

Monday 11 December 2017

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

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There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 6 December 2017

Tuesday 12 December 2017

2:00 pm Time for Reflection - Reverend David McCarthy, Rector, St Thomas' Church, Corstorphine, Edinburgh

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating our Future - Scotland's Year of Young People

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-08740 Rhoda Grant: The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Tackling Commercial Sexual Exploitation

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 Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Finance

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-08342 Mairi Gougeon: Heads Up for Harriers Project and the Role of Species Champions

Thursday 14 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-09362 Kate Forbes: Bank Branch Closures in Scotland

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

1:15 pm Members' Business

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

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>

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

12 December 2017

32nd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Colin Campbell, Chief Executive, James Hutton Institute;
Graeme Cook, Director, SEFARI Gateway;
Julie Fitzpatrick OBE, Professor, Moredun Research Institute;
Ragne Low, Programme Manager, ClimateXChange;
Dr Jacqui McElhiney, Head of Food Protection Science and Surveillance Branch, Food Standards Scotland;

and then from—

Terry A'Hearn, Chief Executive, and Mark McLaughlin, Unit Manager, Flood Risk Management Policy & Planning, Scottish Environment Protection Agency;
Francesca Osowska, Chief Executive and Accountable Officer, and Alan Hampson, Acting Head of Corporate Services, Scottish Natural Heritage.

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

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 19 December, the Committee will hear evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform as part of the Committee's scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19. It will also consider its work programme.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lynn Tullis, on 0131 348 5240 or <mailto:ecclr.committee@parliament.scot>.

Justice Committee

12 December 2017

36th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 9 in private.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Criminal Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] from—
Annabelle Ewing, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, Stephen Tidy, Police Division, Aileen Grimmer, Civil Law and Legal System Division, and Sadif Ashraf, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.

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3. **Subordinate legislation:** Annabelle Ewing (Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs) to move—
S5M-09233—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Criminal Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (Application and Modification of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft] from—
Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, George Dickson, Police Division, and Louise Miller, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Michael Matheson (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—
S5M-09393—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (Application and Modification of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.
6. **Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).
7. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
James Kelly MSP, Member in Charge of the Bill;
Mary Dinsdale, Non-Government Bills Unit, and Catriona McCallum, Solicitor's Office, Scottish Parliament.
8. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting on 7 December 2017.
9. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the main themes emerging from the evidence received on the Bill at Stage 1.
10. **Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will continue consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 19 December, the Committee expects to consider the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19 and to consider public petitions. For further information, contact Peter McGrath, the Clerk to the Committee on 0131 348 5195 or by email peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

12 December 2017

35th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Razor Clams \(Prohibition on Fishing and Landing\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/419\);](#)
[Notice to Local Authorities \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/421\);](#)
[Sale of Nicotine Vapour Products \(Vending Machines\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/422\).](#)
2. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

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[Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(Commencement No. 9\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/420 \(C.31\)\)](#);

[Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(Commencement No. 7\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/424 \(C.32\)\)](#);

[Lands Tribunal for Scotland Amendment \(Fees\) Rules 2017 \(SSI 2017/426\)](#);

[Lands Tribunal for Scotland Amendment Rules 2017 \(SSI 2017/427\)](#).

- Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to its Stage 1 report.
- Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

Proposed future business

The Committee will next meet on Tuesday 19 December. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at dplr.committee@parliament.scot or on 0131 348 5212.

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee

12 December 2017

32nd Meeting, 2017

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

- Economic Data (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to a draft report.
- Scotland's Economic Performance (in private):** The Committee will further consider its approach.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 19 December, the Committee expects to take evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19 and consider its draft report on Economic Data.

For further information, contact Alison Walker the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are economyjobsandfairwork@parliament.scot on extension 85403.

Health and Sport Committee

12 December 2017

30th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

- Care Home Sustainability:** The Committee will take evidence, in a round table format, from—
 - Dr Donald Macaskill, Chief Executive, Scottish Care;
 - Paula McLeay, Chief Officer, Health and Social Care, COSLA;
 - Brian Logan, Chief Executive, Bield Housing and Care;
 - Gordon Paterson, Chief Inspector Adult Services, Care Inspectorate;
 - Sheenagh Simpson, Policy Lead, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations;
 - Annie Gunner Logan, Director, Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland;
 - Michelle Miller, Interim Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership;
 - Fiona McKay, Head of Strategic Planning, Performance and Commissioning, Fife Health and Social Care Partnership.
- NHS Governance:** The Committee will take evidence on clinical governance from—

Fraser Morton;
Ella Brown.

3. **Care Home Sustainability (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the session.
4. **NHS Governance (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the session.
5. **NHS Governance (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the next phase of its inquiry work on corporate governance.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact David Cullum, the Clerk to the Committee on 0131 348 5210 or by email david.cullum@parliament.scot

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

13 December 2017

36th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

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

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 20 December, the Committee expects to consider to take oral evidence from Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity on the Draft Budget 2018-19.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at rec.committee@parliament.scot or 0131 348 5211.

Local Government and Communities Committee

13 December 2017

31st Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Housing Amendment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government and Housing, William Fleming, Head, Housing Services Policy Unit, Yvonne Gavan, Senior Policy Officer, Housing Services Policy Unit, and Heike Gading, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
3. **Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
5. **City region deals:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 20 December, the Committee expects to take evidence from the Scottish Government on the draft Budget 2018-19 and to take evidence on Common Good Property and Funds.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jane Williams, on 0131-348-5232 or LocalGovernmentandCommunities@parliament.scot.

