

Wednesday 20 December 2017

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

1:15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:15 pm Members' Business — S5M-09389
Monica Lennon: Alcohol and Drug-related Deaths

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
Rural Economy and Connectivity

followed by Ministerial Statement:
Publication of the Scottish Energy Strategy

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Ferry Services Procurement Policy Review

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-09167 Emma Harper: Adopt Don't Shop

Committee Meetings

9:30am Local Government and Communities Committee

10:00am Education and Skills Committee

10:00am Finance and Constitution Committee

10:00am Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

10:30am Scottish Commission for Public Audit

Meeting of the Parliament

1:15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:15 pm Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-09389](#) 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.

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

- 1. Maurice Corry:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle plastic pollution in Scotland's seas. ([S5O-01614](#))
- 2. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in light of concerns raised by COSLA regarding local authorities not being able to register all of their properties on the Land Register of Scotland by 2019. ([S5O-01615](#))
- 3. Stuart McMillan:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-01616](#))
- 4. Graeme Dey:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will bring forward legislation regarding the reintroduction of beavers. ([S5O-01617](#))
- 5. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the impact of Brexit on environmental legislation. ([S5O-01618](#))
- 6. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce plastic waste in the marine environment. ([S5O-01619](#))
- 7. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to a recent study, which found that air pollution can increase the risk of birth defects. ([S5O-01620](#))
- 8. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve the quality of watercourses in the Lothian region. ([S5O-01621](#))
- 9. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact low emission zones will have on people on low incomes. ([S5O-01622](#))
- 10. Adam Tomkins:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work of the Scottish Land Commission. ([S5O-01623](#))

Rural Economy and Connectivity

- 1. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the EU Commissioner for Agriculture's comments regarding the implementation of Areas of Natural Constraints payments being postponed until 2019. ([S5O-01624](#))
- 2. Tom Arthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve rail services in the Renfrewshire South constituency. ([S5O-01625](#))
- 3. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government how much Scotland's food and drink exports were worth in the first nine months of 2017, and what proportion of these were to the EU. ([S5O-01626](#))
- 4. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met the Secretary of State for Transport to discuss crossborder rail services. ([S5O-01627](#))
- 5. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take regarding Northern Isles inter-island ferry services, in light of the debate on 6 December 2017. ([S5O-01628](#))
- 6. Gordon Lindhurst:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce overcrowding on trains. ([S5O-01629](#))
- 7. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of integrated smart ticketing on public transport. ([S5O-01630](#))
- 8. Oliver Mundell:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-01631](#))
- 9. Richard Lochhead:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to protect and promote Scotland the Brand for food and drink. ([S5O-01632](#))
- 10. Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has made plans on the basis that the UK will remain in the common fisheries policy under the terms of any transitional agreement following Brexit, and whether it has discussed this matter with UK ministers. ([S5O-01633](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Publication of the Scottish Energy Strategy

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Ferry Services Procurement Policy Review

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

[S5M-09648](#) Roseanna Cunningham: Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-09686](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 9 January 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee Debate: Article 50 Withdrawal Negotiations

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 10 January 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Justice and the Law Officers;

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Glasgow 2018 European Championships

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 11 January 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Developing the Young Workforce - Publication of the third annual report

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 January 2018

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 17 January 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 18 January 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

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and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 11 January 2018, 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-09684](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 12 January 2018.

[S5M-09685](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Planning (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 1 June 2018.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-09682](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (Application and Modification of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-09683](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Financial Guidance and Claims Bill (UK Legislation).

[S5M-09681](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

4:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-09167](#) Emma Harper: Adopt Don't Shop—That the Parliament believes that, while dogs are the most popular companion animals in the UK, they are also a lucrative source of income for many; recognises concerns raised by academics from the University of Sheffield, in Scottish Government-commissioned research, that both the illegal trade in, and irresponsible breeding of,

dogs are escalating; understands that central to these concerns are large-scale commercial breeders in Scotland, the illegal trafficking of dogs into the country, including through Cairnryan Port, and the largely uncontrolled third-party online traders, who it considers now dominate the puppy trade; understands that there are currently thousands of dogs situated in rescue centres across Scotland who need homes; notes that reputable shelters are able to assess and support the rehoming of many breeds and ages of dog, and notes the view that anyone considering getting a puppy should adopt from a reputable shelter or rescue centre run by an organisation such as the Scottish SPCA.

Committee Meetings

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

Local Government and Communities Committee 32nd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether consideration of its response to the Finance and Constitution Committee on the draft Budget 2018-19 should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19 from—
Derek Mackay, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution, Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government and Housing, Bill Stitt, Team Leader - Revenue and Capital, Marianne Barker, Non-Domestic Rates Group Secretary, Brad Gilbert, Head of Financial Innovation Unit, and Angus Macleod, Head of Tackling Fuel Poverty Unit, Scottish Government.
3. **Common good property and funds:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Craig Veitch, Aberdeen City Council;
Andrew Ferguson, Fife Council and the Society of Local Authority Lawyers and Administrators in Scotland;
Dr Lindsay Neil, Former Chair, Selkirk and District Community Council;
Paul Nevin.
4. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Common good property and funds (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **City region deals (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Education and Skills Committee 33rd Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking agenda items in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Draft Budget 2018-2019:** The Committee will take evidence from:
John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Aileen McKechnie, Director, Advanced Learning and Science, and Michael Chalmers, Director of Children and families, Scottish Government.
3. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Finance and Constitution Committee 31st Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Draft Budget 2018-19:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19 from—
Lady Susan Rice, Chair, John Ireland, Chief Executive, Professor Alasdair Smith, Commissioner, and David Wilson, Commissioner, Scottish Fiscal Commission.
2. **Draft Budget 2018-19:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19 from—
Neil Amner, Director and Chair of Economic Advisory Group, Scottish Chambers of Commerce;
Russell Gunson, Director, IPPR Scotland;
Dave Moxham, Deputy General Secretary, STUC.
3. **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.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 37th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private and whether its consideration of reports on the Draft Budget 2018-19 and the Islands (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19 from—
Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity, Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, Lee Shedden, Financial Controller, Transport Scotland, George Burgess, Deputy Director, Food, Drink & Trade, and Robbie McGhee, Head of Digital Connectivity Policy, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Razor Clams (Prohibition on Fishing and Landing) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/419)
4. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19:** The Committee will review the evidence it has heard on the Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19.

