miley on her successful defence of the 400m individual medley title on the opening night of the 2017 British swimming championships in Sheffield, at which she plans to compete in six events across six days; recognises the hard work and dedication that is required to continually compete at such a high level; commends Hannah on her work in promoting the sport in the north east, and wishes her every success at the championships and in future competitions.

Supported by: Emma Harper*, Rona Mackay*, Joan McAlpine*, Ash Denham*, Fulton MacGregor*, Richard Lyle*, Alison Johnstone*, Bob Doris*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jenny Gilruth*

*<u>S5M-05214</u> Sandra White: Lewalicious Cakes—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow Kelvin constituent, Ifelewa Thomas, on securing £5,000 from the Social Entrepreneurs Fund; understands that the funding will be used to set up a community bakery, Lewalicious Cakes, in the east end of Glasgow, offering training, volunteering and employment support to unemployed young people; commends Ifelewa's commitment to pursue a social enterprise model, which it considers will provide huge benefits for those young people engaged in the training programme and the wider local economy, and wishes Ifelewa and her team every success for the future.

Supported by: Gillian Martin*, Ash Denham*, Joan McAlpine*, Rona Mackay*, Fulton MacGregor*, Bob Doris*, Richard Lyle*, Alison Johnstone*, Jenny Gilruth*

*<u>S5M-05213</u> Maree Todd: Scottish Duo Selected for British and Irish Lions Squad—That the Parliament congratulates the Glasgow Warriors duo, Stuart Hogg and Tommy Seymour, on being selected for the British and Irish Lions squad that will tour New Zealand in summer 2017; recognises that these players earned their places in the squad among intense competition; acknowledges that selection for the Lions is regarded as one of the greatest individual achievements in rugby, and wishes them and the rest of the Lions squad a successful tour of New Zealand.

Supported by: Liz Smith*, Douglas Ross*, Gillian Martin*, Joan McAlpine*, Ivan McKee*, Ash Denham*, Gail Ross*, Stuart McMillan*, Sandra White*, Tavish Scott*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Jenny Gilruth*

*<u>S5M-05212</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: Lowering the Voting Age to 16 for the 2017 General

Election—That the Parliament notes that there will be a General Election on 8 June 2017; strongly believes that the franchise in this election should be extended to all eligible 16- and 17-year-old UK and Commonwealth citizens resident in the UK; recognises that 16- and 17-year-olds have played an active and positive role in democracy through voting in Scotland since 2014; supports the campaigns of organisations such as the Scottish Youth Parliament and Youthlink Scotland to see the voting age lowered to 16 for all elections and referenda, and calls on the UK

Government to take all necessary steps to ensure that 16- and 17-year-olds can vote in the forthcoming General Election.

*<u>S5M-05211</u> Miles Briggs: Research on Mental Health in Rural Areas—That the Parliament welcomes the research by Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) and Support in Mind Scotland (SiMS) in their National Rural Mental Health Survey Scotland, which has been set out in the paper, *Report of Key Findings into mental health in rural Scotland*; understands that the survey took place in August and September 2016 and included 343 responses from people in 94 rural postcode areas who have experienced mental ill health; notes that it contains a range of findings, including with regard to community support and about geographical location and distance to mental health facilities, with public transport found to be a barrier to people receiving proper care; welcomes the partnership between the SRUC and SiMS that led to this research, which it considers to be useful, informative and valuable in terms of understanding more about the experiences of the people surveyed; welcomes the role of the new National Rural Mental Health Forum, and urges the Scottish Government to consider the report's findings carefully as it seeks to improve mental health services in rural areas and to recognise the locally-tailored approaches to the service design that it considers are required in remote and rural communities.

Supported by: Liz Smith*, Jeremy Balfour*, Douglas Ross*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Alexander Stewart*, Ross Thomson*, Liam McArthur*, John Lamont*, Margaret Mitchell*, Kenneth Gibson*, Alison Harris*, Peter Chapman*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

*S5M-05209 John Lamont: Congratulations to Hawick's Stuart Hogg, 2017 Lions

Squad—That the Parliament congratulates Hawick's Stuart Hogg on his selection to the British and Irish Lions squad for the 2017 New Zealand Tour; notes that Hogg is one of two Scottish players to have been picked; congratulates Glasgow Warrior's Tommy Seymour on his selection; believes that to be part of the British and Irish Lions squad is a fantastic achievement for Hogg, who was widely praised for his performance for Scotland at the Six Nations Championship and subsequently named as player of the championship for the second year in a row; considers that he is a fantastic ambassador for Borders rugby, which has a long history of producing international players, and wishes him and the rest of the squad a very successful tour.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Liz Smith*, Alexander Stewart*, Donald Cameron*, Jeremy Balfour*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Ross Thomson*, Edward Mountain*, Margaret Mitchell*, Tavish Scott*, Alison Harris*

