

Thursday 2 March 2017

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

- 11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 11:40 am** General Questions
- 12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions
- 12:45 pm** Members' Business — S5M-03731
Fulton MacGregor: Apprenticeship Week
- 2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2:30 pm** Ministerial Statement: Child Protection Improvement Programme
- followed by** Scottish Government Debate:
Scottish Patient Safety Programme
- followed by** Legislative Consent Motion:
Criminal Finances Bill – UK Legislation
- followed by** Business Motions
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- 5:00 pm** Decision Time

Committee Meetings

- 8:00am** Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee
- 9:00am** Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee
- 9:15am** Public Petitions Committee
- 9:30am** Equalities and Human Rights Committee
- 10:00am** Social Security Committee
- 10:00am** Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

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11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

1. Jenny Gilruth: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to close the attainment gap. ([S5O-00720](#))

2. Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what evaluation has been made of its previous suicide prevention strategy, and how this will underpin its updated mental health strategy. ([S5O-00721](#))

3. Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with retail banks regarding branch networks. ([S5O-00722](#))

4. Gillian Martin: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to assist people in the oil and gas industry who are facing redundancy. ([S5O-00723](#))

5. Gail Ross: To ask the Scottish Government how it works with rural community councils to develop community empowerment, devolve powers locally and help reform local government. ([S5O-00724](#))

6. Stewart Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government what the impact would be on the fishing industry of the UK Government considering it a medium priority in its negotiations on leaving the EU, as suggested in a recently-leaked memo. ([S5O-00725](#))

7. Kate Forbes: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting The Highland Council in recruiting teachers. ([S5O-00726](#))

8. Maree Todd: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has received an update from the Department for Work and Pensions regarding progress of the roll-out of universal credit in the Highlands. ([S5O-00727](#))

9. Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to identify European E-road routes on road signs after the UK leaves the EU. ([S5O-00728](#))

10. Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport will announce a final decision regarding the proposed closure of the children's ward at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. ([S5O-00729](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

1. Ruth Davidson: To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the day. ([S5F-00949](#))

2. Kezia Dugdale: To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the week. ([S5F-00944](#))

3. Patrick Harvie: To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S5F-00952](#))

4. Willie Rennie: To ask the First Minister what issues will be discussed at the next meeting of the Cabinet. ([S5F-00954](#))

5. Christine Grahame: To ask the First Minister what measures the Scottish Government will take to ensure that there is appropriate social housing to meet the requirements of disabled, vulnerable and frail older people. ([S5F-00950](#))

6. Brian Whittle: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that sports funding is set for a 20% reduction over the next three years, which has been described by sportscotland as "heartbreaking". ([S5F-00955](#))

7. Mark Griffin: To ask the First Minister how many children the measures in the Child Poverty Bill will lift out of poverty by May 2021. ([S5F-00948](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

S5M-03731 Fulton MacGregor: Apprenticeship Week—That the Parliament notes that Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2017 will take place from 6 to 10 March with the theme, Apprenticeships are Changing; understands that it aims to celebrate the benefits that apprenticeships and work-based learning bring to employers and businesses in Coatbridge and across Scotland, with events and activity taking place throughout the week; recognises the achievements made by apprentices and the value they add to the country's workforce; notes that the week supports targets to create 30,000 modern apprenticeship places each year as well as the introduction of foundation and graduate level apprenticeships; notes the encouragement given to members to get involved by visiting an apprenticeship employer or training provider in their area, and wishes success to all of the employers, training providers and apprentices involved in the week's activities.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Child Protection Improvement Programme

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Patient Safety Programme

S5M-04324 Shona Robison: Scottish Patient Safety Programme—That the Parliament recognises that the work of the Scottish Patient Safety Programme, which is the first programme of its kind to be implemented on a national basis, is world leading and represents the international benchmark for safe care; notes the efforts of the many staff throughout the NHS in a variety of care settings all over the country to ensure that the people of Scotland can undergo safe and effective treatment; acknowledges the huge challenges that face the NHS in meeting the demands of an ageing population and those of integrating health and social care services, and recognises the role that innovative improvement approaches can play in helping to meet those challenges.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S5M-04324.1 Donald Cameron: Scottish Patient Safety Programme—As an amendment to motion S5M-04324 in the name of Shona Robison (Scottish Patient Safety Programme), insert at end "; notes that staffing levels are essential to patient safety; believes that, across a range of clinical specialities and across the country, the NHS is facing severe workforce and staffing issues, and therefore believes that to sustain further progress on patient safety, further action on staffing must be a priority."