Scottish Commission for Public Audit 2nd Meeting, 2017

The Commission will meet at 10:30 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Commission will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Audit Scotland's Spring Budget Revision 2017-18:** The Commission will take evidence from—
Ian Leitch, Chair of the Board, Audit Scotland;
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Russell Frith, Assistant Auditor General, and Diane McGiffen, Chief Operating Officer, Audit Scotland.
3. **Audit Scotland's Budget Proposal 2018-19:** The Commission will take evidence from—
Ian Leitch, Chair of the Board, Audit Scotland;
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Russell Frith, Assistant Auditor General, and Diane McGiffen, Chief Operating Officer, Audit Scotland.

4. **Consideration of evidence heard:** The Commission will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 13 December 2017

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12:45 pm Decision Time

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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>

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee

21 December 2017

30th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Janet Archer, Chief Executive Officer, and Ian Stevenson, Director, Finance, Creative Scotland;
and then from—
Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs, Scottish Government.
3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **EU strategy:** The Committee will consider its approach to the EU strategy.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katy Orr, on 0131 348 5324 or europe@parliament.scot.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee

21 December 2017

31st 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 4 in private.
2. **Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).
3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19 from—
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities, Lesley Irving, Head of Equality Policy, and Liz Hawkins, Head of Equality, Poverty and Social Justice Analysis, Scottish Government.
4. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19:** The Committee will consider the evidence received.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 18 January 2018, the Committee intends to take evidence on the Universal Periodic Review.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee by telephoning 0131 348 6040 or emailing equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 21 December 2017 32nd Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **The 2016/17 audit of the Scottish Police Authority:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's section 22 report from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Stephen Boyle, Assistant Director, Carole Grant, Senior Audit Manager, and Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **Settlement agreements and severance policy:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Paul Gray, Director-General Health & Social Care, Scottish Government and Chief Executive, NHS Scotland;
Paul Johnston, Director General, Education, Communities and Justice, Scottish Government.
4. **The 2016/17 audit of the Scottish Police Authority:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Stephen Boyle, Assistant Director, Carole Grant, Senior Audit Manager, and Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

Proposed future business

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

Social Security Committee 21 December 2017 26th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19 from—
Jeane Freeman, Minister for Social Security, James Wallace, Head of Finance, Graeme Lockhart, Head of Platforms & Technologies, and Merlin Kemp, Team Leader, Housing Benefit Reform and Affordability, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider whether to take evidence on the following negative instrument—
The Universal Credit (Claims and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/436)
3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19 (in private):** The Committee will consider a letter to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19.

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Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Simon Watkins, on 0131 348 5228 or by email at: SocialSecurityCommittee@parliament.scot.

Public Petitions Committee

21 December 2017

24th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - [PE1602](#) by Carol Sunnucks on ECGs and heart echo tests within antenatal care;
 - [PE1626](#) by Pat Rafferty on behalf of Unite Scotland on Regulation of Bus Services;
 - [PE1629](#) by Jennifer Lewis on MRI scans for Ocular Melanoma sufferers in Scotland;
 - [PE1632](#) by Amanda Macdonald on Concessionary transport for carers;
 - [PE1638](#) by Sean Clerkin on Local Housing Allowance (Bedroom tax 2);
 - [PE1653](#) by Michaela Jackson on behalf of Gorebridge Community Trust on Active travel infrastructure;
 - [PE1658](#) by Wendy Stephen on Compensation for those who suffered a neurological disability following administration of the Pluserix vaccine between 1988 and 1992.
 - [PE1662](#) by Janey Cringean and Lorraine Murray on behalf of Tick-borne Illness Campaign Scotland on Improve Treatment for Patients with Lyme Disease and Associated Tick-borne Diseases; and
 - [PE1664](#) by Harry Huyton on behalf of OneKind on Greater protection for mountain hares.
2. **Consideration of a new petition:** The Committee will consider the following new petition—
 - [PE1681](#) by Richard Morris on Adult Consensual Incestuous Relationships and Marriage.
3. **Consideration of continued petition (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter on [PE1458](#) by Peter Cherbi on Register of interests for members of Scotlands judiciary.

Proposed future business

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

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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.

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S5M-09688](#) David Torrance: Fife Tourism Success**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Fife has had another great year in the tourism sector; understands that the tourism sector is worth £750 million to the region and that new figures suggest that tourism in Fife now supports 11,000 jobs as well as expenditure increasing annually by 4% over the last nine years; acknowledges that Fife has also entered the top five most “Instagrammed” regions in the UK, with images being shared with thousands of international online social media followers and that more than five million people have searched for Fife on Trip Advisor in the last two years; recognises that Fife was also awarded World Host Customer Service Destination status earlier in 2017, and congratulates Fife Tourism Partnership on its excellent work in helping the tourism sector in the Kingdom to grow its revenue and reputation.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Bill Kidd*, Emma Harper*, Richard Lyle*, Murdo Fraser*, Stuart McMillan*, Ash Denham*, Fulton MacGregor*

***[S5M-09652](#) James Kelly: The Scottish Sports Association**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the contribution of the Scottish Sports Association (SSA) in raising the profile and promoting the benefits of sport, and to over 13 policy areas in the Scottish Government; considers that the role of the SSA as the independent and collective voice for sport in Glasgow and across the country is vital; is concerned that, after 18 years of core funding, there are reports of a proposed withdrawal of funding for the SSA from both the government and sportscotland; believes that this is an unacceptable situation; understands that the government funds other membership organisations across the voluntary sector to enable their voices to be heard, and notes the view that, to ensure a sustainable future for the organisation, the SSA's funding should be restored in 2018-19.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S5M-09695](#) Fulton MacGregor: Cup Success for Albion Rovers in the Community 2004's**—That the Parliament congratulates the Coatbridge-based Albion Rovers in the Community 2004's, which is an affiliated club of Albion

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Rovers, on winning the Central Scotland Football Association League Cup on 17 December 2017 after beating fellow Monklands' team, Craighburn Boys Club, from Airdrie, on penalties at the end of an enthralling 2-2 draw at Ochilview Stadium; notes the hard work, dedication and commitment of the coaches, Adam Copland, Chris Devlin, Colin Hutcheson and Scott Rutherford, who like many others involved in grassroots football, undertake their duties on a voluntary basis; celebrates and praises the players for bringing the trophy back to Coatbridge, and wishes all involved at the club every success.