Education and Skills Committee

13 December 2017

32nd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Education reforms:** The Committee will take evidence from:
Gayle Gorman, Chief Inspector of Education and Chief Executive, Graeme Logan, Strategic Director, and Mike Ewart, Non-Executive Board Member, Education Scotland.
2. **Review of evidence (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence it heard earlier.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 20 December 2017, the Committee expects to take evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills on the Scottish Government's draft budget 2018/19.

For further information please contact Roz Thomson, the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are roz.thomson@parliament.scot on extension 85222.

Finance and Constitution Committee

13 December 2017

30th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft interim report on the legislative consent memorandum LCM (S5) 10.

Proposed future business

For more information, please contact the Clerks on 0131 348 5451 or Finance.Constitution@parliament.scot

Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee

13 December 2017

7th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 and all future considerations of evidence in private. The Committee will also decide whether its consideration of a draft Consideration Stage report should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider objections to the Bill, taking evidence from—

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Jo Guest, Commissioner, and Hugh Grierson, Commissioner, Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission;
David Nash, drafter of the Bill;
Alastair McKie, solicitor, Anderson Strathern (agents for the Commissioners);
Tom Davies, objector.

3. **Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence on the Bill given at item 2.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 17 January 2018 the Committee will consider the objections to the Bill and a draft Consideration Stage report.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Nick Hawthorne, on 0131 348 5417 or nick.hawthorne@parliament.scot.

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S5M-09480 George Adam: Paisley – A Cultural Journey—**That the Parliament congratulates Coventry on winning UK City of Culture 2021; understands that, while Paisley is disappointed to miss out on becoming the first Scottish town or city to win the title, plans to regenerate the town are still underway; acknowledges the rich and diverse history and culture in Paisley and hopes that, despite losing out on winning the title, the town will continue to showcase all it has to offer; applauds Jean Cameron, her team at Paisley 2021 and everyone involved in the bid process, and praises the Paisley people for their positivity and enduring sense of community throughout the years of hard work.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Richard Lyle*, Graeme Dey*, Andy Wightman*, Neil Bibby*

***S5M-09479 Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Childminding Network Donates 258Kg of Food to Inverclyde Foodbank—**That the Parliament commends Inverclyde Childminding Network for organising a food collection at Funworld in Greenock for Inverclyde Foodbank during its 1,140 hours of free childcare event; congratulates the network and those in attendance on donating 258Kg of food, which is equivalent to 10 three-day emergency food packages for families of five; considers that, while this community action is to be celebrated, the need for foodbanks in one of the richest countries in the world is utterly scandalous, and that the increasing usage of foodbanks across the country is horrifying; acknowledges that Shelter has estimated that 128,000 children in the UK will wake up homeless on Christmas Day, and understands that this figure has jumped by two-thirds since 2011, a year after the Conservatives came into power in Westminster, and encourages everyone who can to donate items to food and toy banks this Christmas to help those who need additional support over the festive season and ensure that every child in Scotland receives a gift on Christmas Day.

***S5M-09478 Christina McKelvie: Newfield Primary Nursery Class—**That the Parliament congratulates Newfield Primary Nursery Class, which is Stonehouse, on its £7,600 Awards for All grant, which the local authority-nursery will use towards creating an outdoor learning environment and providing outdoor clothing for its 60 pupils, and wishes the class all the best.

Supported by: Richard Lyle*

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***[S5M-09477](#) Alex Neil: City of Glasgow College Student Wins Gold at WorldSkills UK**

Competition—That the Parliament wishes to draw much-deserved attention to the achievements of the City of Glasgow College student, Mark Scott, from Shotts, who has won a gold medal at the WorldSkills UK Competition in Birmingham; congratulates Mark and the City of Glasgow College team on winning the competition overall; extends its warmest congratulations to Mark on also securing a place in Squad UK for Kazan, and appreciates the support given to Mark and all other competitors from the City of Glasgow College, both from college staff and their employers, in achieving their success.

***[S5M-09476](#) Stuart McMillan: The Ton Community Trust Kit and Boot Recycling**

Facility—That the Parliament commends the work of The Ton Community Trust in Greenock, which has launched a kit and boot recycling facility that allows people to clear out old strips and equipment while helping others; understands that the Morton players, Jamie McGowan, Mark Russel, Scott Tiffoney and Jack Iredale, lent their support to the scheme, as well as Lewis Strapp, who donated some of his training gear; recognises that, so far, more than 400 items have been donated, but that the community trust is still accepting more donations; acknowledges that the kit recycling facility will be handing out items during visits to Craighend Resource Centre on 13 December 2017, and Branchton Community Centre later that day, and that donations can still be handed in to the community trust team at Cappielow, and wishes everyone involved success in their continued efforts to collect and distribute donations.

***[S5M-09475](#) Stuart McMillan: Riverside Inverclyde to Reveal Plans to Launch Taste**

Inverclyde Website—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Riverside Inverclyde has launched its plans for Taste Inverclyde, a platform built to promote independent restaurants, cafes, bars, food and drink production and food tourism across the area; acknowledges that the event was co-hosted with Scotland Food and Drink and that over 40 businesses were in attendance, as well as 30 further businesses registering an interest; recognises that the Taste Inverclyde website will give locals and tourists access to a showcase of local eateries, and aims to expand to include street food, hotels and food producers throughout the next year; understands that it will also launch a collaborative forum, whose first meeting will be on 25 January, for manufacturers, restaurants, cafes and farms to come together to discuss, innovate and create local produce that can be sold in the UK and abroad; notes that the website address will be tasteinverclyde.com, and looks forward to the area's success in these endeavours.

