# Wednesday 6 December 2017 Business Bulletin Iris Ghnothaichean



# **Today's Business**

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

**followed by** Scottish Liberal Democrat Party Debate: Justice

**followed by** Scottish Liberal Democrat Party Debate: Finance

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-07776 Richard Lochhead: Unfair Parcel Delivery Charges

# **Committee Meetings**

**9:15am** Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

**9:45am** Local Government and Communities Committee

10:00am Education and Skills Committee

**10:00am** Finance and Constitution Committee

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#### **Communities, Social Security and Equalities**

**1. Tom Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the number of children living in material deprivation. (<u>S5O-01554</u>)

**2. John Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions the Minister for Local Government and Housing has had with councils regarding the sustainability of services. (<u>S50-01555</u>)

**3. Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that planning law provides adequate protection for live music venues. (<u>S50-01556</u>)

**4. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group. (<u>S5O-01557</u>)

**5. James Kelly:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it can provide for owners of properties affected by aluminium composite material cladding. (<u>S5O-01558</u>)

**6. James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is giving to the campaign, 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. (<u>S50-01559</u>)

**7. Adam Tomkins:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making in developing the delivery plan to tackle child poverty. (<u>S50-01560</u>)

**8. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made to end rough sleeping this winter. (<u>S5O-01561</u>)

**9. Richard Lochhead:** To ask the Scottish Government what response it received to representations it made to the UK Government regarding the location of PIP assessment centres and the impact that this has had on claimants in Moray. (<u>S50-01562</u>)

**10. Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is communicating with landlords and tenants regarding the new private residential tenancy, which was introduced on 1 December 2017. (<u>S50-01563</u>)

**11. Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that devolved benefits will not lose their value relative to inflation. (<u>S50-01564</u>)

**12. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that rural communities have access to public amenities. (<u>S50-01565</u>)

**13. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Scottish Older People's Assembly has reportedly had its budget reduced. (<u>S50-01566</u>)

**14. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what consideration it is giving to the provision of universal free access to sanitary products. (<u>S50-01567</u>)

**15. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government how many children are in temporary accommodation. (<u>S5O-01568</u>)

**16. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it offers third sector organisations to empower disabled people in the Scottish Borders. (<u>S50-01569</u>)

**17. Graeme Dey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work of the Poverty and Inequality Commission. (<u>S5O-01570</u>)

**18. Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is being given to vulnerable people experiencing loneliness. (<u>S50-01571</u>)

**19. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding how many and what proportion of the IBM UK staff involved with the Low Income Benefits Agile Service Design are disabled. (<u>S5O-01572</u>)

**20. Peter Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle the drivers of child poverty. (<u>S50-01573</u>)

# followed by Scottish Liberal Democrat Party Debate: Justice

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# followed by Business Motions

<u>S5M-09402</u> Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business— Tuesday 12 December 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

- followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
- followed by Scottish Government Debate: Year of Young People
- followed by Business Motions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by Members' Business
- Wednesday 13 December 2017
- 2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
- Finance and the Constitution;
- Economy, Jobs and Fair Work
- followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business
- followed by Business Motions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by Members' Business
- Thursday 14 December 2017
- 11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 11.40 am General Questions
- 12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
- followed by Members' Business
- 2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Draft Spending and Tax Plans for 2018-19
- followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Fairer Scotland Delivering Race Equality
- followed by Final Stage Proceedings: Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill
- followed by Business Motions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- Tuesday 19 December 2017
- 2.00 pm Time for Reflection
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
- followed by Scottish Government Business
- followed by Business Motions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 6.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by Members' Business
- Wednesday 20 December 2017
- 2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
- Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;

Rural Economy and Connectivity

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 21 December 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.45 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 14 December, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

# followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

<u>S5M-09279</u> Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Consequential and Supplementary Modifications) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

<u>S5M-09280</u> Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Modification of Part 1 and Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

<u>S5M-09403</u> Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Local Authority Functions etc.) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

<u>S5M-09404</u> Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Fishing Vessels and Fish Farming (Miscellaneous Revocations) (Scotland) Scheme 2017 [draft] be approved.

5:00 pm Decision Time

#### followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

# S5M-07776 Richard Lochhead: Unfair Parcel Delivery Charges—That the

Parliament understands that, compared with other parts of the UK, people in Moray, the north of Scotland and other rural areas are often charged excessive rates for parcel deliveries; understands that recent examples of this practice include Halfords charging £50 to send towels, which cost only £5.99, to Speyside, and LloydsPharmacy charging £50 to send a mobility scooter to a terminally-ill woman in Keith, despite advertising free UK delivery online; recognises what it sees as the frustration of consumers living in postcodes such as IV and AB, who have to pay

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these charges, which it considers unfair; welcomes both Halfords and LloydsPharmacy reported decision to review their charging policies in response to public concern; acknowledges the importance of challenging companies over such policies, and notes the view that there is a need for the relevant authorities to address this issue, which it believes affects many thousands of households and businesses.

# **Committee Meetings**

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

# Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 35th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.

# Local Government and Communities Committee 30th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19 from—

Tony Cain, Policy Manager, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers; David Stewart, Policy Lead, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations; Douglas Black, Secretary, Local Government Service Group, and Mark Ferguson, Chair, Local Government Committee, UNISON Scotland;

and then from-

Robert Emmott, Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar;

Alastair MacArthur, Head of Finance, Renfrewshire Council.

2. Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17: The Committee will take evidence from-

Bill Thomson, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland; Claire Gilmore, Senior Investigating Officer, and Ian Bruce, Public Appointments Manager, Office of the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

# Education and Skills Committee 31st Meeting, 2017

- The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)
- Education reforms: The Committee will take evidence from: Frank Lennon, Representative of the Commission on School Reform; Danielle Mason, Head of Research, Education Endowment Foundation; Dr Rebekah Widdowfield, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Society of Edinburgh.
- 2. **Review of Evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.
- 3. Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee will consider the letter dated the 30th November 2017 from the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills and the Committee's approach to its Stage 1 report.

# **Finance and Constitution Committee**

# 29th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- 2. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Budget 2018/2019: The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body's Budget from—

Jackson Carlaw MSP, Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body; Sir Paul Grice, Clerk/Chief Executive, Derek Croll, Group Head of Finance and Security, and Michelle Hegarty, Assistant Chief Executive, The Scottish Parliament.

- 3. Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider its approach to the Financial Memorandum of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill.
- 4. **Scottish Fiscal Commission reappointment:** The Committee will consider the reappointment of Lady Susan Rice as Chair of the Scottish Fiscal Commission.

# **Future Meetings of the Parliament**

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 29 November 2017

# Thursday 7 December 2017

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

- 11:40 am General Questions
- 12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

**12:45 pm** Members' Business — S5M-07735 Alexander Stewart: Brain Tumour Awareness in Scotland

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Ministerial Statement: Improving Scotland's Air Quality - Putting in Place Scotland's Low Emission Zones

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

# Tuesday 12 December 2017

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

# Wednesday 13 December 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions Finance and Constitution; Economy, Jobs and Fair Work followed by Scottish Government Business followed by Business Motions followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions 5:00 pm Decision Time followed by Members' Business

# Thursday 14 December 2017

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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- 12:00 pm First Minister's Questions
- 12:45 pm Members' Business
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- 5:00 pm Decision Time

# **Future Committee Meetings**

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm

#### Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 7 December 2017 30th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. **Major Capital Projects:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Major Capital Projects progress update from—

Peter Reekie, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Investments, Scottish Futures Trust;

Eleanor Emberson, Director of Financial Strategy, Scottish Government.