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followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Criminal Finances Bill – UK Legislation

[S5M-03924](#) Michael Matheson: Criminal Finances Bill – UK Legislation—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Criminal Finances Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 13 October 2016, relating to amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-04332](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Continuing Care (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-04333](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2017 be approved.

[S5M-04335](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 (Modification) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee 8th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 8:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Determining Scotland's future relationship with the European Union (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 6th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Section 22 report - The 2015/16 audit of the Scottish Police Authority:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "The 2015/16 audit of the Scottish Police Authority" from—
John Foley, Chief Executive, and Andrew Flanagan, Chair of the Board, Scottish Police Authority;
Philip Gormley QPM, Chief Constable, and David Page, Deputy Chief Officer, Police Scotland;
and then from—
Paul Johnston, Director-General Learning & Justice, Donald McGillivray, Deputy Director of Police Division, Ann Thomson, Head of Police Powers & Finance Unit, and Kerry Twyman, Deputy Director of Finance Programme Management, Scottish Government.
3. **Section 22 report - The 2015/16 audit of the Scottish Police Authority:** The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Gillian Woolman, Assistant Director, and Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Public Petitions Committee 4th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Consideration of a continued petition:** The Committee will consider the following continued petition—
[PE1605](#) by Peter Gregson, on behalf of Kids not Suits, on whistleblowing in the NHS - a safer way to report mismanagement and bullying;
and will take evidence from—
Paul Gray, Chief Executive, NHS Scotland;
Shirley Rodgers, Director of Health Workforce and Strategic Change, Scottish Government.
2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
[PE1631](#) by Maureen McVey on Child Welfare Hearings;

and will take evidence from—

Maureen McVey;

June Loudon, Secretary, Grandparents Apart;

Scott McVey;

and will then consider—

[PE1632](#) by Amanda Macdonald on concessionary transport for carers.

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

[PE1581](#) by Duncan Wright, on behalf of Save Scotland's School Libraries, on save Scotland's school libraries;

[PE1600](#) by John Chapman on speed awareness courses;

[PE1603](#) by Mairi Campbell-Jack and Douglas Beattie, on behalf of Quaker in Scotland and Forces Watch, on ensuring greater scrutiny, guidance and consultation on armed forces visits to schools in Scotland;

[PE1604](#) by Catherine Matheson on inquests for all deaths by suicide Scotland;

[PE1619](#) by Stuart Knox on access to continuous glucose monitoring;

[PE1622](#) by Stephen Duff on make failure to recycle a criminal offence;

[PE1624](#) by Akri Jones on definition of adultery.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee

6th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Legacy work - Removing Barriers: race, ethnicity and employment** The Committee will take oral evidence on progress from the recommendations made by the Session 4 Equal Opportunities Committee 1st Report, 2016 (Session 4): Removing Barriers: race, ethnicity and employment from—
Rebecca Marek, Policy and Parliamentary Officer, Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights (CRER);
Colin Lee, Chief Executive, Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations (CEMVO Scotland);
Rami Ousta, Chief Executive Officer, and Ann McInnes, Modern Apprenticeships Programme Director, BEMIS.
3. **Legacy work - Removing Barriers: race, ethnicity and employment** The Committee will consider the evidence received.