***[S5M-09474](#) Jeremy Balfour: U16 Scottish Schools Rugby Cup Final**—That the Parliament congratulates Stewart Melville College and George Watsons College on competing in an excellent U16 Scottish Schools Rugby Cup final at Murrayfield, with George Watsons lifting the Cup.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Edward Mountain*, Peter Chapman*, Miles Briggs*, Ash Denham*, Alison Harris*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Alexander Stewart*, Rachael Hamilton*, Richard Lyle*, Tom Mason*

***[S5M-09473](#) David Torrance: Fifers Named for the Commonwealth Games**—That the Parliament congratulates Sarah Jane Ewing and Martin Hunter, the 2015 world singles champion, who are from Fife, on their selection to the Scotland Para Bowls team for the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia; considers it an exceptional achievement to be part of the 68-strong team going to the Gold Coast following the vigorous selection process, and wishes Sarah, Martin and the rest of the squad selected all the best.

***[S5M-09472](#) Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh Cheer**—That the Parliament notes that the Edinburgh Cheer campaign is organising festive events across the city throughout December 2018, which it

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has designed with the aim of making it the "city of kindness" this Christmas; understands that initiatives will be launched to help young and old people who are homeless, experiencing poor mental or physical health or who are isolated or forgotten at this time of year, with NHS Lothian ensuring that important wellbeing messages are delivered as part of the campaign; notes that Hearts and Hibs are inviting people to come together on Christmas day to enjoy some food and Christmas cheer at either one of their stadiums, and that Motherwell FC is also participating in a similar exercise; commends the clubs in harnessing the power of football to help deliver positive social outcomes, and wishes all those involved in the Edinburgh Cheer campaign every success.

Supported by: Ash Denham*, Alexander Stewart*, Murdo Fraser*, Peter Chapman*, Edward Mountain*, Ben Macpherson*, Alison Harris*, Richard Lyle*, Tom Mason*

***S5M-09471 David Torrance: Fife Chef, Chris Niven**—That the Parliament congratulates the Burntisland-based chef, Chris Niven, for competing valiantly in the BBC One competition, *MasterChef: The Professionals*; notes that Chris, who is the head chef at the Printing Press Bar and Kitchen in Edinburgh, reached the top 12 by making it to the Knockout Week, but unfortunately he was eliminated at that stage, and wishes Chris all the best for the future.

***S5M-09470 Angus MacDonald: Falkirk Junior Bike Club**—That the Parliament welcomes the donation of £750 given to Falkirk Junior Bike Club by Persimmon Homes East Scotland; understands that, as part of Persimmon Homes' Healthy Communities Campaign, the housebuilder donates over £600,000 to sporting causes across the UK; recognises that the club will use this to develop one of its tracks to make it more challenging, prepare its riders for outdoor terrain and further develop their skills; acknowledges that the club is just over a year old and already welcomes 40 members aged from four to 14; appreciates this donation from Persimmon, and wishes all at the club continued success.

Supported by: Richard Lyle*, Joan McAlpine*, Clare Haughey*, Alison Harris*

***S5M-09469 Bruce Crawford: RBS Branch Closure in Bannockburn**—That the Parliament condemns the decision by the Royal Bank of Scotland to close its branch in Bannockburn; considers that this is a busy branch and the services that it provides are regularly used by a large proportion of the local community, as well as a number of surrounding villages, including Plean, Cowie, Fallin and Throsk; commends local community activists for raising hundreds of signatures in a petition opposing the closure; notes that the UK Government owns 73% of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, and calls on UK Government ministers to intervene on this closure to prevent the loss of RBS services in Bannockburn.

Supported by: Christina McKelvie*, Richard Lyle*, Joan McAlpine*, Ivan McKee*, Fulton MacGregor*, Graeme Dey*

***S5M-09468 Iain Gray: Sunamp Success at Green Energy Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates the Macmerry-based energy company, Sunamp Ltd, on being named Best Business Innovation at 2017's UK Green Energy Awards; notes that the company won the award in recognition of its development and manufacture of world-leading heat batteries, which are able to transform how homes and businesses generate heating and hot water, and for the future potential of the technology to drive the transition to a smart and renewable energy system, and commends the Sunamp Chief Executive, Andrew Bissell, and his team for the company's continuing success in this very important sector.