Supported by: James Dornan*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, David Torrance*, Richard Lyle*, Stuart McMillan*, Ash Denham*

***S5M-09694 Angus MacDonald: Mrs Tilly's Named Number One Sweetie Brand in Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates Mrs Tilly's confectionary, which is based in Larbert, on being named Scotland's number one brand of sweetie in the latest Kantar Worldpanel data; understands that, from starting out with the first batch of tablet made in Tillicoultry in 2007, producing 100 bars, 2016 saw the company sell over one million of them; considers that the hard work put in by the Paterson family, which still owns and runs the company, to build up a successful business from their kitchen to a globally-recognised brand is a great achievement for any company; recognises the company's commitment to high-quality produce in its position as a market leader and an inspiration to others; congratulates Mrs Tilly's and the Paterson family, and wishes them continued success in being Scotland's number one sweetie.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Ivan McKee*, Ash Denham*, Richard Lyle*, Richard Lochhead*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Rona Mackay*, Fulton MacGregor*

***S5M-09693 Annie Wells: Glasgow Ice Rink Launches Autism-friendly Ice Skating Sessions**—That the Parliament acknowledges that intu Braehead has launched ice skating sessions every Saturday between 10 and 11am that are exclusively for young people and adults with autism or additional needs; appreciates that it will be a safe environment without loud music playing or bright lights during the sessions; considers that each session is a way to ensure that skating is inclusive to all, and believes that it is an initiative intu Braehead is thrilled to get behind, and notes that the introduction of these sessions has been welcomed by the Inclusive Skating charity, which works to encourage everyone to enjoy skating and compete in ice rink sports.

***S5M-09692 Angus MacDonald: Celtic Renewables Gets the Green Light to Build a New Plant**—That the Parliament welcomes the decision by Falkirk

Council to grant planning permission for a first-of-its-kind plant to be built in Grangemouth by Celtic Renewables; understands that, when operational, this plant will take whisky residue from distilleries and turn it into biobutanol, which is a new and advanced form of fuel that is reported to be widely regarded as a replacement for petrol and diesel; recognises the vital role that it believes Scotland plays in the chemical sciences sector across the world, with leading research and innovation being carried out in places such as Grangemouth and Edinburgh; understands that this plant, which is the first in the world, will have on Grangemouth, creating 25 new jobs in the area; believes that it will have a global impact; wishes the plant's founder, Professor Martin Tangey, its CEO, Mark Simmers, and

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all at Celtic Renewables success in funding the venture, and looks forward to seeing their dream become a reality in the next step in bringing more renewable technology to Scotland and the world.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Ash Denham*, Fulton MacGregor*

***[S5M-09691](#) Annie Wells: First-ever Welcome Football Festival Launches in Glasgow**—That the Parliament acknowledges that Glasgow is to host the first-ever Welcome Football Festival to encourage integration of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants into life in the city, and that it is being held at Toryglen Regional Football Centre where mixed international teams will play a mini-tournament and celebrate with a medal ceremony and food at the end of the afternoon; notes that the event is being organised by a subgroup of the Glasgow Integration Forum and Glasgow City Council, alongside Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Partick Thistle Charitable Trust and Govan Community Project; further notes that supporting the event will be players from United Glasgow FC, Afghan United FC, Edu Sport and teams from a number of third sector organisations such as the Red Cross and YCSA.

***[S5M-09690](#) Stuart McMillan: Ellen Hits 40-year Milestone**—That the Parliament congratulates Ellen McNeill on becoming Inverclyde's longest-serving school crossing patroller after four decades of service helping local schoolchildren cross the road since 1977; acknowledges that Ellen is one of 35 school crossing patrollers in the area who ensure that children arrive safely for class while passing on vital road safety skills to keep them safe when not travelling to school, and thanks Ellen and all school crossing patrollers in Scotland for ensuring that children get to school safely in all weathers.

Supported by: Edward Mountain*, Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*, Alexander Burnett*, David Torrance*, Fulton MacGregor*

***[S5M-09689](#) Alexander Burnett: Merger and Acquisition Activity on UKCS Surpasses \$8 billion in 2017**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the merger and acquisition (M&A) activity on the UK Continental Shelf has surpassed \$8 billion in 2017; considers that this is a clear sign that confidence is gradually returning to the basin; further welcomes the UK budget announcement of the transferable tax history mechanism; and expects that M&A activity will continue into 2018 as established players can more easily divest their non-core assets to companies better suited to invest in them and extend field life.

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***[S5M-09687](#) Christine Grahame: Blood Bikes Scotland**—That the Parliament recognises the work done by Blood Bikes Scotland, a charity made up of volunteer motorcyclists who work in partnership with NHS Lothian, NHS Borders and NHS Fife to courier small urgent items such as blood samples, donor baby milk, equipment and medication; understands that this service is staffed entirely by unpaid volunteers and sustained by fundraising, meaning it does not cost the NHS a single penny; considers that this forms a valuable service to local communities; commends the volunteers on their efforts, and wishes them the best of luck in recruiting further volunteers to maintain the service.

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***S5M-09686 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees—**

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 9 January 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee Debate: Article 50 Withdrawal Negotiations

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 10 January 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Justice and the Law Officers;

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Glasgow 2018 European Championships

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 11 January 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Developing the Young Workforce - Publication of the third annual report

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 January 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Business Motions

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 17 January 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 18 January 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

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and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 11 January 2018, 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-09685](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Planning (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 1 June 2018.

***[S5M-09684](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 12 January 2018.

***[S5M-09683](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Financial Guidance and Claims Bill (UK Legislation).

***[S5M-09682](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (Application and Modification of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

***[S5M-09681](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

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***[S5M-09680](#) Graeme Dey: Retirement of Angus Foster Carers, Allan and Sheena**

Thomson—That the Parliament congratulates Allan and Sheena Thomson from Carnoustie on their retirement after 24 years of fostering; notes that the couple have selflessly dedicated their lives to offering a home for looked-after young people; acknowledges that the couple's incredible contribution was recently recognised at the Angus Council Fostering and Adoption team's annual Christmas lunch at Carnoustie Golf Hotel, with more than 50 foster carers in attendance; wishes the couple a happy and peaceful retirement, and commends all foster carers who offer vital support and stability for looked-after young people across Scotland.