*<u>S5M-05208</u> Mark McDonald: Registration of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in Care Services (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that the Registration of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in Care Services (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: John Swinney*, Shirley-Anne Somerville*

*<u>S5M-05207</u> Gordon Lindhurst: Heriot-Watt University Announces New PhD

Scholarships—That the Parliament welcomes the decision of the Heriot-Watt University Edinburgh Business School to introduce new doctoral economics scholarships, which will be awarded to two graduates each year; notes that the students will be based at the historic Panmure House, which is the final home of the economist, Adam Smith, and is in the process of being restored by the university, and looks forward to seeing this prestigious venue return as a centre of economic and social thought and debate in Scotland.

Supported by: Margaret Mitchell*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, John Lamont*, Jeremy Balfour*, Maurice Corry*, Murdo Fraser*, Ross Thomson*, Colin Beattie*, Ash Denham*, Ivan McKee*, Alison Harris*

*<u>S5M-05205</u> Rhoda Grant: Equality Network's Further Out Programme—That the Parliament notes that the Equality Network's publication, *The Scottish LGBT Equality Report*, highlights that LGBT people living in rural parts of Scotland report a significantly worse experience than those living in urban areas, including more prejudice, greater isolation and less access to local services that meet their needs; welcomes the Equality Network's Further Out programme of 50 LGBTI events during April and May 2017 across rural Scotland, from Stranraer to Stornoway, and from Shetland to Selkirk; understands that this will bring rural LGBTI people together to discuss what life is like for them in their communities and what can be done to bridge the LGBTI equality gap with urban Scotland, and looks forward to improvements to the situation for LGBTI people living in rural areas.

*S5M-05204 Alexander Stewart: Free Blood Pressure Check in Alloa to Raise Stroke

Awareness—That the Parliament welcomes the joint initiative by the Stroke Association and Rotary International to provide a free blood pressure test to help raise awareness of high blood pressure being one of the biggest risk factors for stroke; understands that the charities are inviting people to take a moment to have a test on 22 April 2017 at Morrison's in Alloa between 10am and 2pm; notes that over half of all strokes can be caused by high blood pressure and it is estimated that over five million people across the UK do not realise they have the condition; understands that stroke strikes every five minutes in the UK, and believes that, with events like these, the two organisations hope to change this and are urging as many residents in Alloa as possible to take a moment and have their blood pressure checked at this event. **R**

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, John Lamont*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Margaret Mitchell*, Maurice Corry*, Ross Thomson*, Peter Chapman*, Liz Smith*, Douglas Ross*, Fulton MacGregor*, Murdo Fraser*, Stuart McMillan*, Jamie Greene*

*<u>S5M-05203</u> Jeremy Balfour: The School of Hard Knocks Charity and Heineken—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement of a partnership between Heineken and the social inclusion charity, the School of Hard Knocks; understands that this will enable the charity to open a new office in Edinburgh that will support 100 long-term unemployed people through an eightweek training programme; notes that, through the discipline of rugby, the School of Hard Knocks aims to help people grow in confidence and realise their potential to get back into work; understands that, to engage the rugby world and encourage donations, Scottish rugby heavyweight Jim Hamilton will challenge ex-England internationalists, Nick Easter and Ugo Monye, to step up and "take the hit" for the school by bungee jumping live during the European Cup finals, and wishes all involved in the partnership the very best of luck.

Supported by: Maurice Corry*, John Lamont*, Ash Denham*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Peter Chapman*, James Dornan*, Margaret Mitchell*, Jamie Greene*, Douglas Ross*, Liz Smith*, Donald Cameron*, Ross Thomson*, Colin Beattie*, Murdo Fraser*, Alexander Burnett*

*<u>S5M-05202</u> Derek Mackay: Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

*<u>S5M-05201</u> Tavish Scott: Generous Birthday Donation to Lerwick Lifeboat—That the Parliament applauds Shetland's Bertie Tait on raising £1,175 for Lerwick's local lifeboat station; understands that Bertie asked for donations in lieu of gifts for his 80th birthday; notes that the money will go towards buying a heat-seeking camera for the station, which will be used in low-visibility conditions; recognises the generosity of Bertie's decision, and commends all those who donated to the cause.