Supported by: Claudia Beamish*

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***[S5M-09467](#) Colin Beattie: Kitchin Group Cooks Up New Opportunities for Queen Margaret University Students—**That the Parliament applauds Edinburgh's Kitchin Group and Queen Margaret University's (QMU) launch of a new annual scholarship; encourages QMU's international hospitality, tourism, events management or gastronomy students to apply; recognises that, through this partnership, QMU's students will have the opportunity to gain valuable work experience and potential employment within Kitchin Group, and looks forward to hearing which QMU student will be the first to be awarded the Kitchin Group Annual Award for Excellence at the end of 2017.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Richard Lyle*, Joan McAlpine*, Clare Haughey*, Ash Denham*, Jeremy Balfour*

***[S5M-09466](#) Fulton MacGregor: Irene McLaughlan, Head of Dunbeth Family Learning Centre, Coatbridge—**That the Parliament wishes Irene McLaughlan, the Head of Dunbeth Family Learning Centre in Coatbridge, well on her forthcoming retirement following 40 years employment in the early years sector; notes that Irene is a well-respected and passionate person who has always championed the sector and been involved in many new initiatives and projects; acknowledges that, under her, the nursery's achievements include winning and retaining the Early Years Charter Mark winning the North Lanarkshire Garden Festival competition and a West of Scotland Equality Council Anti Racism Book Club award, and twice being a finalist in the Spotlight on Success Awards; understands that Irene set up Dunbeth Nursery in 1997, which, following five moves of service, became the Dunbeth Family Learning Centre in 2011; notes that she has been an inspiration to staff by displaying strong leadership values, integrity, fairness and honesty, and will be greatly missed; thanks her for working with generations of young children and focusing on providing them with a strong platform for healthy growth, development, attainment and the best start in life, and wishes Irene a long and happy retirement.

***[S5M-09465](#) Angus MacDonald: The 2017 Falkirk Herald Business Awards—**That the Parliament acknowledges the success of the 2017

Falkirk Herald Business Awards, which were held at the MacDonald Inchyra Hotel on St Andrew's Day; congratulates the winners, the Howgate Shopping Centre, which won the Best Green Business and the Best Business in the Community awards, Findlays, which was named the Best Start-Up Business, Cloybank, which won the Best Social Enterprise title, Physio Led Pilates, the winner of the Best Sales and Marketing category, Loc Hire Ltd, which was recognised as the Best Growth Business, e-telegence and IKM Consulting, which won the Best Small and Large Business awards respectively, Craig MacDonald of Wee Heroes, who was named as the Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Alistair Campbell OBE, who won the Business Personality of the Year title and the Torwood Garden Centre, which won the Independent and Tourism Business awards and was recognised with the Outstanding Achievement of the Year title and for its longevity, willingness to adapt to changing times, community spirit and continued success in an increasingly competitive sector; welcomes the positive impact that these awards have on businesses across the Falkirk district and the recognition that the winners and nominees receive for offering exemplary service to their customers

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over the year; praises the community on supporting its local businesses and allowing them to grow and flourish in what are still challenging times for business; applauds the winners and nominees in each category, and looks forward to seeing more examples of commendable business practice recognised at the 2018 awards.

Supported by: Clare Haughey*, Ash Denham*, Richard Lyle*, Graeme Dey*

***S5M-09464 Stewart Stevenson: John Bell, Portknockie Citizen of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates John Bell on being named Portknockie's 2017 Citizen of the Year; understands that this was a surprise for John, who was presented with the John Addison Memorial Trophy following the village's Christmas lights switch-on ceremony; recognises his continuous and varied contributions as a member of the community association, taking roles ranging from bingo night volunteer to vice-chairman, and commends John on his long service to the Portknockie community.

***S5M-09463 Bill Bowman: Bowling for Charity**—That the Parliament praises members of the Fairfield bowling club for raising £1,000 for the Community Macmillan Nurses in Dundee; understands that the Macmillan nurses specialise in palliative care and cancer treatment options; notes that they are based at Roxburghe House in Royal Victoria Hospital, and welcomes the support that they provide for Dundee families.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Peter Chapman*, Richard Lyle*, Murdo Fraser*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alison Harris*, Tom Mason*

***S5M-09462 Bill Bowman: Dundee University Wins Recognition for Life Sciences**—That the Parliament congratulates the School of Life Sciences at the University of Dundee on being awarded a Gold Engage Watermark award from the National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement; understands that the award was given to the university faculty for its work in broadening the impact of its research through community engagement, and looks forward to its continued partnerships with local schools and community organisations to involve them in the scientific process.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Peter Chapman*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Alexander Stewart*, Richard Lyle*, Murdo Fraser*, Alison Harris*, Liz Smith*, Tom Mason*

***S5M-09460 Liam McArthur: Kirkwall's "The Big Tree" Named Tree of the Year**—That the Parliament notes the success of "The Big Tree", on Albert Street in Kirkwall, which has been selected as the recipient of the Tree of the Year Award 2017; understands that the competition, run by the Woodland Trust, celebrates the country's best-loved trees, from historic giants to those with a special local story to tell; recognises that the 200-year-old sycamore has its origins during the Napoleonic Wars, when international trade collapsed and the kelp industry boomed in Orkney, and a number of Orcadians became very wealthy and built grand houses in Kirkwall; further recognises that the owner of one of these houses planted the tree, which has since been cared for by the community and has been saved twice following a public outcry at the prospect of it being cut down; notes that the winning tree receives a generous donation of £1,000 to arrange an expert health check, provide education or hold a community event in honour of the tree; thanks the Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council, including its chair, Dr Tom Rendall, and the local taxi driver, Andrew Richards, for nominating "The Big Tree", and believes that this success stands as a symbol for what the tree means to Kirkwall's community.