3. **Major Capital Projects:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Graeme Greenhill, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

# Proposed future business

For more information, please contact the Clerks on 0131 348 5390 or papls.committee@parliament.scot

#### Public Petitions Committee 7 December 2017 22nd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

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

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

and will take evidence from;

Graeme Henderson, Director of Services and Development, Penumbra; Carolyn Lochhead, Public Affairs Manager, SAMH; and Amy Woodhouse, Head of Policy, Projects and Participation, Children in Scotland.

- Consideration of a new petition: The Committee will consider the following new petition— <u>PE1674</u> by Ellie Stirling on Managing the Cat Population in Scotland; and will take evidence from; Ellie Stirling.
- 3. **Consideration of a new petition:** The Committee will consider the following new petition— <u>PE1672</u> by Hugh Paterson on Scottish Law Commission Report on Prescription.

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

<u>PE1458</u> by Peter Cherbi on Register of Interests for members of Scotlands judiciary; <u>PE1651</u> by Marion Brown on behalf of Recovery and Renewal on Prescribed drug dependence and withdrawal;

PE1654 by Ian Munn on Forestry regulation;

<u>PE1656</u> by Rob McDowall on Threats or assaults on sitting members of parliament, their staff and families;and

<u>PE1658</u> by Wendy Stephen on Compensation for those who suffered a neurological disability following administration of the Pluserix vaccine between 1988 and 1992.

# Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at <u>petitions@parliament.scot</u> or call 0131 348 5186.

# Social Security Committee 7 December 2017 25th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Social Security (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report.

# Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 21 December, the Committee expects to take evidence from the Minister for Social Security on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-2019. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Simon Watkins, on 0131 348 5228 or by email at: SocialSecurityCommittee@parliament.scot.

# Equalities and Human Rights Committee 7 December 2017 30th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:40 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. Human Rights Day 2017 Gypsy Traveller Community in Scotland: The Committeewill mark Human Rights Day 2017 by taking evidence on human rights and theGypsy Traveller Community in Scotland, in round table format, from—

Davie Donaldson, Article 12 in Scotland; Charlotte Donaldson; John McDonald; Willie McDonald; Shannon McDonald; Charlotte McKenzie; Anthony Johnstone; Shamus McPhee; Roseanna McPhee; Kerry Musselbrook, Project Manager, Iriss.

- 3. **Human Rights Day 2017 Gypsy Traveller Community in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence received.
- 4. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Scottish Government Draft Budget 2018-19.

# Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 14 December 2017, the Committee expects to consider oral evidence on its consideration of prisoner voting in Scotland.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

# Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 7 December 2017 21st Meeting, 2017

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

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Claire Baker will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- 3. **Cross-Party Groups:** The Committee will consider an annual update on Cross-Party Groups' compliance with the Code of Conduct.
- 4. **Sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct:** The Committee will consider a draft call for written evidence.

# Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 14 December, the Committee expects to take evidence from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland on his annual report. For further information, contact the Clerks to the Committee, Joanna Hardy or Alastair Macfie, on 0131348 6924 or at <u>SPPACommittee@parliament.scot</u>

# Justice Sub-Committee on Policing 7 December 2017 19th Meeting, 2017

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

Police Scotland's custody provision: The Sub-Committee will take evidence from— Chief Superintendent Garry McEwan, Criminal Justice Services Division, Police Scotland;

Pete White, National Co-ordinator, Positive Prison? Positive Futures;

Calum Steele, General Secretary, Scottish Police Federation;

Drew Livingstone, Service Conditions Officer, Unison Police Staffs Scotland Branch.

# Proposed future business

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The Sub-Committee will next meet on 18 January. For further information, contact Diane Barr, the Clerk to the Sub-Committee on 0131 348 5220 or by email <u>diane.barr@parliament.scot</u>

# **Motions**

Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

# Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- \* before the number indicates publication for the first time
- \*...\* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

# **Motions for Debate**

\*<u>S5M-09406</u> Fergus Ewing: Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations—That the Parliament acknowledges the conclusion of negotiations with Norway on shared stocks in the North Sea and the forthcoming annual fisheries negotiations in Brussels; notes that 2018 will see the last year of phased implementation of the landing obligation for whitefish stocks and that the outcome of the Brussels negotiations will be pivotal in helping Scotland's fishing fleet to reduce the potential impacts of choke species; is concerned that failure to explore and adopt all available solutions in this regard could potentially tie the fleet up; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to respect the scientific advice in relation to next year's quotas, and supports its efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland's fishermen, coastal communities, marine environment and wider seafood sectors at the Brussels negotiations.

Supported by: Humza Yousaf\*

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\*<u>S5M-09378.1</u> Liam Kerr: Justice—As an amendment to motion S5M-09378 in the name of Liam McArthur (Justice), insert at end "; condemns the loss of local accountability, and notes and expresses its gratitude for the hard work of frontline officers and staff."

# Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

\*<u>S5M-09389</u> Monica Lennon: Alcohol and Drug-related Deaths—That the Parliament understands that 1,265 alcohol-related deaths, and a record 867 drug-related deaths, were registered in 2016, which were 10% and 23% more respectively than in 2015 and represented a combined annual increase of 276 deaths; notes that of the total 2,132 deaths that year, 715 of the people were under 44; recognises that Scotland's alcohol death rate is one-and-a-half times that of the rest of the UK and that its drug deaths rate is two-and-a-half times; expresses sympathy to the bereaved families and friends of the people who have died, in so many cases at such a young age; acknowledges that stigma around addiction can make it difficult for people to seek the help they need; believes that alcohol and drug-related deaths are preventable, and notes the view that the refreshing of the alcohol and drug strategies presents unique opportunities to that ensure that an evidence-based approach can be put in place to reduce the number of deaths in Central Scotland and across the country.

Supported by: Iain Gray\*, Kate Forbes\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Ivan McKee\*, Annie Wells\*

# Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

\*<u>S5M-09381</u> Gail Ross: Adverse Childhood Experiences—That the Parliament notes that in Caithness, Sutherland and Ross, and across Scotland, there are still many children who are growing up with adverse childhood experiences (ACE), a term that covers abuse, neglect and household adversity, the effects of which can cause chronic stress responses and have a lasting impact on children as they grow into adults; notes research, which suggests that instances of ACE rise with the level of deprivation that a child is living in; understands that there are no published studies to date of the prevalence specifically of ACE among the general population of Scotland; notes what it sees as the benefits of early intervention and addressing ACE; considers that such an approach has a positive impact on the person as well as society as a whole, and notes the view that, in order to mitigate against these experiences, a greater understanding must be achieved among policy makers and that focus should lie on prevention, resilience and enquiry.

\*<u>S5M-09376</u> Colin Smyth: Atrial Fibrillation in Scotland—That the Parliament welcomes Focus on Atrial Fibrillation in Scotland; A report by the Cross Party Group on Heart Disease and Stroke, which is due to be published on 23 January 2018; recognises that this heart condition, which affects an estimated 145,000 people across the country, including in the South Scotland parliamentary region, increases the risk of stroke by fivefold; welcomes the work that has taken place in compiling the report, and thanks the members of the advisory panel who supported and informed the report and helped formulate the recommendations.