Social Security Committee

4th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Social Security Bill:** The Committee will receive an update on devolved powers and forthcoming legislation from—
Jeane Freeman, Minister for Social Security, David Signorini, Head of Communities Analytical Services, and Chris Boyland, Legislation and Delivery Team Leader, Scottish Government.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 5th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Scotland Act 2016 (in private):** The Committee will consider a note by the Clerk.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 1 March 2017

Tuesday 7 March 2017

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-02900 Alex Rowley: Local Government Finance and the State of the Debt

Wednesday 8 March 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-03214 Linda Fabiani: Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal

Thursday 9 March 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-03984 Adam Tomkins: Community Jobs Scotland

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2017

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Biodiversity

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 14 March 2017

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 March 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Health and Sport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 16 March 2017

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

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Future Committee Meetings

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

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Motions

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

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

Motions for Debate

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Supported by: Aileen Campbell

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Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

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

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, Sandra White*, Richard Lyle*, David Torrance*, Ash Denham*, Alex Rowley*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Elaine Smith*, Kenneth Gibson*, Johann Lamont*, Graeme Dey*, Angus MacDonald*, Gillian Martin*, Fulton MacGregor*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S5M-04378 Ruth Maguire: Scottish Building Apprentice of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Adam Cairney, who is an apprentice joiner from Kilwinning, on being awarded the Scottish Building Apprentice of the Year (4th year) by the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE); understands that these awards highlight the talent and achievements of apprentice tradespeople in Scotland; acknowledges that this is Adam's second APSE award in the last six months, having previously won top prize in the building skills category at the APSE National Housing and Building Apprentice of the Year Awards in October 2016; commends Adam's dedication and hard work; applauds the high level of training provided by North Ayrshire Council, and wishes both Adam and North Ayrshire Council continued success.

Supported by: Richard Lyle*, Joan McAlpine*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Emma Harper*, Kenneth Gibson*, Rona Mackay*, Ash Denham*, Monica Lennon*, David Torrance*, Sandra White*

***S5M-04377 Pauline McNeill: Advice to Limit Children's Use of Technology**—That the Parliament notes guidance issued by the American Academy of Paediatrics and the Canadian Society of Paediatrics advising limiting children and young people's use of technology; understands that the guidelines state that infants up to two years should not have any exposure to technology, three to five-year-olds should be restricted to one hour per day and that six to 18-year-olds should restrict their use to two hours per day; further understands that these guidelines have been issued due to a long list of possible negative effects resulting from over exposure to technology, which include developmental delays, mental illness, obesity, addiction and radiation emission; believes that, due to the ubiquity of technology, more awareness is needed on the potential harmful effects that over-exposure can have, particularly on young people, and urges that more research be carried out on this increasingly important subject.

***S5M-04376 David Torrance: Pathhead Pensioners**—That the Parliament congratulates Pathhead Pensioners on being awarded £500 from the Asda Chosen by You, Given by Us programme; understands that this funding was awarded to the group following the green token vote by customers at Asda in Kirkcaldy; congratulates both the runners up, Kirkcaldy North

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Primary School and the Real Fife Football Club, on their £200 donations from Asda, and hopes that these funds, generously provided by the Asda Foundation, will help all three organisations continue to flourish and develop their educational and recreational activities.

***[S5M-04375](#) Tom Arthur: Most Desirable Place to Live in Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates the village of Neilston on being named the most desirable place to live in Scotland; understands that the village came first as the most desirable place to live and work in a study carried out for Royal Mail; believes this to be down to its scenic surroundings and strong sense of community; commends the people of Neilston, whose good will and hard work have been a major factor in making it such a desirable place to live, particularly through community groups such as the Neilston Community Development Trust, and wishes them all the best with their continued efforts in the area.

***[S5M-04374](#) John Finnie: Israeli Apartheid Week**—That the Parliament welcomes the 13th annual Israeli Apartheid Week; understands that the week is an international series of events that seeks to raise awareness of what it sees as Israel's settler-colonial project and apartheid system over the Palestinian people and to build support for the growing Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement; understands that the 2016 Israeli Apartheid Week included a wide range of events, from lectures, film screenings, cultural performances and BDS actions; welcomes that these actions took place in more than 225 cities across the world, and acknowledges that, despite attacks on BDS internationally, the Israeli Apartheid Week and the BDS movement continue to build linkages and solidarity with other struggles to achieve freedom, justice and equality globally.