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***S5M-09458 Bob Doris: Care Inspectorate Recognised by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy**—That the Parliament commends the Care Inspectorate for becoming the first public sector body in Scotland to achieve recognition for excellence in good governance from the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy; recognises that this is the first public regulator in the UK to be recognised in such a manner; notes that the Care Inspectorate is an organisation dedicated to improving the lives of children, adults and older people through regulating and inspecting various forms of care services; welcomes its critical role in Scottish society, which ensures that the most vulnerable people in Scotland experience high-quality care that reflects their needs and promotes their rights; understands that this is an extremely prestigious recognition, which provides a high degree of assurance that the services provided for individuals and families in Scotland have been carefully planned and delivered within a context of continuous scrutiny and service improvement, and thanks the many Care Inspectorate employees for the role that they play in helping to maintain high-quality services in Scotland.

Supported by: Richard Lyle*, Joan McAlpine*, Clare Haughey*, John Mason*

***S5M-09457 Gillian Martin: Seven-year-old Mia McDonald Raises Over £450 for Children in Need**—That the Parliament congratulates seven-year-old Mia McDonald from Kininmonth Primary School on raising more than £450 for Children in Need; understands that Mia, who has autism, held a disco with a tuck shop and raffle, which featured a giant Pudsey Bear; recognises that Mia held the event at the Mintlaw And Central Buchan Initiative (MACBI) Community Hub with the help of the manager, Connie Strachan, as well as family and friends; commends Mia on her desire to help those less fortunate than herself, and wishes her well.

Supported by: Ash Denham*, Liam Kerr*, Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*

***S5M-09456 Christina McKelvie: Hamilton-based Equi's Ice Cream Secures Deal with ASDA**—That the Parliament congratulates Equi's Ice Cream in Hamilton on securing a new deal with ASDA that will see its produce stocked across 41 stores in Scotland; acknowledges that this is a huge achievement for the company; notes the inspirational history of the company, with Tuscany native Pietro Equi emigrating from Italy and opening the first Equi's café in Hamilton in 1922; commends the family-run business for 94 years of great success, especially 2017, which has been an amazing year in terms of awards and this new expansion; notes that ASDA is placing an increasing amount of importance on local suppliers and helping them to grow their businesses; encourages ASDA to continue creating these great opportunities; further congratulates Equi's on its continued success, and wishes it well in the future.

***S5M-09455 Graeme Dey: Arbroath Police Officers Honoured for their Bravery**—That the Parliament congratulates the police officers, Sergeant Andrew Sheppard and Constable Rory Forge, on being honoured at the Police Scotland Bravery and Meritorious Service Awards; understands that the Angus police officers received the accolade from Deputy Chief Constable Iain Livingstone at the Scottish Police College following their courageous night-time rescue of a woman from the North Sea off the coast of Arbroath in 2015, and commends all Police Scotland officers, who regularly go above and beyond the call of duty to make Scotland a safer place to live.

Supported by: Ash Denham*, Liam Kerr*, Edward Mountain*, Richard Lyle*

***S5M-09454 David Torrance: Flying Sam Improves Care Home Residents Lives**—That the Parliament congratulates the care home manager, Samantha "Flying Sam" Beattie, at Balhousie Forth View in Methil, Fife, on her unique and brave sponsored skydive to raise funds for the care home; notes that the £1,500 raised for the home has been used to purchase a laptop, virtual reality headset, three Amazon Echo devices and a tablet for the older people to live an updated,

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comfortable lifestyle; further notes that virtual reality headsets are a great opportunity for older people to relive and visit anywhere from Chile to their childhood homes, and wishes Samantha and all the staff and residents at the care home all the best for the future.

Supported by: Richard Lyle*, Ash Denham*

***S5M-09453 John Mason: Poverty in Scotland 2017**—That the Parliament welcomes the release of *Poverty in Scotland 2017* by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF); understands that the report is part of the work done by the JRF to measure the rates of poverty in Scotland and how they are changing; notes that the report finds poverty is lower in Scotland than the rest of the UK, particularly for older people and families with children; further notes that more than a third of those in the poorest fifth of the population spend more than one third of their income on housing alone; understands with concern the extra difficulties highlighted by the report for people facing poverty; notes that this includes a much higher rate of depression and anxiety, being unable to maintain any savings or investments and a gap in educational attainment; welcomes the lower rates of poverty but believes that no one should be living in poverty in a country as wealthy as Scotland, and calls on all levels of government to take action to help narrow the gap.

Supported by: Clare Haughey*, Richard Lyle*, Ash Denham*, Rona Mackay*

***S5M-09452 Jeremy Balfour: Social Bite, Sleep in the Park**—That the Parliament applauds everyone taking part in Social Bite's Sleep in the Park in Edinburgh on 9 December 2017; recognises the importance of highlighting the plight of homelessness and notes that over 9,000 people will participate in what could be the world's largest sleep-out event; commends Social Bite, which is a national Social Enterprise in Scotland, for organising the event, which is intended to raise funds for its five-year plan to eradicate homelessness by providing people with housing, rehabilitation and the support that they need to get back on their feet, and wishes those taking part all the best when facing Edinburgh's winter weather overnight.

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***S5M-09451 Alexander Stewart: Dunfermline Women Launch the Dapper Drinks Company**—That

the Parliament congratulates Lorna Calder and Susan O'Neill, who are from Dunfermline, who, after being made redundant from their positions at RBS, utilised their marketing experience to establish the events retail business, the Dapper Drinks Company; notes that Lorna and Susan are set to attend the Scottish Wedding Show and will offer a range of packages retailing their prosecco-type drinks for all types of events; wishes them the very best of luck in their venture, and commends them on their entrepreneurship.