Supported by: Stuart McMillan\*, Emma Harper\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Colin Beattie\*, Iain Gray\*

# Other new and altered motions and amendments

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# \*<u>S5M-09404</u> Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Fishing Vessels and Fish Farming (Miscellaneous Revocations) (Scotland) Scheme 2017 [draft] be approved.

\*<u>S5M-09403</u> Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Local Authority Functions etc.) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

# \*S5M-09402 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business— Tuesday 12 December 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Year of Young People

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 13 December 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Finance and the Constitution;

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 14 December 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Draft Spending and Tax Plans for 2018-19

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Fairer Scotland – Delivering Race Equality

followed by Final Stage Proceedings: Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 December 2017

- 2.00 pm Time for Reflection
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
- followed by Scottish Government Business
- followed by Business Motions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 6.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by Members' Business
- Wednesday 20 December 2017
- 2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
- Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;
- Rural Economy and Connectivity
- followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill
- followed by Business Motions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by Members' Business
- Thursday 21 December 2017
- 11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 11.40 am General Questions
- 12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.45 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 14 December, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

\*S5M-09390 Christina McKelvie: Human Rights Day and Amnesty International Write for **Rights Campaign**—That the Parliament supports Human Rights Day on 10 December 2017; supports the annual Human Rights Day Amnesty International campaign, Write for Rights; believes that the campaign consists of a letter-writing marathon involving millions of people around the globe; invites all Members and staff to participate in Write for Rights at a lunchtime event in the Parliament on 7 December; recognises that, as a result of the international call to action, victims of torture, prisoners of conscience and people facing the death penalty or other human rights violations receive messages of solidarity from thousands of people in far-off corners of the globe. and that those suffering the violations know that their cases are being brought to public attention and they are not forgotten; highlights various success stories from previous Write for Rights campaigns, such as Chelsea Manning, the whistleblower pardoned by Barack Obama, the Palestinian circus performer, Mohammad Abu Sakha, who was released from an Israeli jail in August 2017, the 69-year-old Albert Woodfox, who walked free after 43 years in a Louisiana prison, Maxima Acuna, a Peruvian farmer defying a gold company, criminal charges against whom were dropped, and Muhammad Bekzhanov, one of the longest-imprisoned journalists in the world, freed in February 2017 after spending 17 years behind bars; notes the 2017 campaign cases, including those of the Jamaican, Shackelia Jackson, seeking justice for the unlawful death

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of her brother Nakeia, Sakris Kupila, a transgender rights activist in Finland, Azza Soliman, a women's rights lawyer in Egypt facing what it believes are trumped-up charges, immigration detainees held indefinitely in the UK, and the Istanbul 10, including Amnesty International staff, still at risk of re-imprisonment in Turkey; encourages the people of Scotland to send a message of solidarity, and calls on all those with the platform to do so to defend freedom of expression in defence of human rights.

Supported by: Sandra White\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Iain Gray\*, Ivan McKee\*, Colin Beattie\*, Gillian Martin\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Richard Lyle\*, Bill Kidd\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, Clare Haughey\*, Ben Macpherson\*, Andy Wightman\*

\*<u>S5M-09388</u> Jackie Baillie: Celebrating Helensburgh's Victoria Cox's Success at WorldSkills UK Competition—That the Parliament recognises and applauds the success of the City of Glasgow College Confectionery student and Helensburgh native, Victoria Cox, at the WorldSkills UK competition in Birmingham; further congratulates Victoria on her contribution to the City of Glasgow College's overall victory in the competition; extends its thanks and appreciation to the team from the college that supported Victoria, including her coach, Aileen O'Meara, and her alumni trainer, Mikaela Wright, from the Balmoral Hotel; further congratulates Victoria on the successful completion of an NCQ in Professional Cookery, and wishes her all the best for the remainder of her HND Professional Cookery qualification.

\*<u>S5M-09369</u> Anas Sarwar: The New President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow—That the Parliament warmly welcomes the appointment of Dr Jackie Taylor as the new President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow; notes that this is the first time in its 418 years that a woman will lead the college; acknowledges that the institute, founded in 1599, is the UK's only multidisciplinary royal college, and further acknowledges that it supports members across the world in upholding medical standards and professionalism.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, James Dornan\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, Colin Beattie\*, Iain Gray\*, Monica Lennon\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Sandra White\*

# \*S5M-09358 Lewis Macdonald: Move More Aberdeen Recognised by Macmillan Cancer

**Support**—That the Parliament congratulates Move More Aberdeen on winning the prize for Integration Excellence at the annual Macmillan Professionals Excellence Conference in London; understands that Move More Aberdeen is a project funded by Macmillan Cancer Support and delivered by Sport Aberdeen, which is designed to support people living with and beyond cancer to experience the benefits of physical activity; recognises that Move More Aberdeen received the award for its successful partnerships with NHS Grampian, CLAN Cancer Support, Paths for All, Maggie's Aberdeen and Friends of ANCHOR in an effort to integrate physical activity into cancer care across the city; acknowledges that Move More Aberdeen, which is the first ever cancerspecific physical activity programme in the city, has also trained up a number of volunteers to help deliver classes and activities in the community, and that 350 people in Aberdeen have already been signed up to the scheme; commends everyone involved on their success, and hopes that cancer patients across Aberdeen will benefit from having access to this programme of physical activity.

\*<u>S5M-09357</u> Gillian Martin: Aberdeen City and Shire Tourism Awards—That the Parliament congratulates all the people and businesses named as winners in the Aberdeen City and Shire Tourism Awards; notes that Glen Garioch Distillery in Oldmeldrum won Best Heritage Tourism

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Experience Award, Brewdog's DogWalk Brewery Tour in Ellon won Best Visitor Attraction, The Cock and Bull near Balmedie won Best Informal Eating Experience, and Meldrum Country House Hotel and Golf Club won most Hospitable Hotel, while Peter Walker of the hotel was named Regional Ambassador; recognises the quality and variety of attractions in the north east of Scotland, and wishes all the winners well.

Supported by: Ash Denham\*, Clare Haughey\*, Bill Kidd\*, Liam Kerr\*, Graeme Dey\*, Stewart Stevenson\*

\*<u>S5M-09352</u> Peter Chapman: SRUC Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education—That the Parliament congratulates SRUC on receiving the prestigious 2017 Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education; notes that this award is the highest praise open to any UK educational institution and distinguishes the exceptional contribution to scientific excellence, impact and innovation; recognises that the SRUC's Langhill project submission is the largest and longest-running cattle breeding study; notes that this project has benefited from the support of grant funding from the Environment, Agriculture and Food Strategic Research Programme, as well as the Agricultural and Horticultural Levy Boards; commends the SRUC for its outstanding work in world-leading research, which has led to a positive contribution of an estimated £408 million to the British dairy industry as a result of this work; wishes SRUC continued success in promoting its high-quality education and research, and welcomes the positive impact that SRUC will continue to have both within rural communities in Scotland and across the globe.