***[S5M-04373](#) Alexander Stewart: Community Grant Aids Alloa Musical Players Theatre Group**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that, thanks to a grant from Scotmid, the Alloa Musical Players are able to take to the stage with their production of Evita; understands that, having achieved the only Scottish amateur licence to perform the Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice classic, the theatre group has been hard at work fundraising in an attempt to keep ticket prices down; notes that, recently, the group received a £500 community grant from Scotmid to help cover the cost of costumes and props, and wishes all involved the very best of luck with their production.

***[S5M-04372](#) Bill Kidd: Drumchapel High School Big Lottery Fund Award**—That the Parliament commends Drumchapel High School on receiving £7,804 from the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All scheme; understands that the money will be used to increase pupil and wider community engagement in fitness and dance activities, and notes that this will be achieved through the creation of a new dance studio.

***[S5M-04371](#) Bill Kidd: St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, Big Lottery Fund Award**—That the Parliament congratulates St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School on its recent grant from the Big Lottery Fund of £9,963 through the Awards for All scheme; notes that this funding will be used for the purchase of school gym equipment, and further notes the school's strength in sport, which is also reflected in the PE department's ongoing work with former GB Olympic athletes to encourage students hoping to pursue a sporting career.

***[S5M-04370](#) Alison Johnstone: Damaging New Regulations on Personal Independence Payments**—That the Parliament notes the laying in the UK Parliament of the Social Security (Personal Independence Payment) (Amendment) Regulations 2017; understands that these regulations are intended to counter rulings by tribunals that applicants who experience

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"overwhelming psychological distress" without someone to accompany them on a journey or who need assistance managing therapy or monitoring a health condition, should score assessment points that will help them become entitled to enhanced personal independence payment (PIP); considers that this could cause people in need of support while travelling, to become isolated, with impacts on their mental and physical health; considers that this is a step back from parity of physical and mental health in determining eligibility for benefits, as people needing support to travel because they are blind, for example, will continue to qualify; understands that Disability Rights UK has argued that increased emergency hospital admissions could result from people needing support for managing therapy and monitoring their health condition not getting entitlement to PIP; believes that comments in relation to the tribunal rulings by George Freeman MP are discriminatory against people with severe mental health conditions; is disappointed that the UK Government did not refer the regulations to the Social Security Advisory Committee, which it understands is entitled to be consulted on proposed changes to social security law; believes that the UK Government's actions show contempt for the independent judiciary, and looks forward to the devolution of PIP and a fairer system of disability benefits in Scotland.

***S5M-04369 John Finnie: New Electricity Scheme on the Fair Isle**—That the Parliament welcomes reports that Shetland Islands Council has agreed to contribute £250,000 towards a proposed new electricity scheme on the Fair Isle; understands that this would see the remote island community having access to guaranteed 24-hour electricity for the first time; notes that the scheme seeks to install three 60kW wind turbines, a 50kW solar array and battery storage, as well as extend the grid to the north of the island; believes that the community are seeking other backers for the £2.7 million project, and wishes the project every success.

Supported by: Ross Greer*, Stuart McMillan*, Richard Lyle*, Kenneth Gibson*, Ash Denham*, Douglas Ross*, Angus MacDonald*, Colin Beattie*, Andy Wightman*, Bill Kidd*, Gail Ross*, David Torrance*, Edward Mountain*

***S5M-04368 John Finnie: Aquatera Wins Tidal Power Contract in Japan**—That the Parliament congratulates the Orkney-based energy and environmental services firm, Aquatera, on winning a consultancy contract to support a tidal power project in Japan; understands that Aquatera will conduct an environmental impact assessment for underwater turbines as part of a proposed tidal test site in Nagasaki; believes that projects such as this demonstrate that Scotland is leading the world in marine renewables, and encourages both the Scottish and UK governments to provide greater investment in this area.