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***[S5M-09678](#) Stuart McMillan: Camelot Failing Good Causes**—That the Parliament notes with concern reports that the profits for Camelot, the National Lottery operator have more than doubled in six years, which it believes is a rise of 122%, while the amount that it donates to charities has only risen by 2%; understands that an inquiry has been launched by the National Audit Office to ascertain if Camelot is failing the good causes that it is meant to fund; notes that the funds raised by the National Lottery raise money for good causes in the arts, sports, heritage, health, education, environment and other charitable sectors; understands that, according to the National Audit Office, National Lottery income for good causes fell by 15% over the year from 1 April 2016 and is expected to drop again in 2017-18, and considers that this makes it crucially important for lottery operators to be as generous as possible when aiding good causes.

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***[S5M-09677](#) Stuart McMillan: MindMosaic Counselling and Therapy in Greenock Receives Young Start Grant**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that MindMosaic Counselling and Therapy in Greenock received a £42,644 grant from the Young Start on 15 December 2017; understands that the group provides professional therapy services that meet the needs of the community and currently provides programmes such as play therapy, therapeutic support and mindfulness; notes that, with this grant, the group will strengthen and expand its existing play therapy services for children and young people up to the age of 19; recognises that the upcoming project will incorporate superhero groups using creative activities and will support 150 vulnerable children in Inverclyde who face a range of challenging issues; acknowledges that Young Start is a grants programme run by the Big Lottery Fund to distribute money from dormant accounts and aims to create opportunities for children and young people aged between 8 and 24 to help realise their full potential and will re-launch in late 2018 to coincide with the Year of the Young People, and wishes MindMosaic Counselling and Therapy the best of luck in the future.

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***[S5M-09676](#) Jeremy Balfour: Cousland SWI**—That the Parliament congratulates Cousland SWI on being awarded Big Lottery funding of £1,910; understands that the group, based in Midlothian, will host a dinner to celebrate its 100th anniversary, and notes that it will bring together old and current members and stage an exhibition of the history of both the village of Cousland and the organisation itself.

***[S5M-09675](#) Jeremy Balfour: Blood Bikes Scotland Emergency Voluntary Service**—That the Parliament congratulates the Blood Bikes Scotland emergency voluntary service on its Big Lottery funding of £10,000; understands that the charity comprises of a dedicated team of volunteer

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motorcyclists who provide an out-of-hours, free of charge transportation service to NHS Lothian, NHS Fife and NHS Borders, and notes that the funding will be used to expand the service and buy a new electric scooter, which will help transfer urgent supplies between NHS sites.

***S5M-09673 Jeremy Balfour: The Cheyne Gang**—That the Parliament congratulates The Cheyne Gang on its Big Lottery Fund award of £10,000; understands that the charity, based in Edinburgh, is a community singing group for people who have breathing difficulties; notes that the funding will be used to run the existing three groups, and to set up an additional group in the Leith area where there is a higher level of deprivation and respiratory disease.

***S5M-09672 Jeremy Balfour: Polish Family Support Centre**—That the Parliament congratulates the Polish Family Support Centre on being awarded Big Lottery funding of £8,160; understands that the group will roll out a peer support service for Polish people living in Edinburgh, following a successful six-month pilot, and notes that the grant will fund a peer support co-ordinator to match individuals needing support with volunteers who have experienced similar circumstances and issues.

***S5M-09671 Jeremy Balfour: Pilrig Bowling Club**—That the Parliament congratulates Pilrig Bowling Club on securing Big Lottery funding of £10,000, and understands that the group, based in Pilrig, will refurbish the toilets in its bowling club to provide updated facilities for members and the wider community.

***S5M-09670 Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh Arts Collective**—That the Parliament congratulates the Edinburgh Arts Collective on being awarded £5,000 by Creative Scotland, and understands that the charity will use the funding to maintain an existing group of artists, who have learning disabilities, and volunteers, which meets weekly to create individual and community art works.

***S5M-09669 Jeremy Balfour: Citadel Youth Centre**—That the Parliament congratulates the Citadel Youth Centre on being awarded Big Lottery funding of £9,960; understands that the group will use the funding to offer a weekly youth club for 11 to 18-year-olds interested in computer games, coding and technology, and notes that the programme will include group activities and outings to develop social and communication skills.

***S5M-09668 Colin Beattie: Cousland SWI's Celebratory Dinner**—That the Parliament congratulates Cousland SWI on its receipt of £1,910 of Big Lottery funding; notes that the Midlothian-based group will use this funding to host a dinner to celebrate its 100th anniversary; further notes that the dinner will bring together old and current members; understands that the group will stage an exhibition of the history of both the village of Cousland and the organisation itself, and wishes all involved continued success.

***S5M-09667 Alison Harris: Machine Knitting Club, Cumbernauld**—That the Parliament congratulates the Cumbernauld-based women's group, Machine Knitting Club, which engages in craft activities, on receiving £6,736 in lottery funding; understands that it will use this to cover the cost of its hall hire, knitting equipment and a full calendar of trips and events, and wishes its members every success.

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***S5M-09666 Stuart McMillan: Scottish Water's £2.8m Investment Project in Greenock**—That the Parliament welcomes Scottish Water's plans to invest £2.8 million into tackling flooding in Greenock's town centre; notes that this issue particularly affects the Oak Mall Shopping Centre; understands that the first phase to improve the company's waste water infrastructure will start on 12 January 2018, which and will aim to reduce the risk of flooding to the shopping centre; recognises that this necessary work to alleviate flooding in and around one of Inverclyde's key shopping destinations will impact consumers in the short-term by limiting access to the Bullring Car Park; believes however that this will ultimately benefit retailers and shoppers alike by minimising the risk of disruption in the future; considers that this work will be instrumental in safeguarding Inverclyde's economy, and commends Scottish Water for the investment.

***S5M-09665 Alison Harris: Holy Cross Ladies Guild**—That the Parliament congratulates Holy Cross Ladies Guild in Croy on receiving lottery funding of £8,107, and understands that the group, which provides social and recreational activities for women in the Croy area, will use this to fund trips and outings, equipment for bingo evenings, its monthly afternoon teas and a Christmas dinner for its members.