\*S5M-09351 Mary Fee: International Day of Persons with Disabilities—That the Parliament celebrates 3 December 2017 as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, marking the 25th anniversary of this UN-recognised day; understands that 15% of the world's population live with some form of disability, including approximately one million people in Scotland who live with a long-term limiting health condition; notes with concern the recent comments from the UN, which has reportedly stated that the UK Government is failing to ensure that its policies meet the UN Convention on Disabled Peoples' Rights; commends the work of the UK-wide network of disability rights campaigners, including Laura Moore (Mum on a Mission) and Laura Rutherford, who have collaborated through the Changing Places Consortium, campaigning tirelessly to ensure that public toilets are accessible to the more than 250,000 people in the UK who cannot use standard access toilets; notes with regret that, in the West Scotland region, there are only 10 Changing Places toilet facilities in public places to serve a population of approximately 500,000 people; believes that people with profound and multiple learning disabilities and other physical disabilities should have the basic right to a toilet that is a safe and clean environment with adequate space and an accessible ergonomic design to ensure that its facilities appropriately meet disabled people's needs, and congratulates the Changing Places Consortium on its impressive work in creating an interactive online Toilet Map, which details the location of every Changing Places toilet in the UK, helping to enable all disabled people to socialise, travel and go about their everyday life with the same dignity and equal rights as non-disabled people.

\*<u>S5M-09350</u> Clare Haughey: NHS Lanarkshire's Obstetrics and Gynaecology Team Highly Commended—That the Parliament congratulates NHS Lanarkshire's obstetrics and gynaecology team on being recognised as one of the top 10 training departments in the UK by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG); notes that its trainee-centred approach to gynaecology training, obstetric training and professional development has been "highly commended", based on feedback from trainee doctors; further notes that the lead clinical trainer and joint RCOG college tutor, Dr Evelyn Ferguson, was also recently named runner-up for the

individual RCOG Trainer of the Year award, and commends the effort and dedication of all staff involved.  ${\bf R}$ 

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\*<u>S5M-09349</u> Jackie Baillie: DPD Imposes Detrimental Conditions on Owner Driver

**Franchisees**—That the Parliament notes with regret the detrimental contract changes that have reportedly been imposed on DPD's Owner Driver Franchisees (ODF) by company bosses; understands that the ODF workforce has had a reduction of delivery rates and additional weekend working, which it believes may constitute a breach of the Working Time Directive; further understands that this has been introduced on a "take it or leave it" basis; believes that further problems have been highlighted with the servicing and repairs to leased vehicles; understands that DPD has so far refused to engage in talks with the GMB, and urges the company to engage in talks with the union and ensure that the best interests of the ODF workforce are taken into consideration.

\*<u>S5M-09348</u> Annie Wells: Alex Dawson, Prize-winning Restaurant Service Student—That the Parliament congratulates the City of Glasgow College Restaurant Service student, Alex Dawson, from Glasgow, on her participation as part of the winning City of Glasgow College team at the recent WorldSkills UK competition in Birmingham; acknowledges the hard work and perseverance it took for Alex to win Highly Commended in a very competitive field; recognises that Alex and the rest of the team worked extremely hard to get through local and regional heats before qualifying for the UK-wide competition, and wishes Alex and all the other participants all the best in their future careers.

\*<u>S5M-09346</u> Christina McKelvie: Hamilton Restaurant Wins Asian Curry Award—That the Parliament congratulates the Hamilton-based Mushtaq restaurant on winning the prestigious Asian Curry Award; notes the hard work, dedication and high skill levels of the staff of the restaurant; acknowledges that the Mushtaq overcame thousands of competitors from every area in the UK to win this title, putting Hamilton on the culinary map; further congratulates the restaurant, and wishes it the same high levels of success in the future.

Supported by: Graeme Dey\*, Monica Lennon\*, Clare Haughey\*, Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Colin Beattie\*, Gillian Martin\*

\*<u>S5M-09345</u> Stuart McMillan: CalMac's First Intake of Hospitality Apprentices—That the Parliament congratulates the Gourock-based ferry operator, CalMac, on its first intake of hospitality apprentices; notes that one of the apprentices, Lucy McNee from Port Glasgow, completed a year-long training course, which involved classroom learning mixed with time spent training on board some of CalMac's 32-strong fleet, and is now preparing for a full-time job on board one of the company's vessels; acknowledges that she is one of nine graduates from the company's new hospitality modern apprenticeship, which was launched in partnership with the City of Glasgow College, and wishes Lucy and her fellow graduates all the best in their new employment.

Supported by: Bob Doris\*, Clare Haughey\*, Richard Lyle\*, Sandra White\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jamie Greene\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Gillian Martin\*

\*<u>S5M-09344</u> Stuart McMillan: PC Aaron McCrone—That the Parliament commends the bravery of the Greenock police officer, PC Aaron McCrone, who jumped into the River Clyde just off the

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Esplanade late at night on 21 November 2017 to save a man's life; acknowledges that the 34year-old went above and beyond in his role and risked his own safety to help pull the man from the river, who was unconscious at the time of rescue; recognises that PC McCrone's story is just one of many heroic actions performed by the emergency services on a daily basis, and thanks him for his service.

Supported by: Colin Beattie\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Graeme Dey\*, Monica Lennon\*, Rona Mackay\*, Liam Kerr\*, Clare Haughey\*, Bill Kidd\*, Edward Mountain\*, Richard Lyle\*, Alexander Burnett\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Ash Denham\*, Gillian Martin\*, Alison Johnstone\*

\*<u>S5M-09343</u> Kate Forbes: Official Opening of GlenWyvis Distillery in Dingwall—That the Parliament welcomes the official opening of the GlenWyvis Distillery in Dingwall; notes that it is Scotland's first 100% community-owned and 100% green energy-powered distillery; understands that it will aim to produce high-quality Scottish whisky and craft gin; believes that it will play an important role in attracting more visitors to Dingwall to spend time and money there as a quality destination on the North Coast 500 tourist route; notes that it is the first distillery to open in the town for almost a century, and wishes GlenWyvis well for the future.

\*<u>S5M-09340</u> Michelle Ballantyne: 10 Melrose Players Selected for Scotland XV—That the Parliament notes that the squad for the Scotland Club Rugby XV has recently been selected ahead of an upcoming international against Ireland; understands that 10 players from the BT Premiership side, Melrose RFC, have been chosen, with the Melrose head coach, Rob Chrystie, taking command of the international club side; notes that the club XV will open its season with a training match against Scotland u20s on 23 January 2018, before playing home and away against Ireland on 23 February and 16 March respectively; congratulates Melrose RFC, which currently leads the Premiership and is unbeaten in Scotland, on this achievement, and wishes all the players and coaching and support staff the very best of luck in their upcoming fixtures.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Tom Mason\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Liz Smith\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Bill Kidd\*, Donald Cameron\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Alison Harris\*, Colin Beattie\*

\*<u>S5M-09337</u> Lewis Macdonald: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence Campaign—That the Parliament notes that 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence, which is taking place around the world between 25 November and 10 December 2017; understands that this annual international campaign communicates the message that genderbased violence is a violation of fundamental human rights; recognises that, in 2016, over 700 organisations in 92 countries took part, including many based in Scotland; notes that the Aberdeen Violence Against Women Partnership organises a number of events to raise awareness, such as the Drop-in Café, the Candlelit Vigil and training on gender-based violence, with the support of Rape Crisis Grampian, Grampian Women's Aid, Aberdeen City Council, GREC and Children 1st; commends all of the organisations and volunteers taking part, and wishes them a successful 16 days of action.