Supported by: Liam McArthur*, Patrick Harvie*, Ross Greer*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*

***S5M-04367 Neil Findlay: PIP Changes and Scottish Government**—That the Parliament notes with concern that the UK Government has introduced emergency legislation to tighten the criteria of personal independence payments, cutting spending on welfare by £3.7 million; is concerned by the statistic that one-in-three people in Scotland have a mental health condition, and consequently urges the Scottish Government not to follow this approach and protect learning disabled people from what it considers gross disability cuts.

***S5M-04366 Andy Wightman: Extending the Powers of the Scottish SPCA to Investigate Wildlife Crime**—That the Parliament notes the sixth anniversary of the stage 3 debate on the Wildlife and Natural Environment Bill, which was held on 2 March 2011; recalls that the then Minister for the Environment and Climate Change, Roseanna Cunningham, agreed to consult on extending the Scottish SPCA existing investigative powers over crimes relating to domestic

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animals to wildlife crime; recalls that this was in response to an amendment to the bill by Peter Peacock MSP; notes that a consultation was launched on 31 March 2014 and closed on 1 September 2014; believes that this consultation demonstrated overwhelming support for extending the powers of the Scottish SPCA and cannot understand why no decision has yet been taken on the matter; recognises the wide expertise of the Scottish SPCA in investigating crimes relating to domestic animals, and wild animals in limited circumstances; considers that there is no logical reason why this expertise should not be drawn upon and put at the disposal of Scotland's law enforcement agencies in relation to wildlife crime, and looks forward to confirmation at the earliest possible opportunity that this reform will be enacted.

Supported by: Ross Greer*, John Finnie*, Patrick Harvie*, David Stewart*, Colin Smyth*, Iain Gray*

***S5M-04365 Alexander Stewart: Lego Exhibition for Perth City of Culture Campaign**—That the Parliament welcomes a major Lego exhibition, which will help build the case for Perth's City of Culture campaign; believes that culture executives are preparing to host Brick City, a spectacular display of 50 recreations of some of the world's best-known landmarks, including St Pancras Station and Westminster Abbey, which could play a key part in the Fair City's bid for City of Culture status in 2021, and understands that Brick City, which has been put together by Lego artist, Warren Elsmore, will open at the Perth Museum and Art Gallery on 7 March 2017 and will run for nine weeks.

Supported by: Donald Cameron*, Peter Chapman*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Liz Smith*, Colin Beattie*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Maurice Corry*, John Lamont*, Oliver Mundell*, Jeremy Balfour*, Ash Denham*, Margaret Mitchell*, Alison Harris*, Ross Thomson*

***S5M-04364 Bruce Crawford: Graham's The Family Dairy Wins Best Dairy Innovation Award 2017**—That the Parliament congratulates Graham's The Family Dairy on winning the Best Dairy Innovation Award at the Gulfood Innovation Awards 2017; understands that Gulfood, held in Dubai, is the world's largest annual food and hospitality event and considers that, to be recognised at this ceremony, is a great achievement; further considers that Graham's The Family Dairy contributes greatly to the Scottish food and drink sector through its home-grown range of the highest quality products, and wishes the business continued success and recognition for its produce.

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***S5M-04363 Richard Lochhead: Friendly Access Fundraising Drive**—That the Parliament congratulates the Moray-based charity group, Friendly Access, on its launch of a £10,000 fundraising drive to secure adaptive surfing equipment; praises the work of the charity, which aims to make sport more accessible to disabled children and adults and people living with hidden disabilities, such as autism; commends the work of the chief executive and founder of the charity, Glyn Morris, who set up the group to help his son and other people like him who are excluded from sports due to their conditions; acknowledges that the charity has already helped numerous people through its partnership with the Riding High group, which pioneers classes in Moray and Aberdeen for people and their families living with autism from across Scotland, and wishes the new scheme, which has been entitled surfABLE Scotland, good luck on its launch in summer 2017.