Supported by: Alison Johnstone*, Bill Kidd*, Douglas Ross*, Donald Cameron*, Richard Lochhead*, Colin Beattie*

*<u>S5M-05200</u> Tavish Scott: Fundraising for Shetland Epilepsy Support Group—That the Parliament warmly congratulates Shetland College students, Becky Moverley and Shaun Scott, on organising a Mother's Day Sunday Tea in support of Shetland's Epilepsy Support Group; understands that the event was held on 26 March 2017 at Whiteness Hall; notes that the event raised £1,382.69 for the support group to help fund specialist training for NHS and Shetland Islands Council staff, as well as educational workshops for local employers; commends Becky and Shaun's efforts, and hopes that the training will support those with epilepsy in Shetland.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Richard Lyle*, Douglas Ross*, Alison Johnstone*, Donald Cameron*, Colin Beattie*, Ivan McKee*, Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

*<u>S5M-05199</u> Liam McArthur: Orkney FC Scores its First Jock Mackay Cup—That the Parliament congratulates Orkney FC on winning the Jock Mackay Memorial Cup for the first time on 15 April 2017; notes that the team beat St Duthus FC in a penalty shoot-out after the match ended 1-1; further congratulates the man of the match, Kyle Drever, who capped an excellent performance by scoring the goal that brought Orkney level during the 90 minutes; believes that the hard-earned victory against a good St Duthus side rounds off another successful season for the Orkney FC team; commends Charlie Always and his coaching team for the work that they have done in developing the team and, in particular, for the support that they have shown to Orkney's young footballers, a number of whom made telling contributions during this cup run and in the league campaign, and wishes Orkney FC all the best in the future.

Supported by: Douglas Ross*, Donald Cameron*, Colin Beattie*, Graeme Dey*

*<u>S5M-05198</u> John Finnie: Eigg Passes 100 Residents—That the Parliament congratulates Eigg on passing the 100 residents milestone; believes that the population of the community-owned island is 105, having increased more than 60% in the 20 years of community ownership; understands that a baby boy born in January 2017 became the 100th resident, and that this was only realised after a recent head count; congratulates the Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust on the work that it has done to build a sustainable community on the island, and wishes the islanders well for the future.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, Gillian Martin*, Patrick Harvie*, Liam McArthur*, Alison Johnstone*, Angus MacDonald*, Douglas Ross*, Emma Harper*, Ruth Maguire*, Iain Gray*, Richard Lyle*, Donald Cameron*, Sandra White*, Alex Rowley*, Richard Lochhead*, Colin Beattie*, Neil Findlay*, Ivan McKee*

*<u>S5M-05096</u> John Mason: House of Lords Calls on UK to Follow Minimum Pricing—That the Parliament welcomes calls from a House of Lords select committee for the introduction of UK-wide minimum unit pricing for alcohol if it proves to be successful in Scotland; understands that, in spite of support for minimum pricing coming from a wide range of organisations, such as health professionals, the police, alcohol charities, Tennents and other sections of the drinks industry, the Act that was passed in 2012 has still not come in to force due to ongoing legal challenges from the

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Scotch Whisky Association; believes that this highlights the interest with which the rest of the UK and countries further afield are viewing minimum pricing in Scotland, and reiterates its support for this policy which it hopes will lead to a significant reduction in problem drinking across Scotland.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Stuart McMillan*, Emma Harper*, Ash Denham*, Kenneth Gibson*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

<u>S5M-05197</u> Edward Mountain: Ness Bank Church Members Awarded British Empire Medals (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Peter Chapman*, David Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Ross Thomson*, Oliver Mundell*, Finlay Carson*, Liam Kerr*, Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05196</u> Alexander Stewart: Former Perth Football Referee, Bill Young (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Peter Chapman*, Bill Kidd*, Douglas Ross*, Ross Thomson*, Oliver Mundell*, Finlay Carson*, Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05187</u> Liam Kerr: Loganair Service from Glasgow to Norway (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Peter Chapman*, Ross Thomson*, Oliver Mundell*, Finlay Carson*, Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05186</u> Annie Wells: Glasgow Fort to Open Eight New Units (lodged on 18 April 2017) New Support: Ross Thomson*, Oliver Mundell*, Finlay Carson*

<u>S5M-05184</u> Alexander Stewart: Clacks Businesses at 2017 VIBES Awards (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*, Finlay Carson*

<u>S5M-05183</u> Miles Briggs: Standard Life's 2016 Sustainability Report (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*, Finlay Carson*