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***S5M-09664 Alexander Stewart: The Importance of the Local Convenience Sector**—That the Parliament supports the importance of the convenience store sector to communities and the economy; understands that it contributes £532 million per annum in Gross Value Added and employs over 41,000; believes that all too often, and especially around the festive period, the general focus of many is directed towards supermarkets and large chain stores; welcomes the social aspect of visiting a small retailer; believes that these independent shops reinvest hundreds of thousands of pounds each year back into communities by providing jobs and using local services and suppliers; notes that many have been family-run businesses for generations, and encourages people to use them as often as possible.

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***S5M-09663 Jenny Gilruth: Carmen Feeney, Champion Muay Thai Boxer**—That the Parliament congratulates Carmen Feeney on becoming the first junior female Muay Thai champion boxer in Scotland; commends the Sortaskin Muay Thai Gym in Markinch for providing the necessary training and facilities for Carmen and others; recognises that her fantastic win was achieved at the recent Scottish Muay Thai Championships, which were held in Linwood, and wishes Carmen and the club every success.

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***S5M-09662 Peter Chapman: Fundraising for Hatton Surgery**—That the Parliament congratulated Audrey and Lindsay Cameron on organising a Scottish Variety Night at the Station Hotel in Ellon to raise funds for the five organisations that provided all aspects of Audrey's recent liver transplant and after care; recognises that the event raised £2,442.65, £500 of which has been distributed to Hatton Surgery; notes that the money will go towards purchasing new equipment for the community nursing team; thanks Audrey and Lindsay for the contribution that they have made to their community, and welcomes the positive impact of their fundraising efforts.

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***S5M-09661 Jenny Gilruth: Fife Community Food Project**—That the Parliament congratulates the Fife Community Food Project on being awarded the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland President's Award for 2017; recognises that the project plays a key role in tackling food insecurity across Fife by working with people and families on low incomes to develop knowledge, skills and confidence around preparing healthy meals; understands that it won the award in recognition of its significant contribution to the improvement and protection of health and wellbeing in Scotland through community training activities, and wishes all involved with the project every success.

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***S5M-09660 Jenny Gilruth: Castle Furniture Project**—That the Parliament congratulates the Castle Furniture Project, which is in Glenrothes, on winning a gold award in the Employer of the Year Health and Disability category at the Fife Business Diversity Awards, which were held in early December 2017; further congratulates the project's Graeme Mann, who collected an individual Silver Employee Award; recognises that it does a lot of work for people with disability and mental health issues by way of offering free collection of household goods and providing labour and transport, and wishes everyone involved with it every success.

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***S5M-09659 Jenny Gilruth: Markinch Primary and Nursery School**—That the Parliament congratulates Markinch Primary and Nursery School on its recent Green Flag award; understands that children have spent a lot of time working towards the award through their chosen topics of litter, waste management and sustaining the world within the Eco Schools and Keep Scotland Beautiful framework; notes that they learned to reduce waste, re-use and recycle items when they can, as well as about the Fair Trade label, and wishes the pupils and the staff every success.

Supported by: Fulton MacGregor*

***S5M-09658 Sandra White: The Citz Redevelopment Project**—That the Parliament welcomes the £4.8 million grant awarded to the Citizens Theatre in Glasgow by the Heritage Lottery Fund; notes that this will be used toward the redevelopment project, which aims to conserve, repair and expand what is one of Scotland's oldest, and much loved, working theatres; notes that the project will also explore and celebrate the fascinating social and cultural heritage of the building and the company, increase public engagement and ensure that The Citz, as it is affectionately known, continues to make and deliver world class theatre for the benefit of local, national and international audiences and wishes the project, theatre and company continued success.

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***S5M-09657 Alexander Burnett: Ashley Thomas Named Apprentice of the Year 2017**—That the Parliament congratulates the North East Scotland College student, Ashley Thomas, on being named by the global skills for energy body, OPITO, as its Apprentice of the Year 2017; notes that he was selected to join the Oil and Gas Technical Apprentice Programme in 2016, which is one of

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the biggest industry-led apprenticeship initiatives of its kind in the UK, and wishes him well in his career ahead.

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***S5M-09656 Peter Chapman: Fundraising for Cancer Research UK**—That the Parliament commends the efforts of nine-year-old Rebecca Morrice who took on the challenge of swimming one mile in her local pool to raise money for Cancer Research UK; notes that Rebecca has raised over £1,200; welcomes the positive impact that it considers this will have on life-saving research to help individuals affected by cancer in Aberdeenshire and across the UK, and hopes that Rebecca continues her efforts and inspires others to do the same.

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***S5M-09655 Emma Harper: Dupont Teijin Secures Funding For Future**—That the Parliament congratulates DuPont Teijin Films at Cargenbridge in Dumfries on securing £1 million in Scottish Government funding in order to create, secure and increase manufacturing capabilities and jobs at the Dumfries manufacturing plant; notes that the firm produces polymer film for use in industrial packaging, as well as healthcare, alternative energy, durable media, electronics and insulation; understands that the grant has secured more than 70 jobs and has ensured the future of the firm, and wishes DuPont Teijin all the best for the future.

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***S5M-09654 Michelle Ballantyne: Mike and Sheila Stark**—That the Parliament extends its profound congratulations to the benevolent Peebles couple, Mike and Sheila Stark, on their sterling efforts to raise upwards of £100,000 for Poppyscotland; commends their outstanding efforts to surpass this landmark; is poignantly aware that relatives of both Mike and Sheila were killed during the First World War, and endorses cordially the comments of Gordon Michie from Poppyscotland that this is a "fantastic" achievement and that "without the Starks and our volunteers, it wouldn't be possible to provide our year-round help for Scotland's Armed Forces community".