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***S5M-04362 Richard Lochhead: Speyside Cooperage Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Speyside Cooperage Visitor Centre on the simultaneous 25th anniversary of the visitor centre and the 70th anniversary of the cooperage itself; understands that it is the only cooperage in Scotland with an adjacent visitor centre; commends the staff on their commitment to the continuation and experience of the traditional craft; acknowledges its valuable role in the Scotch whisky sector and the positive effect that the business has had on the local economy, jobs and tourism; applauds the venue on reaching these historical milestones, and wishes it and everyone involved well in the years to come.

***S5M-04361 John Lamont: Congratulations to Whitriggs Farm and Other New Monitor Farms**—That the Parliament commends Whitriggs Farm, near Denholm in the Scottish Borders, and the eight other new monitor farms for their contribution to improving the productivity, profitability and sustainability of farm businesses through the sharing of best practice; notes the Monitor Farm Programme, which is run by Quality Meat Scotland and AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds, will be run over the next three years, during which the farms will work closely together to examine all aspects of their business and establish an information network across Scotland; believes that the programme has the potential to make significant developments in changing farm business management and practices and improve efficiency, and congratulates Whitriggs Farm, which is run by Robert and Lesley Mitchell and their sons Stuart and Alistair, on its contribution to the programme.

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***S5M-04360 Dean Lockhart: Fife's First Arts and Crafts Trail**—That the Parliament welcomes the unveiling of Fife's first arts and crafts trail, which features over 100 galleries, shops, studios and workspaces to demonstrate the work of many local artists and craft workers; notes that the trail has been published in a dedicated brochure and map to highlight to both locals and visitors a taster of the hundreds of creative artists working in Fife; welcomes the promotion of the diversity of work, including jewellery, ceramics, paint, glass, print and textile; recognises the significant role that tourism plays as an economic driver for business growth throughout Fife, and congratulates Fife Tourism Partnership, Fife Council, Fife Cultural Trust and Fife Contemporary Arts on bringing forward this joint venture.

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***S5M-04359 Ben Macpherson: Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2017**—That the Parliament notes Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2017, which runs from 27 February to 5 March; further notes that the theme this year is early intervention; appreciates that the focus of this theme is to raise awareness of these serious mental illnesses and the importance of getting people into treatment as quickly as possible, both when someone first develops an eating disorder and in the case of relapse; appreciates the vital roles that GPs, as well as the people in the lives of those affected, such as friends and family, play in helping to get people into treatment as quickly as

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possible; believes that recovery from an eating disorder is possible and that a person's chance of making a full and sustained recovery is greater if this happens, as it will address the thoughts and feelings that are the root cause; supports B-eat's new Tips campaign, which aims to draw attention to the first warning signs of eating disorders; appreciates the importance of seeking to ensure that everyone is able to recognise the first warning signs of an eating disorder, which it understands are likely to be psychological or relate to the person's behaviour; considers that early spotting can help the person get treatment before physical symptoms emerge and thoughts and feelings leading to the eating disorder become ingrained; commends organisations throughout the country that play a significant role in raising awareness and provide support to people with eating disorders, and welcomes the continued engagement and support from the Scottish Government.

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***S5M-04357 Margaret Mitchell: Uddingston Pride**—That the Parliament congratulates Uddingston Pride on the recent announcement that it will be one of eight Beautiful Scotland groups representing Scotland in the 2017 RHS Britain in Bloom national finals; notes that this follows Uddingston Pride's success in 2016, which included winning gold in the urban community category, and thanks everyone involved for their efforts in keeping Uddingston beautiful, encouraging the local community to take pride in the town and for the impact that this has on those living and working in, and travelling through, Uddingston.

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***S5M-04356 Clare Haughey: Rutherglen Comic Con is a Smash Hit**—That the Parliament congratulates the Big Glasgow Comic Page on the success of the first Rutherglen Comic Con; understands that approximately 2,000 people, including Batman, the Ghostbusters and Rogue, attended to meet special guests, enter cosplay competitions and browse comic and toy stalls; notes that the event was so successful that it will be returning next year, and wishes the organisers every success for the future.