<u>S5M-05182</u> Ivan McKee: North East Glasgow Community Champions (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*

<u>S5M-05180</u> Bruce Crawford: Blooming Great Tea Party for Marie Curie (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*, Ruth Maguire*, Jeremy Balfour*, Clare Haughey*, Rona Mackay*, Emma Harper*, Sandra White*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Graeme Dey*, John Mason*, Ash Denham*, Ivan McKee*, Liam Kerr*, Fulton MacGregor*, Alison Harris*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

<u>S5M-05179</u> Ben Macpherson: Pure Gym Wins Evening News Gym of the Year (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*

<u>S5M-05177</u> Gil Paterson: Katie Archibald from Milngavie, World Champion (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Neil Findlay*

<u>S5M-05174</u> Murdo Fraser: Pete Wishart's Comments (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Maurice Corry*, Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05173</u> Edward Mountain: Inverness Science Festival (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*

S5M-05171 Liam Kerr: Air Baltic's New Aberdeen - Riga Services (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05170</u> Graeme Dey: Monifieth Amateur Dramatics Secures Funding (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Gail Ross*

<u>S5M-05167</u> Gillian Martin: Gordon District Friends of CHAS Raises £250,000 (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Gail Ross*

<u>S5M-05166</u> Gillian Martin: Murly Tuck Community Cafe in Tarves Opens (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Gail Ross*

<u>S5M-05165</u> Emma Harper: Celebrating International Nurses Day on 12 May 2017 (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Sandra White*, Gillian Martin*, Joan McAlpine*, Ash Denham*, Graeme Dey*, Liam McArthur*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Clare Haughey* **R**, Ruth Maguire*, Ben Macpherson*, Colin Beattie*, Neil Findlay*, Bob Doris*, Fulton MacGregor*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Kenneth Gibson*, Ivan McKee*, Bruce Crawford*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

<u>S5M-05161</u> Peter Chapman: Turriff Academy Raises Awareness of LGBT Month (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05160</u> Peter Chapman: North East CLAN Cancer Support Awareness Month (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05159</u> Gail Ross: Scottish Pavilion at the Aqua Nor Exhibition (lodged on 18 April 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

<u>S5M-05153</u> Alexander Stewart: Alloa People Help Yorkshire Building Society Charity (lodged on 13 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05152</u> Alexander Stewart: Alloa Police Scotland Youth Volunteers and the Delph Pond Forum (lodged on 13 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05151</u> Emma Harper: Holyrood Dog of the Year (lodged on 13 April 2017)

New Support: Sandra White*, Ash Denham*, John Lamont*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Ruth Maguire*, Richard Lyle*, Bill Kidd*, Gillian Martin*, Clare Haughey*, Joan McAlpine*, Christine Grahame*, Richard Lochhead*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-05147</u> Christina McKelvie: Scottish Conservative Support for the "Rape Clause" (lodged on 13 April 2017)

New Support: Christine Grahame*, Alex Rowley*

<u>S5M-05144</u> Finlay Carson: Boosting Tourism in Galloway and West Dumfries (lodged on 12 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05143</u> Ross Thomson: Marjorie Johnston (lodged on 12 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05142</u> Dean Lockhart: Care Award for Brian Stretton (lodged on 12 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05137</u> Alexander Stewart: West Fife Dance Group to Perform at Disneyland Paris (lodged on 12 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05136</u> Maree Todd: May 2017, World Hypertension Month (lodged on 12 April 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

<u>S5M-05135</u> Claire Baker: The State of the UK's Birds 2016 Report (lodged on 12 April 2017) New Support: Neil Findlay*

S5M-05133 Jackson Carlaw: HIV Prevention Drug Made Available on Scottish NHS (lodged on 12 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05131</u> Jamie Greene: Commending Hughie Docherty of Greenock (lodged on 11 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05130</u> Jamie Greene: Eight-year-old John Cole from Gourock (lodged on 11 April 2017) New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05129</u> Jamie Greene: St Columbia's School, Kilmacolm (lodged on 11 April 2017) New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05128</u> Jamie Greene: Mhairi McCann, Gourock School Pupil (lodged on 11 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05124</u> Maurice Corry: Scotland Senior Women's Hockey Team (lodged on 11 April 2017) New Support: Oliver Mundell*, Neil Findlay*

<u>S5M-05122</u> Donald Cameron: Lochaber Pair Win Prestigious Music Prize (lodged on 11 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05118</u> Alexander Stewart: Charity Walk for Saline Nursing Home (lodged on 11 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