Supported by: Gillian Martin\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Iain Gray\*, Claire Baker\*, Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Sandra White\*, Elaine Smith\*, Clare Haughey\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, Claudia Beamish\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Colin Beattie\*

\*<u>S5M-09336</u> Michelle Ballantyne: Aaliyah Mason in Contention for Poetry Award—That the Parliament congratulates nine-year-old Aaliyah Mason, who has been shortlisted for a prize at 2017's Young Muslim Writers Awards; understands that Aaliyah reached the final five in the poetry category for youngsters aged seven to 11 for her work, *The Lake*; notes that the national awards

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recognise young literary talent in the Muslim community and that Aaliyah is the only finalist from Scotland to be invited to the awards; acknowledges that this is Aaliyah's first entry into the competition and that her poem was assessed by an internationally-renowned panel of judges, including the award-winning children's author, Patrice Lawrence, the director of The Royal Society of Literature, Tim Robertson, and the award-winning author and comic writer, G Willow Wilson; further notes that the Young Muslim Writers Awards were initially set up in 2010 as a standalone competition for 5 to 16-year-olds and has encouraged and nurtured the writing talents of thousands of children through creative writing workshops and the annual competition, and wishes Aaliyah the very best in the next stage of the competition.

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\*<u>S5M-09335</u> Ben Macpherson: Holyrood Magazine Named Magazine of the Year—That the Parliament congratulates the magazine, *Holyrood*, on being named Magazine of the Year at the Professional Publishers Association (PPA) Scottish Magazine Awards 2017; further congratulates the editor, Mandy Rhodes, on picking up the Business and Professional Magazine Editor Award; recognises that the magazine was also awarded the Business and Professional Magazine Award; notes that the PPA Scottish Magazine Awards are the premier celebration of the talent within Scotland's vibrant magazine media sector; appreciates the contribution that *Holyrood* and Mandy Rhodes make to the vibrant media output in Scotland while covering the fast-paced dynamics of Scottish and UK politics, and congratulates all nominees on their work over the last year, helping to make Scotland a hotbed for time-honoured publishing excellence, as well as up-and-coming talent.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Emma Harper\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Ash Denham\*, Sandra White\*, Graeme Dey\*, Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Clare Haughey\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Gillian Martin\*, Colin Beattie\*, Bob Doris\*

\*<u>S5M-09334</u> Ben Macpherson: Hibernian Ladies FC Wins Domestic Cup—That the Parliament congratulates Hibernian Ladies FC on winning the domestic cup double for a second season in a row, retaining both the League Cup and the Scottish Cup; recognises the hard work of the team on 26 November 2017 to win the SSE Scottish Women's Cup with a 3-0 victory over its great rivals, Glasgow City; particularly notes the team's SSE Scottish Cup-winning record of 32 goals scored, zero conceded, and hopes that Hibernian Ladies FC's achievements will help raise awareness of women and girls regularly taking part in sports and physical activity at all levels and encourage more women and girls across the Edinburgh Northern and Leith constituency and elsewhere to get involved in football and sport.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour\*, Iain Gray\* **R**, Miles Briggs\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Sandra White\*, Liam McArthur\*, Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Clare Haughey\*, Bob Doris\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Colin Beattie\*

\*<u>S5M-09333</u> Michelle Ballantyne: Christmas Comes to Melrose—That the Parliament recognises the 2017 festive celebrations in Melrose; understands that on 30 November many of the town's unique shops stayed open late for Christmas shopping and the Gibson Park Little Learners hosted their own Christmas shopping extravaganza in the Corn Exchange; notes that on 9 December, Melrose Rotary Club will host its annual Christmas parade and carol singing evening, and the next day, the community will together for the annual parade and seasonal carol singing in the Market Square, which will be led by Melrose Pipe Band, and wishes everyone in Melrose best of luck with their festive preparations.

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S5M-09269 Kenneth Gibson: More to the Chancellor's VAT Announcement Than Meets the **Eye**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement in the Autumn Budget that the UK Government, following what it believes has been sustained pressure from the Scottish Government and SNP parliamentarians, will allow Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) to claim VAT refunds as of April 2018; is disappointed that no refunds will be provided for the payments that were already made over the last four years; understands that this has left Scotland's emergency services deprived of £140 million; notes however that the Chancellor, in paragraph 3.63 of the Budget Red Book, said that legislation will be amended to ensure that UK combined authorities and certain fire services in England and Wales will be eligible for VAT refunds; understands that this impending change in legislation conveniently coincides with the mergers of the 43 police forces and fire rescue services, which are ongoing in England and Wales and believes that, without this newly-announced exemption, they would have to experience the same fate as their Scottish counterparts; believes that the Conservatives have once again demonstrated that what they consider good enough for Scotland is not good enough for England and that any future financial benefit for Police Scotland and SFRS is a mere side effect of what was planned to be for the benefit of English and Welsh services alone, and calls on the Chancellor to provide a full refund to Police Scotland and the SFRS of the £140 million, which it believes will allow these funds to finally be put to use helping those who rely on these vital emergency public services across Scotland.

Supported by: Clare Haughey, Richard Lyle, Ash Denham, Fulton MacGregor, David Torrance, Bill Kidd, Bob Doris, John Mason, Ben Macpherson, Tom Arthur, Gillian Martin, Stewart Stevenson\*, Jenny Gilruth\*

\*<u>S5M-09269.1</u> Jamie Greene: More to the Chancellor's VAT Announcement Than Meets the Eye—As an amendment to motion S5M-09269 in the name of Kenneth Gibson (More to the Chancellor's VAT Announcement Than Meets the Eye), leave out from "sustained pressure" to end and insert "a sustained approach of dialogue and cooperation between Scotland's Conservative MPs and the UK Government, which will exempt Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service from VAT as of April 2018; understands that £140 million was lost because of a decision taken by the Scottish Government to create separate forces, despite reportedly receiving legal advice warning that this would result in the loss of VAT exemption;

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underlines the Chancellor's comments that this exemption has arisen following discussions with Scottish Conservative MPs; applauds the efforts of these 13 MPs who, it understands, in just six months have delivered a saving of £35 million a year for frontline services; believes that Scotland benefits most when it works with its neighbours across the UK, and recognises what it sees as the damaging effect to Scotland, including its economy and the fabric of its many communities, that has resulted from a decade of an unnecessary confrontational approach with the UK Government."

# Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

<u>S5M-09393</u> Michael Matheson: Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (Application and Modification of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016) (Scotland) Order 2017 (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing\*

<u>S5M-09375</u> Jeremy Balfour: RBS Branch Closures in Bonnyrigg and Linlithgow (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Donald Cameron\*, Liam Kerr\*, Miles Briggs\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Annie Wells\*, Bill Bowman\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Alison Harris\*

<u>S5M-09367</u> Richard Leonard: RBS's Proposed Closures Must Be Blocked (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Rhoda Grant\*, Monica Lennon\*

<u>S5M-09363</u> Neil Findlay: The RBS Cull of Branches Continues (lodged on 04 December 2017) New Support: Iain Gray\*, Elaine Smith\*, Monica Lennon\*, Colin Smyth\*, Graeme Dey\*

<u>S5M-09362</u> Kate Forbes: Bank Branch Closures in Scotland (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Richard Lochhead\*, Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Colin Smyth\*, Finlay Carson\*, Annie Wells\*, Alexander Burnett\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Clare Adamson\*, Jenny Gilruth\*

# S5M-09359 Anas Sarwar: RBS Glasgow Branch Closures (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*, Neil Findlay\*, Monica Lennon\*

<u>S5M-09356</u> Ross Greer: RBS Planned Closure in Renfrew (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle\*, Colin Beattie\*, Monica Lennon\*

S5M-09354 Fulton MacGregor: RBS Stepps (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle\*, Bill Kidd\*, Monica Lennon\*, Ash Denham\*, Bob Doris\*, Clare Haughey\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Clare Adamson\*, Gillian Martin\*, Colin Beattie\*

<u>S5M-09353</u> Colin Smyth: RBS Branch Closures (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Iain Gray\*, Emma Harper\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Richard Lyle\*, Claudia Beamish\*, Monica Lennon\*

<u>S5M-09347</u> Iain Gray: RBS Branch Closures in Dunbar and North Berwick (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09342</u> Christina McKelvie: Ranch Pub Fundraiser for St Andrew's Hospice (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*, Monica Lennon\*, Clare Haughey\*, Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Clare Adamson\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Colin Beattie\*, Gillian Martin\*

# S5M-09341 Christina McKelvie: Stonehouse Jubilee Club (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*, Monica Lennon\*, Clare Haughey\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Clare Adamson\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Gillian Martin\*, Colin Beattie\*

# <u>S5M-09339</u> Christina McKelvie: ScotRail Alliance, Fundraising for MND Scotland (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Christine Grahame\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*, Monica Lennon\*

<u>S5M-09338</u> Jeremy Balfour: Improving Employment Opportunities for Disabled People (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston\*

<u>S5M-09332</u> Jackie Baillie: Carers of West Dunbartonshire Celebrate 10th Anniversary (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Colin Beattie\*, Monica Lennon\*

<u>S5M-09331</u> Gail Ross: Thurso Community Christmas (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Richard Lochhead\*, Donald Cameron\*, Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Edward Mountain\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Clare Haughey\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Sandra White\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Gillian Martin\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*, Colin Beattie\*, Monica Lennon\*

# <u>S5M-09330</u> Gail Ross: Donation of Books to New Library at South Lodge Primary from Nick Park CBE (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Donald Cameron\*, Edward Mountain\*, Clare Haughey\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Gillian Martin\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*, Colin Beattie\*

<u>S5M-09329</u> Peter Chapman: Chloe Allan Awarded Moffat Scholarship (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Liam Kerr\*, Annie Wells\*, Clare Adamson\*

# <u>S5M-09328</u> Joan McAlpine: The Economic Potential of Robert Burns (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Richard Lochhead\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09327</u> Gordon Lindhurst: Linlithgow Bridge Pupils Awarded Seventh Green Flag (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Donald Cameron\*, Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Liam Kerr\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Edward Mountain\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Annie Wells\*, Bill Bowman\*, Alison Harris\*, Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09326</u> Stewart Stevenson: Heriot-Watt Students Gain Global Recognition in Final of Amazon's Alexa Prize (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Clare Haughey\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Sandra White\*, Gillian Martin\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*, Colin Beattie\*

<u>S5M-09325</u> Alexander Stewart: Anne Youngman Wins RSPB Lifetime Achievement Award (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Donald Cameron\*, Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Liam Kerr\*, Edward Mountain\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Annie Wells\*, Bill Bowman\*, Alison Harris\*, Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09323</u> Angus MacDonald: Jenkins School of Highland Dancing Raises £11,000 for Local Charities (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Clare Haughey\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Gillian Martin\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*, Colin Beattie\*, Monica Lennon\*

<u>S5M-09322</u> Jackie Baillie: Skapade Studios, Dumbarton (lodged on 04 December 2017) New Support: Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Clare Adamson\*, Colin Beattie\*

<u>S5M-09318</u> Emma Harper: Quattro Venti in Maybole (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09317</u> Tom Arthur: Include Me 2 Club, Barrhead (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09316</u> Ross Greer: RBS Branch Closures in North Ayrshire (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Monica Lennon\*

<u>S5M-09315</u> Tom Arthur: Congratulations to St Vincent's Hospice (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*, Monica Lennon\*

<u>S5M-09314</u> David Torrance: Carrie Lindsay, Inspiring Leadership Award Winner (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*

# <u>S5M-09313</u> Liam McArthur: Orkney Year of Young People 2018 (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Richard Lochhead\*, Donald Cameron\*, Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Edward Mountain\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Clare Adamson\*, Monica Lennon\*

<u>S5M-09311</u> Neil Findlay: Linlithgow Bridge Primary School Wins Eco Award (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09310</u> Neil Findlay: West Lothian Businesses Claim Green Title (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09309</u> Neil Findlay: Tina Secures Scottish Award (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09308</u> Neil Findlay: Lifetime Achievement Award for Fundraising Couple (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09307</u> Neil Findlay: Efforts to Keep Bield Care Homes Open (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Monica Lennon\*

# <u>S5M-09306</u> Neil Findlay: A&E Waiting Times Misreported (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Monica Lennon\*

<u>S5M-09303</u> Neil Bibby: The Very Rev Dr Lorna Hood Receives OBE (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Richard Lochhead\*, Kezia Dugdale\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09302</u> Maurice Golden: Bishopbriggs Academy, Scottish State Secondary School of the Year (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Edward Mountain\*, Peter Chapman\*, Maurice Corry\*, Jamie Greene\*, Miles Briggs\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Bill Kidd\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Richard Lyle\*, Tom Mason\*, Bill Bowman\*, Donald Cameron\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Colin Beattie\*, Clare Adamson\*

# <u>S5M-09301</u> Gillian Martin: Caleb Middleton Participates in Human Anchor of Light to Raise Money for Cancer Charity (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09300</u> Stewart Stevenson: Ian Watson 2017 Cullen Skink Champion (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09299</u> Jackie Baillie: Christie Park Primary Awarded Gold School Sport Award (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09298</u> Alexander Burnett: ScotRail Smashes MND Scotland Fundraising Target (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Christine Grahame\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*, Monica Lennon\*

<u>S5M-09297</u> David Torrance: Levenmouth Academy Pupils Complete Columba 1400 (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09295</u> Jackie Baillie: Luss SWI Celebrates its 90th Birthday (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09291</u> Jackson Carlaw: Busby and Newton Mearns Benefits From Awards For All Scotland Grants (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09290</u> Michelle Ballantyne: MTB Awards Success for the Borders (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Christine Grahame\*

<u>S5M-09289</u> Miles Briggs: Kathryn and Sarah Bryce Chosen for ICC Rookie Programme (lodged on 30 November 2017) New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09288</u> Neil Findlay: No Happy New Year for Edinburgh Hogmanay Workers (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09287</u> Neil Findlay: B&M Stores (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Monica Lennon\*

<u>S5M-09286</u> Ivan McKee: Congratulating Lochend Community High School (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*, Bob Doris\*

<u>S5M-09285</u> Kenneth Gibson: Charities to Lose £258.4 Million After Brexit (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09284</u> Christina McKelvie: MND Scotland's Physiotherapy Programme (lodged on 29 November 2017)