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***S5M-04355 Alexander Stewart: Perth Grammar School to Host 2017 Sports Awards**—That the Parliament notes that Perth Grammar School will be the venue for the 26th Annual Perth and Kinross Sports Awards; understands that the prestigious event on 3 March 2017 will see accolades presented in 11 different categories; further understands that the event, which is backed by Perth and Kinross Sports Council and Live Active Leisure, is billed as a celebration designed to recognise individual and collective excellence in the sporting field; believes that the Live Active Sports Person of the Year Award nominees are the swimmers, Camilla Hattersley and Stephen Milne, the athlete, Laura Muir, and the canoeist, Eilidh Gibson, and wishes everyone involved the very best of luck with the event.

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***S5M-04354 Colin Smyth: Scotland Achieves Fair Trade Nation Status Again—**That the Parliament welcomes Scotland being assessed once more as a Fair Trade Nation; recognises the hard work and commitment of fair trade campaigners across Scotland in achieving this success; congratulates the Scottish Fair Trade Forum on leading and co-ordinating the campaign to maintain and develop Scotland's commitment as a Fair Trade Nation, and commits to further support fair trade in Scotland and the development of the Fair Trade Nation model globally.

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***S5M-04353 Neil Findlay: Welcoming the Social Mobility Commission Report—**That the Parliament welcomes the Social Mobility Commission report, *Social Mobility, the Class Pay Gap and Intergenerational Worklessness: New Insights from The Labour Force Survey*, and in particular its insights on mobility in the top echelons of British society by examining the openness of the professions, and at the bottom by looking at intergenerational worklessness; notes the findings that the odds of people from professional backgrounds ending up in professional jobs are 2.5 times higher than the odds of those from less advantaged backgrounds reaching these professions; is concerned that, while there is little evidence of generations of families never working, there is evidence that people from workless households are 15 to 18% more likely to be workless themselves as adults, which is a finding that is broadly consistent across gender and age, and seeks assurances from the Scottish Government that it is addressing these important findings.

***S5M-04352 Bruce Crawford: Callander Youth Project Trust—**That the Parliament congratulates the Callander Youth Project Trust on its £8,879 Awards for All Scotland grant, which it will use to deliver a programme of activities on Saturdays for young people; understands that the trust aims to improve the quality of life of the young people in the rural area by providing support, resources and access to the best possible recreation and educational facilities, and wishes it every success with its ventures.

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***S5M-04351 Finlay Carson: Lottery Funding Boost for Galloway and West Dumfries—**That the Parliament welcomes news of four organisations in Galloway and West Dumfries that will benefit from Big Lottery funding; notes that Lincluden Community Centre Management Committee will receive £125,974, Stranraer Academy £8,186, ia2ps (increased access 2 psychological support) £10,000 and Haugh of Urr Nursery £9,988; understands that the funding will reach out to a range of causes in the community, and warmly congratulates all concerned.

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***S5M-04350 Miles Briggs: Prince's Trust Research into Young People's Mental Health—**That the Parliament welcomes the publication of new research from the Prince's Trust into the mental health of young people aged 16 to 25 in the UK; notes that the report, part of the Prince's Trust

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Macquarie Youth Index, indicates that 24% of young people would not confide in someone if they were experiencing a mental health problem, with many fearing that it could affect their job prospects; further notes that 78% of young people think that there is a stigma attached to mental health issues, and that 47% of young people have experienced a mental health issue; considers that the report indicates that there is much work still to be done to reduce stigma around mental health and ensure that young people feel able to talk about and access support for mental health challenges; welcomes the Prince's Trust's new mental health strategy, which aims to give its staff, volunteers and delivery partners the confidence and ability to respond to young people's mental health needs, and commends the work of the Prince's Trust and other youth organisations, which it considers have an important role to play in supporting young people, boosting their skills and confidence and building resilience in later life.

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***S5M-04349 Edward Mountain: Highland Forestry Student Receives Land Management Prize**—That the Parliament congratulates Ewan Batchelor, a student of the Scottish School of Forestry at Inverness College UHI, who was presented with the inaugural Savills prize at a ceremony held at the Inverness Campus, and praises Ewan for his proposed strategy for future management of a mixed-use rural estate, which provides a platform for sustainable development and enhanced management of natural resources.