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***S5M-09653 Michelle Ballantyne: 4J Studios Hailed for Minecraft Development Role**—That the Parliament warmly congratulates 4J Studios, a computer games studio based in East Linton, which recently collected a double platinum award in Japan at 2017's Playstation Awards; recognises that 4J, an independent studio, developed the console versions of the popular title, Minecraft, porting the game to Playstation 4, Playstation 3 and Playstation Vita; understands that the console versions of Minecraft have sold over two million copies, qualifying the console-version of the game for a double platinum award; notes that the CEO of 4J, Paddy Burns, who set up the company along with Chris van der Kuyl and Frank Arnot, travelled to the Grand Prince Hotel in Tokyo to collect the award, and commends Mr Burns and the whole team at 4J on what is a truly remarkable achievement.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S5M-09651](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Black-legged Kittiwake Uplisted to Vulnerable on IUCN Red List of Threatened Species (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Margaret Mitchell*, Murdo Fraser*, Liz Smith*, Alison Harris*, Alexander Stewart*, Tom Mason*, Annie Wells*, Bill Bowman*, Rachael Hamilton*

[S5M-09650](#) Peter Chapman: Rosehearty Community Boat Club (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-09647](#) Pauline McNeill: Celtic FC Foundation (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Elaine Smith*, Ivan McKee*, Alex Rowley*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Iain Gray*, Murdo Fraser*, Bob Doris*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-09646](#) Pauline McNeill: The Glasgow City Mission (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee*, Neil Findlay*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Murdo Fraser*, Bob Doris*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-09645](#) Pauline McNeill: Social Bite (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Alison Johnstone*, Ivan McKee*, Neil Findlay*, Sandra White*, David Torrance*, Fulton MacGregor*, Bob Doris*, Anas Sarwar*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-09644](#) Tom Mason: Fast Field-Cycling Magnetic Resonance Imaging Equipment (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*, David Torrance*

[S5M-09643](#) Emma Harper: Let's Get Sporty (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Bob Doris*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*

[S5M-09642](#) Mairi Gougeon: Strathmore Rugby Football Club Receives Awards for All Scotland Funding (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Graeme Dey*, David Torrance*, Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Bob Doris*, Gillian Martin*

[S5M-09641](#) Clare Adamson: Windmills Lanarkshire Ltd, Motherwell (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*, Jenny Gilruth*, Bob Doris*, Gillian Martin*

[S5M-09640](#) Clare Adamson: Newmains Community Trust (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*, Jenny Gilruth*, Bob Doris*, Gillian Martin*

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[S5M-09639](#) Mairi Gougeon: Montrose Bowling Club Receives Awards for All Scotland Funding (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Graeme Dey*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*, Jenny Gilruth*, Bob Doris*, Gillian Martin*

[S5M-09638](#) Mairi Gougeon: Ferryden School Partnership Receives Grant from the Big Lottery Fund (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*, Jenny Gilruth*, Bob Doris*, Gillian Martin*

[S5M-09632](#) Richard Lyle: Viewpark Gardens Allotments Association (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Bob Doris*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*

[S5M-09631](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Green-fingered Penicuik Pupils (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*, David Torrance*

[S5M-09630](#) Emma Harper: The Family Centre in Lochside, North West Dumfries (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*

[S5M-09628](#) Adam Tomkins: Holocaust Memorial Day 2018 (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee*, Jenny Gilruth*, Elaine Smith*, Sandra White*, Alexander Burnett*, Murdo Fraser*, Bob Doris*, John Scott*, David Torrance*, Bruce Crawford*

[S5M-09627](#) Jackson Carlaw: McAlpine and Co (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-09626](#) Peter Chapman: Score Group Peterhead Helps 13 Apprentices (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*, Annie Wells*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Liz Smith*, Murdo Fraser*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Alison Harris*, Margaret Mitchell*, Tom Mason*, Bill Bowman*, Edward Mountain*

[S5M-09625](#) Angus MacDonald: Zetland Park Given Heritage Lottery Funding (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*

[S5M-09624](#) Alexander Stewart: Dunfermline Safe Zone (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Bob Doris*, Annie Wells*, David Torrance*, John Scott*

[S5M-09623](#) Alexander Stewart: Dalgety Bay Family Collects Over 700 Gifts for Children in Hospital this Christmas (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*, David Torrance*

[S5M-09622](#) Clare Adamson: Fair Internet Access (lodged on 15 December 2017)

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New Support: David Torrance*, Clare Haughey*, Richard Lyle*, Bob Doris*, Stuart McMillan*, Ash Denham*, Gillian Martin*

[S5M-09621](#) Tom Arthur: Carer Positive Employer Initiative (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*

[S5M-09620](#) Gillian Martin: Nine-year-old Rebecca Morrice Raises £1,284 for Cancer Research UK (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*

[S5M-09619](#) Alexander Stewart: Cowdenbeath-based Entrepreneur's Company Launches UK's First Sleeper Mini-coach (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09618](#) Graeme Dey: Success for Arbroath Performer at Scottish Youth Theatre's National Ensemble (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*

[S5M-09617](#) Gillian Martin: Audrey and Lindsay Cameron Raise over £2,400 for Charity (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*

[S5M-09616](#) Peter Chapman: Bounce Against Cancer (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*, David Torrance*

[S5M-09613](#) Alexander Stewart: Fife Gingerbread Nominated for £2,000 Starbucks Award (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*, David Torrance*

[S5M-09611](#) Margaret Mitchell: Dr Jackie Taylor (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09609](#) Peter Chapman: Simpson Services Helping Turriff (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09608](#) Margaret Mitchell: Hamilton Park Racecourse (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Neil Bibby*

[S5M-09607](#) Margaret Mitchell: Kirsty Gilmour (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09606](#) Margaret Mitchell: Rainbow Room International, Uddingston (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09605](#) Bill Bowman: Shaper Caper Limited (lodged on 15 December 2017)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09604](#) Fulton MacGregor: High School Students Sleep in the Park (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Jenny Gilruth*, Bob Doris*, Gillian Martin*

[S5M-09603](#) Peter Chapman: 44th WorldSkills Competition (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09602](#) Fulton MacGregor: Hat-trick Win at Media Scotland's Regionals Editorial Awards (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Sandra White*, David Torrance*, Jenny Gilruth*, Gillian Martin*

[S5M-09601](#) Alexander Stewart: Ochil Youths Community Improvement CIC Receives Young Start Funding (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09600](#) Alexander Stewart: Bannockburn House Trust Receives £150,000 National Lottery Grant (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09599](#) Alexander Stewart: Rosyth Community Projects Limited / EATSRosyth Receive £90,000 National Lottery Grant (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09597](#) Colin Beattie: Queen Margaret University Helps Ease Students' Mental Illness (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Bruce Crawford*

[S5M-09596](#) Colin Beattie: Midlothian Young People's Advice Service Receives Grant to Aid LGBTQ Youth (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-09595](#) Alison Johnstone: Comments by the Chancellor of the Exchequer Regarding the Employment of Disabled People (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Sandra White*, David Torrance*, Jenny Gilruth*, Bob Doris*, Ivan McKee*

[S5M-09592](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Gin Companies in the Running for Awards (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S5M-09591](#) Ivan McKee: Congratulating Toonspeak Young People's Theatre in Barmulloch, Glasgow (lodged on 14 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Bob Doris*