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***S5M-09450 Angus MacDonald: Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland Grangemouth**—That the Parliament welcomes the opening of Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland's (CHSS) new community hub in Grangemouth; understands that consists of a discount store, a community corner with free

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tea and coffee on offer, Wi-Fi and a community room, which can be used free of charge; recognises that CHSS is a health charity with a mission to improve the quality of life for people in Scotland affected by chest, heart and stroke illnesses, through medical research, influencing public policy, advice and information and support in the community; commends the work of volunteers across Scotland and recognises the contribution of volunteers in delivering vital support to services in communities; congratulates that staff and volunteers at the new hub in Grangemouth on its opening, and wishes all involved every success with their endeavours.

Supported by: Clare Haughey*, Ash Denham*, Richard Lyle*, Liam McArthur*, Rona Mackay*, Bill Kidd*

***S5M-09448 Alex Neil: RBS Airdrie**—That the Parliament condemns the plans by RBS to close its Airdrie town centre branch; notes with concern that the Airdrie branch is one of 62 RBS closures in Scotland planned for 2018; recognises that these closures will disproportionately affect people with limited knowledge of and/or access to online banking; maintains that RBS has a responsibility to provide face-to-face customer service catering to all of its customers, and asks RBS to reconsider its cost-saving strategy to better reflect the needs of Scotland's people and businesses.

***S5M-09447 Stuart McMillan: Port Glasgow Women Knit to Help People with Dementia**—That the Parliament commends Agnes Campbell, Glynis McDougall, Fay Bonnar, Isbel Smith and Jean McFeeley, of the Broadstone Gardens sheltered housing complex in Port Glasgow, who knitted 125 twiddle muffs between them; notes that once they had knitted the hand muffs they invited staff from care homes in Inverclyde to collect them for the residents they look after; recognises that twiddle muffs help dementia patients as they have colourful ribbons, bobbles, beads and other fabrics attached that are stimulating, so help to keep their hands busy and reduce repetitive behaviour, which makes them great sensory therapy tools; acknowledges that the wool was donated by people from the area as well as the residents' family members, and that some of the ladies taking part were finishing off 10 a day as they threw themselves wholeheartedly into the knitting project, and thanks the residents and staff at Broadstone Gardens for their efforts.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Stewart Stevenson*, Ash Denham*, Clare Haughey*, Richard Lyle*, Rona Mackay*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*

***S5M-09445 Iain Gray: Exam Appeal Charges**—The Parliament understands that the latest SQA figures show that there are still less than half of the number of appeals for exam remarks than there were prior to SQA imposing a charge for schools submitting them and that 19% of exam appeals came from private schools; believes that charging for exam appeals is unfair and benefits pupils who go to schools who can afford to pay for them; considers that there is no educational benefit arising from this practice, and believes that the exam charges should be scrapped immediately.

***S5M-09444 Angus MacDonald: Forth Ports to Build New Training Facility in Grangemouth**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement by Forth Ports that its new training facility is to be built in Grangemouth; understands that this facility will be purpose-built to deliver training in equipment skills, safety training and soft skills programmes for staff across its sites in Dundee, Leith, Rosyth and Grangemouth, as well as expanding existing training offered to customers and tenants across its sites; recognises that Grangemouth is Scotland's busiest container port, handling nine million tonnes of cargo, up to 30% of Scotland's GDP, in any given year, and the only port in the UK that exports more than it imports; acknowledges the importance

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of staff being well trained and prepared to meet the challenges of working in what it sees as a crucial part of Scotland's trade infrastructure, with all of the hazards associated in delivering effective and efficient service to customers and users of the port; further acknowledges the commitment of Forth Ports to Grangemouth and the progress of industry through training its people, and looks forward to seeing work begin on the new facility in the very near future.

Supported by: Clare Haughey*, Ash Denham*, Richard Lyle*, Bill Kidd*, Ben Macpherson*

***S5M-09443 Angus MacDonald: Carronshore Primary School Receives Awards for All Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates Carronshore Primary School on being awarded £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund Awards for All Scotland programme; understands that this funding will go towards providing a range of outdoor play equipment in the grounds, which will increase levels of play among pupils of all ages; recognises the importance of active play in children and young people as part of a healthy lifestyle; further recognises the importance of initiatives such as the Daily Mile in promoting simple activity to keep Scotland healthy, and hopes that children at Carronshore Primary School have the best time using their new play equipment once installed.

***S5M-09442 Alexander Burnett: Scottish Green Energy Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Locogen on winning the Best Community Engagement Award, West Harris Trust on winning the Best Community Project Award, Scottish Water and SHARC Energy on winning the Best Innovation Award, Bright Green Hydrogen, Fife Council and Toshiba on winning the Carbon Reduction Award, Barbara Whiting on winning the Champion of Renewables Award, 2050 Climate Group on winning the Contribution to Skills Award, Atlantis Resources on winning the Outstanding Project Award, Wood on winning the Outstanding Service Award, SP Energy Networks on winning the Sustainable Development Award, Virginia Ruiz Albacete on winning the Rising Star Award, and Dr Gareth Davies on winning the Outstanding Contribution Award at the Scottish Green Energy Awards; commends all individuals and organisations shortlisted for awards; notes that the event was sponsored by EDF Energy Renewables, Vattenfall, SSE, Red Rock Power Limited, SmartestEnergy, Vestas, Senvion, RPS Group, AREG, 4Navitas Ltd., WSP and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, and understands that the event is intended to celebrate all those who have made exceptional contributions to ensuring the continued success of Scotland's renewable energy sector. **R**