S5M-05115 Alexander Stewart: Customer Service Award for Visit Dunfermline (lodged on 10 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05114</u> Alexander Stewart: Dunfermline Food and Craft Show Returns (lodged on 10 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05113</u> Alexander Burnett: North East Food and Drink Award (lodged on 10 April 2017) New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05109</u> Neil Findlay: Event to Tackle Loneliness (lodged on 10 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05108</u> Neil Findlay: Cash Boost for Almond Valley Heritage Trust (lodged on 10 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05106</u> Liam Kerr: Cycle Capacity on Scotland's Railways (lodged on 10 April 2017)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

<u>S5M-05105</u> Mark Ruskell: Concerns Regarding Shell Decommissioning (lodged on 10 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05104</u> Alexander Stewart: Large Donation from Perth's Macmillan Coffee and Gift Shop (lodged on 10 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05100</u> Rachael Hamilton: Scottish Horse Racing Success (lodged on 10 April 2017) New Support: Colin Beattie*, Neil Findlay*

<u>S5M-05099</u> Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Woman's Hill Climb Following Double Lung Transplant (lodged on 10 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05095</u> Liam Kerr: Opening of Kirriemuir Dementia Garden (lodged on 07 April 2017) New Support: Colin Beattie*, Neil Findlay*

<u>S5M-05094</u> Liam Kerr: North East Scotland Food and Drink Awards 2017 (lodged on 07 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05093</u> Liam Kerr: Congratulations to Nikki Howarth (lodged on 07 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05092</u> Peter Chapman: Ellon Autism Ambassador Receives British Empire Medal (lodged on 07 April 2017) New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05091</u> Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Entrepreneur's Cake Business Grows (lodged on 07 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05090</u> Edward Mountain: Young Farmers' Cattle Show and Sale (lodged on 07 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05088</u> Graeme Dey: Arbroath Academy Students Rise to the Rock Challenge (lodged on 07 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05087</u> Edward Mountain: Campbell's of Beauly (lodged on 07 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05086</u> Alexander Stewart: Tullibody Youngster Selected for Paris Charity Pageant (lodged on 07 April 2017) New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05085</u> Richard Lochhead: Wild Things! Funding from HIE (lodged on 07 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05084</u> Peter Chapman: North East Bakeries Shortlisted for Baker of the Year (lodged on 07 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05082</u> Peter Chapman: Businesses in Inverurie See Local and National Success (lodged on 07 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05081</u> Ivan McKee: UK Green Deal, Supporting Aggrieved Householders (lodged on 07 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05078</u> John Finnie: Caledonian Canal Visitor Centre (lodged on 06 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05077</u> Christina McKelvie: Congratulations to Hamilton Athlete, Kirsty Gilmour (lodged on 06 April 2017) New Support: Neil Findlay*

<u>S5M-05075</u> Lewis Macdonald: RGU Streetsport Success at Street Games Awards (lodged on 06 April 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

<u>S5M-05068</u> John Finnie: Roots and Shoots Awarded Highland Play Award (lodged on 06 April 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05063</u> Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Product Designer, Vicky Hamilton (lodged on 05 April 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

<u>S5M-05060</u> Pauline McNeill: Social Security for Brain Tumour Patients (lodged on 05 April 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

<u>S5M-05029</u> Jenny Gilruth: New President and Vice President (Education) for NUS Scotland (lodged on 03 April 2017) New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05005</u> Tom Arthur: The Urban Historian (lodged on 31 March 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

<u>S5M-05004</u> John Mason: Growth in Wealth Not Felt by People on Lower Incomes (lodged on 31 March 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

S5M-04511 Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Tourism Sector (lodged on 08 March 2017)

New Support: Rona Mackay*, Mairi Evans*, Joan McAlpine*, Ben Macpherson*

<u>S5M-04464</u> Neil Findlay: University of Edinburgh Ends Four-year Primary Teaching Degree (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Alison Johnstone*

<u>S5M-04021</u> George Adam: MS Awareness Week (lodged on 13 February 2017)

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New Support: Miles Briggs*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 26 April 2017

Justice and the Law Officers

1. Gil Paterson: To ask the Scottish Government how much West Dunbartonshire has received as a result of the CashBack for Communities scheme. (<u>S50-00889</u>)

2. Tom Arthur: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that police stations are resourced to support people with mental health problems. (<u>S50-00890</u>)

3. Elaine Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission regarding the 12.5% increase in the solicitor levy. (S50-00891)

4. Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government how effective emergency control rooms are in recognising island geography. (<u>S50-00892</u>)

5. Jenny Marra: [Not Lodged]

6. Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Justice last met the chair of the Scottish Police Authority. (<u>S50-00894</u>)

7. Mike Rumbles: To ask the Scottish Government what role the Lord Advocate has in determining the competency of legislation. (<u>S50-00895</u>)

8. James Dornan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Policing 2026 strategy. (S50-00896)

9. Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to tackle drug-driving. (<u>S50-00897</u>)

10. Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the Scottish Police Authority's appointment of a new director. (S50-00898)

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

1. Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government when it will next meet representatives of the tourism sector. (<u>S50-00899</u>)

2. John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government what value it places on locations in Scotland holding UNESCO World Heritage Site status. (<u>\$50-00900</u>)

3. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what the impact on the tourism industry will be of the rise in business rates. (<u>S50-00901</u>) R

4. Ben Macpherson: To ask the Scottish Government what impact cruise ships at Newhaven have had on tourism in the area and on Edinburgh as a whole. (<u>S50-00902</u>)

5. Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with VisitScotland regarding the Jacobite Trail. (<u>S50-00903</u>)

6. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government what links it has established with international development organisations working in Sri Lanka. (<u>S50-00904</u>)

7. Stewart Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government what is being done to increase tourism in the north east and other rural areas to ensure that these communities benefit from the tourism sector. (S50-00905)

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8. David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to promote the North Coast 500 route. (S50-00906)

9. Angus MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met Falkirk Council to discuss tourism opportunities in Falkirk district. (<u>\$50-00907</u>)

10. Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to promote tourism in island communities. (<u>S50-00908</u>)

General Questions selected for answer on 27 April 2017

1. Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what support it will provide to the proposed Ayrshire growth deal. (<u>S50-00909</u>)

2. Anas Sarwar: To ask the Scottish Government how it is assisting local authorities to provide welfare support advice. (<u>S50-00910</u>)

3. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government what benefits the Glasgow city deal will bring to Motherwell and Wishaw. (<u>S50-00911</u>)

4. Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how many women in Scotland have been implanted with transvaginal mesh since 2007. (<u>S50-00912</u>)

5. Sandra White: To ask the Scottish Government what action is being taken to preserve greenspaces. (<u>S50-00913</u>)

6. John Lamont: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making in closing the attainment gap in the Scottish Borders. (<u>S50-00914</u>)

7. Jackson Carlaw: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Welsh Government regarding organ donation since the Human Transplantation (Wales) Act 2013 came into full effect in December 2015. (<u>S50-00915</u>)

8. Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made with the introduction of a deposit and return scheme for drinks containers. (<u>S50-00916</u>)

9. Neil Bibby: [Not Lodged]

10. Graeme Dey: To ask the Scottish Government how average speed cameras on the A90 between Dundee and Stonehaven will contribute to road safety. (S50-00918)

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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 19 April 2017

<u>S5W-08856</u> Ash Denham: To ask the Scottish Government what information it can provide regarding the most recent visit to the United States by the First Minister.

Written questions lodged on 19 April 2017

<u>S5W-08822</u> Ruth Maguire: To ask the Scottish Government which (a) primary, (b) secondary and (c) special schools have been built or refurbished at a cost of (i) £500,000 to £1 million and (ii) over £1 million in each year since 2010-11, broken down by local authority.

<u>S5W-08831</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government on what date the period of purdah will begin, in light of the proposed General Election on 8 June 2017.

<u>S5W-08832</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what the gender pay gap is (a) overall and (b) among (i) part- and (ii) full-time workers.

<u>S5W-08833</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it operates a system of performance-related pay and, if so, how much has been paid in each year since 2011, also broken by (a) how many employees received this, (b) the size of the average payment and (c) the information that it has on any gender pay gap.

<u>S5W-08834</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of (a) insecure, (b) poorly-paid and (c) other forms of precarious work in the labour market.

<u>S5W-08835</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether the 2021 census will include additional questions on employment to help inform its policy planning.

<u>S5W-08836</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government when the powers and responsibilities for employment tribunals will be transferred.

<u>S5W-08837</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government when it will set out its position on employment tribunals in light of the publication of the responses to its consultation.

<u>S5W-08838</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what progress it is making with the abolition of fees for access to employment tribunals.

<u>S5W-08839</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of gender pay reporting regulations brought forward by the UK Government, what plans it has to review the public sector equality duty.