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

# <u>S5M-09283</u> Ivan McKee: Congratulating the Brunswick Youth Centre (Glasgow) Limited (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Clare Haughey\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Gillian Martin\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Colin Beattie\*, Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09282</u> Ivan McKee: Congratulating St George's & St Peter's Community Association (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Clare Adamson\*, Bob Doris\*

<u>S5M-09272</u> Lewis Macdonald: Streetsport Wins at Pride of Sport Awards (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson\*

<u>S5M-09270</u> Kenneth Gibson: Violence And Discrimination Against People With Albinism In Malawi (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth\*

<u>S5M-09268</u> Christina McKelvie: St John Ogilvie High School, Tackling Gender-based Violence (lodged on 29 November 2017)

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

<u>S5M-09267</u> Jenny Gilruth: Claire Watson, Charity Volunteer of the Year (lodged on 29 November 2017)

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

<u>S5M-09265</u> Jenny Gilruth: Leslie Bike Shop (lodged on 29 November 2017)

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

<u>S5M-09264</u> Jenny Gilruth: Eddie Gibson, Chairman of Glenrothes Cricket Club (lodged on 29 November 2017)

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

<u>S5M-09263</u> Lewis Macdonald: Denis Law Awarded the Freedom of the City of Aberdeen (lodged on 29 November 2017)

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

<u>S5M-09262</u> Jenny Gilruth: Glenrothes Salvation Army (lodged on 29 November 2017)

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

<u>S5M-09261</u> Maurice Golden: LIBOR Charity Funding (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Peter Chapman\*, Liz Smith\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Tom Mason\*, Miles Briggs\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Bill Kidd\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Bill Bowman\*, Donald Cameron\*, Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Colin Beattie\*, Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09260</u> Miles Briggs: Linlithgow Bridge Primary School (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09259</u> Mairi Gougeon: Pillar Kincardine (lodged on 29 November 2017)

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

<u>S5M-09258</u> Jeremy Balfour: Linlithgow Bridge Primary School's Seventh Green Flag from Eco Schools Scotland (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09254</u> Maurice Golden: Neilston War Memorial Association (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09248</u> Maurice Golden: Generations Working Together Renfrewshire (lodged on 29 November 2017) New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09244</u> Ben Macpherson: Scotland Picks Up Two Awards from Rough Guides (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09242</u> Michelle Ballantyne: Cardrona Village Association (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09236</u> Christina McKelvie: HIV Anti-Stigma Consortium Report, Scotland's HIV Anti-Stigma Strategy: Road Map to Zero (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09232</u> Bob Doris: Scottish Africa United Boost Empowerment in North Glasgow (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09231</u> Bob Doris: Partick Thistle's Charitable Trust Action on Homelessness (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09230</u> Bob Doris: Maryhill Integration Network Backed to Tackle Social Isolation of Male Refugees (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09228</u> Kate Forbes: Brian Etheridge, RSPB Species Champion (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09227</u> Rona Mackay: Bishopbriggs Academy, Top State School (lodged on 28 November 2017) New Support: Stewart Stevenson\*, Clare Adamson\*

S5M-09226 Margaret Mitchell: Larkhall YMCA (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09225</u> Michelle Ballantyne: Windygoul Pupils Raise Thousands of Pounds (lodged on 28 November 2017) New Support: Clare Adamson\*

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S5M-09224 Alexander Stewart: Blairingone (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S5M-09216</u> Jackie Baillie: #BeTheChange (lodged on 27 November 2017)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*, Stewart Stevenson\*

<u>S5M-09202</u> Richard Lochhead: Ruthven Farm, Food and Farming Award Winner (lodged on 27 November 2017) New Support: Stewart Stevenson\*

<u>S5M-09181</u> Liam Kerr: Restorative Justice Week 2017 (lodged on 24 November 2017) New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

<u>S5M-09179</u> Liam McArthur: New Kirkwall Book Launched (lodged on 27 November 2017) New Support: Richard Lyle\*, Tavish Scott\*, Donald Cameron\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Colin Beattie\*

S5M-09167 Emma Harper: Adopt Don't Shop (lodged on 23 November 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

S5M-09067 Neil Findlay: Cystic Fibrosis and Medicines Access (lodged on 22 November 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

<u>S5M-09053</u> Alexander Burnett: Warming Scotland Up to Energy Efficiency (lodged on 22 November 2017) New Support: Anas Sarwar\*

<u>S5M-08987</u> Alexander Stewart: New Fleet of Mobility Scooters for a Fife Country Park (lodged on 20 November 2017) New Support: Gordon Lindhurst\*

<u>S5M-08977</u> Fulton MacGregor: World Prematurity Day 2017 (lodged on 17 November 2017) New Support: Christine Grahame\*

<u>S5M-08973</u> Mark Ruskell: Protecting Animal Welfare after Brexit (lodged on 17 November 2017)

New Support: Christine Grahame\*

<u>S5M-08953</u> Jenny Gilruth: Children's Parliament 21st Birthday (lodged on 17 November 2017)

New Support: Christine Grahame\*

<u>S5M-08813</u> Neil Findlay: Blacklisting Day of Action (lodged on 15 November 2017)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

<u>S5M-08785</u> Michelle Ballantyne: Melrose Ambulance Crews Recognised at Scottish Health Awards (lodged on 10 November 2017)

New Support: Christine Grahame\*

<u>S5M-08683</u> Graeme Dey: Arbikie Wins at The Scotsman Food and Drink Awards (lodged on 07 November 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson\*

<u>S5M-08682</u> Graeme Dey: Angus SQA Stars (lodged on 07 November 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson\*

<u>S5M-08657</u> Christina McKelvie: Madame Ecosse, 50th Anniversary of Hamilton 1967 Byelection (lodged on 03 November 2017)

New Support: Christine Grahame\*

<u>S5M-08599</u> Sandra White: Legacy of the Balfour Declaration 100 Years On (lodged on 02 November 2017)

New Support: Christine Grahame\*

<u>S5M-08356</u> Neil Findlay: Bield Care Home Closures (lodged on 24 October 2017)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*

<u>S5M-08137</u> Clare Adamson: Remembering John Swinburne (lodged on 05 October 2017)

New Support: Christine Grahame\*

# <u>S5M-07776</u> Richard Lochhead: Unfair Parcel Delivery Charges (lodged on 19 September 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*, Monica Lennon\*

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# **Written Questions**

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

# Government Initiated Questions are initiated by the Scottish Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

Government initiated questions lodged on 05 December 2017

<u>S5W-13175</u> Gillian Martin: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in publishing statistical information on the transitional devolved employment services.

Written questions lodged on 05 December 2017

<u>S5W-13126</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-13058 by Keith Brown on 29 November 2017, who accompanied the cabinet secretary on his visit to North America.

**<u>S5W-13127</u>** Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-13058 by Keith Brown on 29 November 2017, what the total (a) travel and (b) accommodation cost was for the delegation on the trip to North America.

<u>S5W-13128</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-13058 by Keith Brown on 29 November 2017, what the itinerary was for the visit to North America.

<u>S5W-13129</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-13058 by Keith Brown on 29 November 2017, who the cabinet secretary met during the visit to North America.