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour, Gordon Lindhurst, Richard Lyle, Alexander Stewart, Liam McArthur, Margaret Mitchell*, Miles Briggs*, Graeme Dey*, Tom Mason*, Alison Harris*, Bill Bowman*

***S5M-09355 Liam McArthur: Stromness-based Gareth Davies Wins Outstanding Achievement Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Dr Gareth Davies, managing director of the Stromness-based business, Aquatera, on receiving the Outstanding Achievement Award at the 2017 Scottish Green Energy Awards in Edinburgh on 30 November; believes that the award is just the latest recognition of Dr Davies' phenomenal efforts in supporting the continued development of marine energy and renewables more generally both in Scotland and internationally; acknowledges Dr Davies' passion and enthusiasm in promoting the growth of the renewable energy sector and, in particular, the world-leading role that Orkney has been playing and must continue to play in the future, and wishes Dr Davies and all those who won, or were shortlisted for awards this year, continued success in the future.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

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[S5M-09461](#) Bill Kidd: ICAN Accepts 2017 Nobel Peace Prize at 10th December Award Ceremony (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: John Mason*, Graeme Dey*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Andy Wightman*

[S5M-09449](#) Ivan McKee: Condemning US Recognition of Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S5M-09446](#) Pauline McNeill: President Trump Recognising Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Claudia Beamish*, Neil Findlay*

[S5M-09436](#) Kate Forbes: Sustainable Tourism Award for Cairngorms National Park (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, David Torrance*

[S5M-09435](#) Alexander Burnett: Photographer of the Year 2017 (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Margaret Mitchell*, Liam Kerr*

[S5M-09434](#) Gillian Martin: Cruden Bay Bowling Club Receives £12,000 from the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*

[S5M-09433](#) Bruce Crawford: Stirling Gin On Track for Success with ScotRail (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*

[S5M-09432](#) Gordon Lindhurst: RSM Fundraising for the Community (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Margaret Mitchell*, Liam Kerr*

[S5M-09431](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Cramond Primary School Delivers Christmas Presents (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Margaret Mitchell*, Liam Kerr*

[S5M-09429](#) Christine Grahame: Great Polish Map of Scotland (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*

[S5M-09425](#) Miles Briggs: Linlithgow Heritage Trust Secures £240,000 Funding for New Museum for Royal Linlithgow Project (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Margaret Mitchell*, Liam Kerr*

[S5M-09423](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Carfraemill Raises £12,800 to Celebrate Anniversary (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Margaret Mitchell*, Liam Kerr*

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[S5M-09420](#) Gordon Lindhurst: 25 Years of Leonard Cheshire Disability's Wardieburn Service (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Margaret Mitchell*, Liam Kerr*

[S5M-09419](#) Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Learning Project Wins Recognition at SQA Awards (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Clare Haughey*, David Torrance*

[S5M-09400](#) Bill Bowman: Two Dundonians Win World Karate Championship (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Marra*

[S5M-09385](#) Jackson Carlaw: The Busby Hotel Triumph at Scottish VOWS Awards (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Margaret Mitchell*, Stewart Stevenson*

[S5M-09381](#) Gail Ross: Adverse Childhood Experiences (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Iain Gray*

[S5M-09380](#) Clare Adamson: Fundraiser for Myanmar (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Ash Denham*, Graeme Dey*, Monica Lennon*, Ruth Maguire*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-09362](#) Kate Forbes: Bank Branch Closures in Scotland (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Edward Mountain*

[S5M-09352](#) Peter Chapman: SRUC Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Margaret Mitchell*, Miles Briggs*, Richard Lyle*, Liz Smith*, Murdo Fraser*, Tom Mason*, Jeremy Balfour*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Michelle Ballantyne* R, Bill Bowman*

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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 08 December 2017

[S5W-13308](#) John Mason: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will confirm the location, lead partners and funding for the National Manufacturing Institute for Scotland.

Written questions lodged on 08 December 2017

[S5W-12966](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S5W-11879 and S5W-12280 by Keith Brown on 6 October and 31 October 2017 respectively, for what reason there was a delay between the finalisation and publication of the accounts for (a) Scottish Enterprise and (b) Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

[S5W-13211](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the number of agency staff in the NHS.

[S5W-13212](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that the additional money made available to NHS boards in 2017 will (a) reduce referral to treatment times, (b) reduce outpatient waiting times and (c) guarantee the 12-week treatment time for inpatient/day care treatment services.

[S5W-13214](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government by what date it expects to achieve the standard target for (a) waiting less than 12 weeks for an outpatient appointment, (b) referral to treatment within 18 weeks, (c) the 12-week treatment time guarantee for inpatient/day care treatment services and (d) A&E waiting times of less than four hours on a sustained basis across the NHS

[S5W-13215](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that its investment to support NHS winter resilience will lead to positive outcomes for patients.

[S5W-13216](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-12320 by Shona Robison on 20 November 2017, how it defines the "reasonable steps" that NHS boards should be taking to live within their means when they are trying to improve performance targets, and how it will ensure that its "balanced approach to performance" will allow boards to meet their key performance targets in light of reports that there is a lack of appropriate resources.

[S5W-13218](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that each NHS board will be in a position to afford to (a) fund pay increases and (b) recruit more GPs.

[S5W-13219](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government how it will establish a more positive culture to support nurses, as per the Nursing 2030 vision.