<u>S5W-08840</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what recent assessment it has made of economic inactivity.

<u>S5W-08843</u> Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government how many convictions there have been under the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 and what the impact will be on these of the decision by the Supreme Court in the case of AB (Appellant) v Her Majesty's Advocate (Respondent) (Scotland) that section 39(2)(a)(i) of the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 does not comply with the European Convention of Human Rights; what its response is to the decision, and what action it is taking to introduce any corrective legislation. Motions & Questions Gluasadan agus Ceistean

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<u>S5W-08846</u> Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to potential problems for members of the legal profession in Scotland when representing clients from the EU after the UK's exit.

<u>S5W-08847</u> Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take to ensure that increasing the threshold for screening proposed forestry projects for their environmental impact will not lead to a risk of significant negative environmental impacts.

<u>S5W-08848</u> John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government which organisations that operate in Scotland have employees who receive immunity from (a) criminal and (b) civil law.

<u>S5W-08849</u> John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding which organisations that operate in Scotland have employees who are exempt from taxation.

<u>S5W-08850</u> John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding how many people in Scotland are exempt from tax, also broken down by type of tax, and how many are ordinarily resident in (a) Scotland and (b) the rest of UK.

<u>S5W-08851</u> Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government which ministerial powers conferred by the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 have not yet been used, and which of these are for making orders or regulations by statutory instrument.

<u>S5W-08853</u> Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government which sections of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 have not yet commenced.

<u>S5W-08864</u> Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government what the percentage change has been in the level of railway (a) services and (b) rolling stock in each year since 2007; what the per capita investment was in the last year for which figures are available, and what information it has regarding how this compares with England.

<u>S5W-08865</u> Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5O-00864 by Roseanna Cunningham on 19 April 2017, how many jobs are expected to be lost in Scotland's renewables industry as a result of the reductions to UK-wide feed-in tariffs.

<u>S5W-08872</u> Willie Coffey: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5O-00873 by Fergus Ewing on 19 April 2017, in light of the EU abolishing mobile roaming charges from June 2017, what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding these charges after the UK exits the EU.

<u>S5W-08873</u> Willie Coffey: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5O-00873 by Fergus Ewing on 19 April 2017, whether it will publish the reply it received from the UK Government.

<u>S5W-08874</u> Willie Coffey: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5O-00873 by Fergus Ewing on 19 April 2017, whether it has received assurances from the UK Government regarding continued access to the digital single market.

<u>S5W-08875</u> Willie Coffey: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5O-00873 by Fergus Ewing on 19 April 2017, what engagement it has with the UK Government regarding matters of shared interest in relation to broadband and mobile services.

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Proposals for Members' Bills

A member seeking to introduce a Member's Bill must first lodge a draft proposal, together with a consultation document (or a statement of reasons why consultation is not considered necessary). Subsequently, the member may lodge a final proposal, in broadly similar terms to the draft, accompanied by a summary of consultation responses (or the statement of reasons). The member secures the right to introduce a Bill to give effect to the proposal if the final proposal secures, within one month, the support of at least 18 other members from at least half the political parties or groups represented in the Parliamentary Bureau, and provided no indication is given that the Scottish Government or UK Government is planning equivalent legislation.

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at Proposals for Members' Bills/Session 5 Proposals:

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/12419.aspx

Final Proposal for Member's Bills

Claudia Beamish: Proposed Prohibition of Fracking etc. (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to ban unconventional oil and gas extraction, including by means of hydraulic fracturing. (lodged 18 April 2017)

The proposal was accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which is accessible online via the website page referred to above. The summary, and individual responses, may also be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe).

Progress of Legislation

Bills

A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the Scottish Parliament website at:

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/576.aspx

For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

A Hybrid Bill is subject to the same rules except in the case of Stage 2 where amendments for consideration may be lodged no earlier than the completion of any consideration of evidence at Stage 2.

Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 25 April 2017 <u>Stage 1 Report</u> - Finance and Constitution Committee (5th Report, 2017)

Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Social Security)), 20 April 2017

Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 18 April 2017

Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 28 March 2017

Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill (P)

Introduced 20 March 2017 Objections may be lodged up to 5pm on Friday 19 May with the Non-Government Bills Unit (<u>Private.Bills@parliament.scot</u>) Lead committee - The Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill

Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 27 April 2017

Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill (P)

Introduced 17 March 2017 Objections may be lodged up to 5pm on Tuesday 16 May with the Non-Government Bills Unit (<u>Private.Bills@parliament.scot</u>) Lead committee - The Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill

Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 18 April 2017

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Legislative Consent Memorandums

A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:

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Children and Social Work Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-7 Agreed by the Parliament on 26 January 2017

Criminal Finances Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-6 Agreed by the Parliament on 2 March 2017 Supplementary lodged on 30 March 2017

Digital Economy Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-8

Agreed by the Parliament on 22 February 2017

Farriers (Registration) Bill (UK Parliament legislations) LCM-S5-9 Agreed by the Parliament on 16 March 2017

Health Service Medical Supplies (Costs) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-5 Agreed by the Parliament on 7 February 2017

Higher Education and Research Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-4 Agreed by the Parliament on 20 December 2016

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

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International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 [draft] (27 February 2017) (Justice)

Lead committee to report by 2 May 2017

Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft] (8 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity) [withdrawn and re-laid on 23 March 2017]

Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft] (8 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity) [withdrawn and re-laid on 23 March 2017]

Lead committee to report by 18 May 2017

Registration of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in Care Services (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] (24 March 2017) (Health and Sport)

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<u>Apologies (Scotland) Act 2016 (Excepted Proceedings) Regulations 2017 [draft]</u> (18 April 2017) (Justice)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 23 April 2017 Lead committee to report by 17 April 2017

<u>Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/49)</u> (27 February 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Sale of Tobacco and Nicotine Vapour Products by Persons Under 18 (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/50) (27 February 2017) (Health and Sport)

Sale of Tobacco (Register of Tobacco Retailers) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/51) (27 February 2017) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 26 April 2017 Lead committee to report by 24 April 2017

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Amendment) (Pursuers' Offers) 2017 (SSI 2017/53) (2 March 2017) (Justice)

Shellfish (Restrictions on Taking by Unlicensed Fishing Boats) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/57) (2 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

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Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/58) (3 March 2017) (Health and Sport)

National Health Service (Payments and Remission of Charges) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/59) (3 March 2017) (Health and Sport)

Non-Domestic Rates (Renewable Energy Generation Relief) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/60) (3 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Non-Domestic Rates (District Heating Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/61) (3 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 3 May 2017 Lead committee to report by 1 May 2017

Protection of Seals (Designation of Haul-Out Sites) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/63) (9 March 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

<u>Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland)</u> <u>Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/64)</u> (*9 March 2017*) (Local Government and Communities)

Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/66) (9 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 4 May 2017

Lead committee to report by 1 May 2017 First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Procedure) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/68) (10 March 2017) (Justice)

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Tax Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/69) (10 March 2017) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 9 May 2017 Lead committee to report by 8 May 2017

Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Applications and Objections Procedure) Amendment Rules 2017 (SSI 2017/74) (15 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

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Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery Order 2017 (SSI 2017/77) (16 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Valuation Appeal Committee (Procedure in Appeals under the Valuation Acts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/78) (16 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/85) (16 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

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Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (Angus Council Parking Area) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/80) (17 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

<u>Road Traffic (Parking Adjudicators) (Angus Council) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/81)</u> (17 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Stirling Council) Designation Order 2017 (SSI 2017/82) (17 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (Stirling Council Parking Area) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/83) (17 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

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Subject to annulment by 21 May 2017 Lead committee to report by 15 May 2017 Damages (Personal Injury) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/96) (27 March 2017) (Justice)

Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/97) (27 March 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)

Subject to annulment by 24 May 2017 Lead committee to report by 22 May 2017 Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/98) (30 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 25 May 2017 Lead committee to report by 22 May 2017

Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/101) (31 March 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/102) (31 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 26 May 2017 Lead committee to report by 22 May 2017

Flood Risk Management (Flood Protection Schemes, Potentially Vulnerable Areas and Local Plan Districts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/112) (13 April 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Forestry (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/113) (13 April 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Agriculture, Land Drainage and Irrigation Projects (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) <u>Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/114)</u> (13 April 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

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Petitions

The following petition was lodged with the Parliament on 18 April 2017.

PE1643 Petition by Jack Douglas, LGBT+ Officer on behalf of NUS Scotland on Introduce individual risk-based blood donation in Scotland

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Committee Reports

The following report was published on 20 April 2017-

Justice Committee, 7th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 120)

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 19 April 2017 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Ayrshire College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2016: SG/2017/49 laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Borders College Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 July 2016: SG/2017/50 laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2016: SG/2017/51 laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

North East Scotland College Finance Statements for the year to 31 July 2016: SG/2017/52 laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

University of the Highlands & Islands: Perth College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2016: SG/2017/53 laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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