<u>S5W-13130</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-13058 by Keith Brown on 29 November 2017, what trade deals were secured during the visit to North America.

<u>S5W-13137</u> Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to deliver funding from the apprenticeship levy to finance apprenticeships in (a) floristry and (b) coopering, given this is a skill required in Scotland's whisky industry, and what its position is on whether a lack of publicly-funded apprenticeships in these skills (i) is a barrier to entry to the profession and (ii) restricts the ability of firms to expand their workforces.

<u>S5W-13138</u> Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government when the social security agency Framework Document detailing the delegations to accountable officers will be published.

<u>S5W-13139</u> Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government whether its staff (a) are and (b) will be entitled to provide people with one-to-one support and help them understand what reserved benefits they are entitled to.

<u>S5W-13140</u> Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government whether principle (d) in the Social Security (Scotland) Bill will allow agency staff to provide people with one-to-one support and help them understand what reserved benefits they are entitled to.

<u>S5W-13141</u> Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government which councils it is still to meet regarding co-locating services for devolved social security.

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**S5W-13142** Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has (a) requested and (b) received from the Department for Work and Pensions regarding how many people have requested (i) twice-monthly and (ii) direct payments for rent and services under the Universal Credit (Claims and Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017.

S5W-13143 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to

questions S5W-00357 and S5W-12640 by Maureen Watt on 1 June 2016

and 27 November 2017 respectively, in light of the information for Dudhope

House being provided in the initial response, for what reason the

minister advised in the latter that the information requested was not

held centrally; whether it will confirm which mental health

inpatient units it holds the information for, broken down by how many children

and young people have been turned away from each in each of the last three years

and for what reason, and how many were (i) admitted to alternative units,

broken down by unit, (ii) treated on adult wards and (iii) not admitted at

all.

**<u>S5W-13144</u>** Bill Bowman: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason NHS Grampian is the worst performing board regarding the 18-week referral to treatment standard.

<u>S5W-13145</u> Bill Bowman: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of NHS Grampian being the worst performing board regarding the 18-week referral to treatment standard, what action the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport will commit to to ensure there is an improvement over the next year.

<u>S5W-13146</u> Bill Bowman: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that the third of NHS Grampian patients who are waiting for treatment are seen as quickly as possible.

<u>S5W-13147</u> Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish the finding of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's review into undercover policing in Scotland.

<u>S5W-13157</u> Bill Bowman: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the use of public funds and resources by NHS Grampian to (a) fund a recruitment trip to Australia and (b) commission a delegation from the United States-based Institute for Healthcare Optimization to help reduce waiting times.

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# **Members' Bills Proposals**

# **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 Members' Bills**

**Mark Ruskell: Proposed Restricted Roads (20mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill**—Proposal for a Bill to replace the current 30mph default speed limit on restricted roads with a 20mph limit. (lodged 20 November 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).

Supported by: Patrick Harvie, John Finnie, Clare Adamson, Andy Wightman, Ross Greer, Emma Harper, Graeme Dey, Gillian Martin, Angus MacDonald, Alison Johnstone, Stewart Stevenson, David Torrance, Neil Findlay, Gail Ross, Claudia Beamish, Kate Forbes, David Stewart, Ash Denham, Jenny Gilruth

# **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.

# Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 8 November 2017

# Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Education and Skills)), 6 December 2017

# Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 5 December 2017

# Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Justice Committee), 12 December 2017 Amendments to ss. 13 – 14 and the long title should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 6 December with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

# Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill (P)

Passed, 21 November 2017

# Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee), 6 December 2017

# Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Equalities and Human Rights Committee), 21 December 2017 All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 15 December with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

# Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities and Human Rights)), 16 November 2017

# Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government and Communities)), 29 November 2017

# Islands (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 8 November 2017

#### Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill Finance and Constitution Committee, 6 December 2017

# Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill (M) Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice)), 5 December 2017

# Planning (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 4 December 2017

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

Consideration Stage (lead committee (Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee), 22 November 2017

# Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 9 November 2017

# Social Security (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Security)), 7 December 2017

# Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 21 November 2017 Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

# Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill (P)

Consideration Stage completed, 22 November 2017 Final Stage amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

# Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

# http://external.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/31313.aspx

# **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-10** Lodged on 12 September 2017 Evidence, lead committee (Finance and Constitution), 29 November 2017

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

# Affirmative instruments

#### Lead committee to report by 30 November 2017

Fishing Vessels and Fish Farming (Miscellaneous Revocations) (Scotland) Scheme 2017 [draft] (6 October 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

#### Lead committee to report by 4 December 2017

Registers of Scotland (Digital Registration, etc.) Regulations 2017 [draft] (26 October 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)

Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 (Amendment) Order 2017 [draft] (26 October 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)

# Lead committee to report by 8 December 2017

Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (Authorities) Amendment Order 2018 [draft] (30 October 2017) (Justice)

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Additional Support Needs Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] (30 October 2017) (Justice)

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Scottish Charity Appeals Panel) Regulations 2018 [draft] (30 October 2017) (Justice)

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Health and Education Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2018 [draft] (30 October 2017) (Justice)

# Lead committee to report by 9 December 2017

<u>Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Consequential and Supplementary Modifications)</u> <u>Regulations 2017 [draft]</u> (*31 October 2017*) (Justice)

<u>Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Modification of Part 1 and Ancillary Provision) Regulations</u> 2017 [draft] (*31 October 2017)* (Justice)

Lead committee to report by 15 December 2017

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Local Authority Functions etc.) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2017 [draft] (6 November 2017) (Health and Sport)

# Lead committee to report by 18 December 2017

<u>Criminal Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]</u> (9 November 2017) (Justice)

# Lead committee to report by 9 January 2018

Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (Application and Modification of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft] (15 November 2017) (Justice) [withdrawn and re-laid on 28 November 2017]

# Lead committee to report by 15 January 2018

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Charity Appeals Cases and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2018 [draft] (21 November 2017) (Justice)

**Negative instruments** 

#### Subject to annulment by 8 December 2017 Lead committee to report by 4 December 2017

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Charity Appeals (Procedure) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/364) (30 October 2017) (Justice)

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Health and Education Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/366) (30 October 2017) (Justice)

# Subject to annulment by 10 December 2017 Lead committee to report by 4 December 2017

Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules 2017 (SSI 2017/367) (1 November 2017) (Justice)

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 6, Transitory and Saving Provisions) (Modern Limited Duration Tenancies) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/370) (1 November 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

# Subject to annulment by 11 December 2017

# Lead committee to report by 4 December 2017

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Rules of Procedure) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/369) (2 November 2017) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 15 December 2017

# Lead committee to report by 11 December 2017

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Health Board Functions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/381) (6 November 2017) (Health and Sport)

# Subject to annulment by 18 December 2017

Lead committee to report by 11 December 2017

<u>Seed (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/384)</u> (9 November 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Police Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/387) (9 November 2017) (Justice)

<u>Water Environment (Miscellaneous) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/389)</u> (9 November 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

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Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2017 (SSI 2017/393) (13 November 2017) (Justice)

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Razor Clams (Prohibition on Fishing and Landing) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/419) (30 November 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Notice to Local Authorities (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/421) (30 November 2017) (Justice)

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Public Services Reform (Poverty and Inequality Commission) (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft] [Proposed Draft Order] (SG/2017/239) (8 November 2017) (Social Security)

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# **Other Documents**

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