[S5M-09590](#) John Finnie: Taking Stock: Views and Experiences of Alcohol Licensing in Scotland in 2016/17 (lodged on 14 December 2017)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Alison Johnstone*

[S5M-09589](#) Gail Ross: Campaign Work of WWF Scotland (lodged on 14 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Richard Lochhead*

[S5M-09588](#) Ross Greer: Democratic Elections in Northern Syria (lodged on 14 December 2017)

New Support: Christina McKelvie*, Alison Johnstone*, Ivan McKee*

[S5M-09587](#) Gail Ross: Caithness Teenagers among the Top under-18 Darts Players in Scotland (lodged on 14 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ash Denham*

[S5M-09586](#) Alison Harris: Last Remaining Bank in Denny to Close (lodged on 14 December 2017)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S5M-09585](#) Emma Harper: Commending the Beginning of Intergenerational Friendships in Dumfries (lodged on 14 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-09580](#) Andy Wightman: The Scotland Declaration on Human Rights (lodged on 14 December 2017)

New Support: Alison Johnstone*

[S5M-09562](#) Clare Adamson: Cragneuk Takeaway Named Scotland's Best (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S5M-09556](#) Angus MacDonald: Denny and Dunipace Citizens Advice Bureau Celebrates 40th Anniversary (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S5M-09554](#) Adam Tomkins: Another Record Month for Glasgow Airport (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: John Scott*

[S5M-09553](#) Alison Johnstone: Inflation, the Benefits Freeze and Benefits Uprating (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Pauline McNeill*

[S5M-09504](#) Ross Greer: Universities Superannuation Scheme (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Alison Johnstone*, Mike Rumbles*

[S5M-09389](#) Monica Lennon: Alcohol and Drug-related Deaths (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Gail Ross*, Fulton MacGregor*, Mairi Gougeon*, Stuart McMillan*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Liam McArthur*, Donald Cameron*, Kenneth Gibson*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Mark

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Motions Gluasadan				

Griffin*, Rona Mackay*, Liam Kerr*, Richard Lochhead*, Richard Leonard*, Anas Sarwar*, Gordon Lindhurst*, David Torrance*, Pauline McNeill*

[S5M-09328](#) Joan McAlpine: The Economic Potential of Robert Burns (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Bob Doris*

[S5M-08404](#) Murdo Fraser: Street Pastors Scotland, 10th Anniversary (lodged on 06 November 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

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Questions Ceistean				

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 19 December 2017

[S5W-13538](#) Jenny Gilruth: To ask the Scottish Government what information it can provide regarding the recent visit to India by the Deputy First Minister.

Written questions lodged on 19 December 2017

[S5W-13523](#) Andy Wightman: To ask the Scottish Government how many hectares of privately-owned forest land are owned by women.

[S5W-13524](#) Andy Wightman: To ask the Scottish Government how many hectares of private forestry land is owned in holdings of (a) 0-10ha, (b) 11-50ha, (c) 51-200ha, (d) 201-1,000ha and (e) greater than 1,000ha.

[S5W-13525](#) Andy Wightman: To ask the Scottish Government how many hectares of private forestry land are owned by (a) individuals, (b) families, (c) resident owners, (d) absentee owners, (e) charitable bodies and (f) corporate bodies.

[S5W-13527](#) Andy Wightman: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding the residency status of the owners of private forestry land.

[S5W-13528](#) Gordon Lindhurst: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to respond to reports that the black-legged kittiwake has joined the Atlantic puffin as a threatened species on the IUCN Red List.

[S5W-13529](#) Gordon Lindhurst: To ask the Scottish Government what impact the Welsh Government's evaluation of the Human Transplantation (Wales) Act 2013, published on 30 November 2017, which reportedly shows lower rates of donation since the change in the law, will have on its policy on this issue.

[S5W-13530](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how many "good neighbour agreements" made under section 75D of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 have been registered by the Registers of Scotland in each year since 2011-12.

[S5W-13531](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish the assessment that underpins its assertion that the provisions in its Planning (Scotland) Bill are compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights.

[S5W-13532](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether the provisions in its Planning (Scotland) Bill are compliant with the obligations in the UN Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, also known as the Aarhus Convention, and when it will publish any such assessment.

[S5W-13533](#) George Adam: To ask the Scottish Government how many baby boxes have been delivered by each NHS board.

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Questions Ceistean				

S5W-13534 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government which transport strategies are predicated on increasing levels of motor vehicle traffic, broken down by local authority area.

S5W-13535 Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government how much it will cost (a) it, (b) its agencies, (c) other public bodies and (d) local authorities to (i) set up and (ii) administer the proposed five-band Scottish income tax structure.

S5W-13536 Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Fiscal Commission's reported prediction that the economy will grow at a rate of less than 1% per annum over the next five years, and that the slowdown in growth will lead to £2 billion less being collected in income tax.

S5W-13540 Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many and (b) what proportion of probationary-year teachers in 2017-18 have left the profession (i) voluntarily and (ii) following a professional assessment.

S5W-13541 Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government how many of the 506 teachers employed through attainment challenge funding and identified in the 2017 teacher census are employed on (a) permanent and (b) fixed-term contracts.

S5W-13542 Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government whether the NHS take blood/saliva tests results provided by private laboratories into account when providing a clinical diagnosis, and if so, what criteria these laboratories must meet.

S5W-13543 Peter Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government when (a) the Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy and (b) its officials last visited Fraserburgh to discuss the Fraserburgh taskforce.

S5W-13544 Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) advice and (b) support it provides to (i) farmers and (ii) landowners who want to install small-scale hydro schemes on salmon spawn tributaries.

S5W-13545 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government which international classification of diseases (ICD) for oncology codes were used for brain tumours in the 2016 Scottish Cancer Patient Experience Survey.

S5W-13546 Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is considering rebranding the Forestry Commission in Scotland and, if so, how many staff are employed with this; what their terms of reference and remit are, and when they will report their conclusions to ministers.

S5W-13547 Ivan McKee: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that its 10% quota of accessible homes is not put at risk by Brexit.

S5W-13548 Ivan McKee: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that the information it produces regarding Brexit will be made available in accessible formats.

S5W-13549 Ivan McKee: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that any post-Brexit shortfall in funding for organisations in Scotland that help disabled people will be met.