[S5W-13260](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to repair potholes that have appeared on the newly-opened section of the M73, and how much this will cost.

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[S5W-13261 Bill Bowman:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether off model adjustments are regarded as behavioural responses for the purposes of forecasting potential reactions to income tax changes.

[S5W-13262 Ben Macpherson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what measures are being taken to (a) treat and (b) support people with cystic fibrosis.

[S5W-13263 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the sentencing guidelines for people under 18 who are convicted of culpable homicide, and what plans it has to review these.

[S5W-13266 Annie Wells:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recommendation by HM Inspectorate of Prisons in its recent report on HMP Shotts, when the Scottish Prison Service will launch a national policy to deal with bullying and intimidation among prisoners.

[S5W-13267 Neil Findlay:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the reported concerns regarding public safety, what discussions it has had with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) regarding nuclear weapons convoys passing through towns and villages; whether it has asked the MoD to notify residents that a convoy will pass through and, if so, what the response was.

[S5W-13269 Neil Findlay:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that a failure by local authorities to inform the public that potentially radioactive material is being transported through towns and villages would be in breach of the obligation of local authorities as set out in civil contingencies legislation, and what the reasons are for its position on this matter.

[S5W-13270 Tavish Scott:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the Barclay Review's recommendation regarding charitable rates relief for golf clubs.

[S5W-13276 Alexander Burnett:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to (a) monitor and (b) improve employment opportunities for young people with autism.

[S5W-13280 George Adam:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle social inequality.

[S5W-13281 Clare Haughey:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent analysis by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, which suggests that 700,000 more people in the UK are in poverty compared with four years ago.

[S5W-13283 Maurice Golden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government on what dates in each of the last three years it has met the Electronic Collar Manufacturers Association.

[S5W-13284 Maurice Golden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much illegal waste has been dumped on farmland in each of the last five years, and how many people have been (a) prosecuted and (b) convicted for this.

[S5W-13286 Maurice Golden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what support it offers to (a) farmers and (b) landowners to deal with waste illegally dumped on their land and whether it is considering providing additional assistance.

[S5W-13287 Rachael Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many GPs in the Scottish Borders have received a so-called golden hello in each of the last five years.

[S5W-13303 Michelle Ballantyne:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it will monitor and ensure minimum earnings as per the renewed GP contract.

[S5W-13304 Michelle Ballantyne:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what extra resources are in place to ensure the long-term sustainability of remote GP practices.

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[S5W-13305](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government when it expects GPs' workload to be reduced nationally, and what its response is to reports that recent recruitment drives have had poor outcomes.

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New amendments to Bills lodged on 8 December 2017

Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill – Stage 2

Section 4

Alex Cole-Hamilton

1 In section 4, page 2, line 30, at end insert—

<() In subsection (4), “characteristic” includes a protected characteristic (within the meaning of section 4 of the Equality Act 2010).>

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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**

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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)), 12 December 2017

Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Justice Committee), 12 December 2017

Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill (P)

Passed, 21 November 2017

Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee), 13 December 2017

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 12 December 2017

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)), 13 December 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)), 12 December 2017

Planning (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 4 December 2017

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

Consideration Stage (evidence, lead committee (Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee), 13 December 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)

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 12 December 2017

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 20 December 2017

Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 13 December with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

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

Final Stage (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 14 December 2017

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-10

Lodged on 12 September 2017

(lead committee (Finance and Constitution)), 13 December 2017

Subordinate Legislation (*date of laying*) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

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 18 December 2017

[Criminal Legal Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (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)

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Negative instruments

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

[Seed \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/384\)](#) (9 November 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Police Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/387\)](#) (9 November 2017) (Justice)

[Water Environment \(Miscellaneous\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/389\)](#) (9 November 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Subject to annulment by 22 December 2017

Lead committee to report by 18 December 2017

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

Subject to annulment by 10 January 2018

Lead committee to report by 8 January 2018

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Health and Education Chamber and General Regulatory Chamber Charity Appeals \(Procedure\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/398\)](#) (16 November 2017) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 18 January 2018

Lead committee to report by 15 January 2018

[Novel Foods \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/415\)](#) (24 November 2017) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 24 January 2018

Lead committee to report by 22 January 2018

[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)

[Sale of Nicotine Vapour Products \(Vending Machines\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/422\)](#) (30 November 2017) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 31 January 2018

Lead committee to report by 29 January 2018

[Letting Agent \(Registration and Code of Practice\) \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/428\)](#) (7 December 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

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[Fife Council Area and Perth and Kinross Council Area \(Keltybridge and Fife Environmental Energy Park at Westfield\) Boundaries Amendment Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/430\) \(7 December 2017\)](#) (Local Government and Communities)

Documents laid for consultation

Laid for consultation before 22 January 2018

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

[Public Services Reform \(Poverty and Inequality Commission\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \[draft\] \[Proposed Explanatory Document\] \(SG/2017/240\) \(8 November 2017\)](#) (Social Security)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 11 December 2017—

Social Security Committee, 3rd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Social Security (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 244)

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 8 December 2017 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Report to the Scottish Parliament in respect of changes to The National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) SG/2017/281 laid under Section 22 of The Public Service Pensions Act 2013.

Care Inspectorate Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/142 laid under Schedule 11 Section 15(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

Scottish Police Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/271 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

The 2016/17 audit of the Scottish Police Authority SG/2017/272 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

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