S5W-13550 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason ISD Scotland statistics published on 19 December 2017 suggest that there has been decline in A&E waiting time performance (a) in NHS Lothian and (b) at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, and what action it is taking to ensure that the waiting time target is met.

S5W-13551 Peter Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the (a) work and (b) outcomes of the Fraserburgh taskforce.

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S5W-13552 Peter Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the commitment in the SNP manifesto, what action it is taking to increase the economic position of coastal economies.

S5W-13553 Peter Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government, other than the local taskforce, what action it is taking to encourage economic development in Fraserburgh, and what discussions (a) the Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy has and (b) its officials have had with stakeholders in the area about the effectiveness of this.

S5W-13554 Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the of the recently-published, *Independent Review of Student Financial Support in Scotland*, whether (a) it plans to co-opt universities into contributing to the student basic income, and if so, at what level and (b) the recommended student basic income will be given to (i) Scotland-domiciled students only and (ii) (A) EU citizens and (B) others with eligibility for student loans.

S5W-13556 Andy Wightman: To ask the Scottish Government what research (a) it has and (b) its agencies have commissioned on the development of a genetic test to identify Scottish wildcats; how much this cost, and whether it will publish the findings.

S5W-13557 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government when the new Ardrossan-Arran ferry will come into service; what the total cost of the project will be, and how these compare with the original estimates.

S5W-13558 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government whether the new Ardrossan-Arran ferry sea trials have suggested any concerns regarding its ability to (a) meet the requirements of its specification and (b) perform its originally intended operational duties.

S5W-13559 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government whether the new Ardrossan-Arran ferry will require upgrades to (a) it and (b) (i) Ardrossan and (ii) Brodick Harbour to facilitate its berthing.

S5W-13560 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government under what (a) weather and (b) sea conditions the new Ardrossan–Arran ferry will be able to operate, and how this compares with the existing service.

S5W-13561 Tom Mason: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to close the reported GDP growth rate gap between Scotland and the rest of the UK.

S5W-13562 Tom Mason: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to figures in the report, *Scotland Performs*, which suggest that there has been a 10% reduction in the number of people who are "very" or "fairly" satisfied with local public services over the last five years; what action it is taking to address this, and what impact it believes any reduction in local authority finance will have on people's perception of these services. **R**

S5W-13563 Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-12825 by Maureen Watt on 30 November 2017, what plans it has to carry out research on the mental health of all looked-after children and young adults.

S5W-13565 Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what emergency support measures are in place for people who could be affected by severe weather over the festive period. **R**

S5W-13566 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government whether registered social landlords can issue factoring policy charges to tenants for (a) the provision of bad debt write-offs, (b) marketing and (c) office rent, rates or utilities and, if so, under what legislation.

S5W-13567 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-12864 by Shona Robison on 29 November 2017, in light of the

consultation discussing options for reforming the way that professional regulators handle complaints

from patients and the public, whether it plans to change the current arrangement, in which NHS boards investigate complaints addressed to themselves first before considering the possible involvement of professional bodies, and what the reasons are for its position on this matter.

S5W-13568 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-12864 by Shona Robison on 29 November 2017, in light of the consultation discussing whether there is scope for achieving a more inquisitorial approach within the existing arrangements with regard to practice investigations and calling for further co-operation with employers to achieve local resolution at an earlier stage where possible, how this could be achieved.

S5W-13569 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-12864 by Shona Robison on 29 November 2017, in light of the consultation discussing the need for "greater co-operation and data sharing between the professional regulators and other parts of the healthcare regulatory system" and highlighting the role of the Care Quality Commission as a system regulator, how this could be achieved, given that Scotland does not have a system regulator equivalent to the Care Quality Commission.

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Members' Bills Proposals Molaidhean airson Bilean Buill				

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).

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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.

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)), 19 December 2017

Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 12 December 2017

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
(LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill (P)

Passed, 21 November 2017

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Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 13 December 2017

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Equalities and Human Rights Committee), 21 December 2017

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

Stage 1, Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 19 December 2017

Lead committee - Equalities and Human Rights

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 (G)

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

Social Security (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 19 December 2017

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
[*\(LegislationTeam@parliament.scot\)*](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

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

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

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

Passed, 14 December 2017

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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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

(lead committee (Finance and Constitution)), 20 December 2017

Financial Guidance and Claims Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-11

Lodged on 13 December 2017

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

Affirmative instruments

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 4 February 2018

[Regulation of Investigatory Powers \(Covert Surveillance and Property Interference – Code of Practice\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (11 December 2017) (Justice)

[Regulation of Investigatory Powers \(Equipment Interference – Code of Practice\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (11 December 2017) (Justice)

[Regulation of Investigatory Powers \(Covert Human Intelligence Sources – Code of Practice\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (11 December 2017) (Justice)

Lead committee to report by 8 February 2018

[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exclusions and Exceptions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (15 December 2017) (Education and Skills)

[Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Scotland\) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (15 December 2017) (Education and Skills)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 22 December 2017

Lead committee to report by 18 December 2017

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[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)

[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)

Subject to annulment by 6 February 2018

Lead committee to report by 5 February 2018

[National Health Service Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/433\)](#) (13 December 2017) (Health and Sport)

[National Health Service Superannuation Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/434\)](#) (13 December 2017) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 7 February 2018

Lead committee to report by 5 February 2018

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Amendment and Transitional Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/435\)](#) (14 December 2017) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 8 February 2018

Lead committee to report by 5 February 2018

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[Universal Credit \(Claims and Payments\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/436\) \(15 December 2017\)](#) (Social Security)

[Sea Fish \(Prohibited Methods of Fishing\) \(Firth of Clyde\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/450\) \(15 December 2017\)](#) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Electricity Works \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/451\) \(15 December 2017\)](#) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

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)

Petitions

The following petition was lodged with the Parliament on 18 December 2017

PE1678 by Robert Reid on behalf of Scottish Countryside Rangers Association on National strategic framework for Countryside Ranger Services in Scotland.

A full list of petitions can be viewed on the Scottish Parliament website at:

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New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 19 December 2017—

Justice Committee, 23rd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (Application and Modification of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SP Paper 252)

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 19 December 2017 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

General Pharmaceutical Council Strategic Plan 2017-20: Year Two SG/2017/288 laid under Paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 of the Pharmacy Order 2010.

Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/269 laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Futures Trust Limited Annual Report and Group Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/268 laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

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