***S5M-04348 Edward Mountain: Dingwall Royal British Legion Branch**—That the Parliament recognises the incredible work by Dingwall Royal British Legion branch, after generous members of the public and local businesses raised a record £12,600 through its 2016 Poppy Appeal, and notes that the funds raised have gone directly to Poppyscotland, which provides support to serving and retired members of the armed forces.

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***S5M-04347 Daniel Johnson: Retailers Support Good Causes**—That the Parliament congratulates members of the Scottish Retail Consortium for the money that retailers raise for charity and good causes; commends retailers for donating over £10 million in 2016; recognises that shops and stores throughout Scotland raise money for charity through a variety of means, including through donations, bag packing and sponsored events, and notes the positive contribution to society that retailers make through fundraising and awareness raising.

***S5M-04346 Alexander Stewart: Refurbished Stroke Facilities at Perth Royal Infirmary**—That the Parliament welcomes the opening of a refurbished patient sitting room, training facility and occupational therapy area for patients at Perth Royal Infirmary (PRI) Stroke Care; understands that the new areas within the dedicated stroke unit at PRI were funded by donations from NHS Tayside's charity, Tayside Health Fund, and notes that the charity is generously funded by donations and legacies from patients, families, carers, the communities of Tayside and other organisations.

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***S5M-04345 Gordon Lindhurst: Edinburgh's Georgian Shadows**—That the Parliament welcomes the opening of the Edinburgh Georgian Shadows experience, which is a light show taking place every evening between 5.30pm and 8.30pm from 23 February until 26 March; recognises that this will highlight Edinburgh's New Town, including its Georgian architecture, during Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017; understands that it will follow a trail from St Andrew Square to Charlotte Square, taking in Dundas House, the Assembly Rooms on George Street, General Register House on Princes Street, the home of Sir Walter Scott on Castle Street and Bute House; notes that the buildings on the trail will offer an insight into the lives of the people who once resided there through illuminations projected on to them; believes that this is a timely celebration of the World Heritage Site, and congratulates all those involved in making this a reality.

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***S5M-04344 Liam Kerr: Dyce Academy Awarded £2,500 by Big Lottery Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates Dyce Academy on receiving £2,500 from the Big Lottery Fund; commends the academy on its application and notes that the money will go towards increasing participation in its Duke of Edinburgh Award programme through mountain leader training and purchase of equipment, and wishes the academy well as it expands this programme in the coming months and years.

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***S5M-04343 Liam Kerr: Northfield Academy's Big Lottery Fund Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Northfield Academy on receiving £9,997 from the Big Lottery Fund for extra-curricular activities; commends the academy on its application and notes that the money will help to expand its excellent parkour and free running activities, which it considers has improved the health and fitness of pupils at the school since its introduction in 2016; understands that it has become so popular that it has been included in the curriculum, and wishes the academy well as it strives to enhance the health and wellbeing of its pupils even more in the coming years.

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***S5M-04342 Stuart McMillan: Larkfield Housing Association 20th Anniversary**—That the Parliament acknowledges the 20th anniversary of the Greenock-based Larkfield Housing Association; welcomes the association's commitment to providing quality affordable homes and services that meet the needs of people; notes its achievements in owning and managing a stock of 391 properties and providing management services to an additional 566 owners; applauds the association's commitment to future partnerships with the community; believes that this is exemplified by its development of new affordable homes in the Braeside area, which will include a

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mix of housing and amenities for older and disabled people, and wishes the association, and its tenants and staff, the very best for the next 20 years and beyond.

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***S5M-04341 Ross Greer: Baljaffray Primary and Nursery's Excellent Inspection**

Report—That the Parliament congratulates Baljaffray Primary and Nursery in Bearsden on its excellent recent inspection report from Education Scotland; understands that this was the first inspection of an establishment in East Dunbartonshire under the new inspection model; notes that both the nursery and primary were evaluated as good, and that the aspects of the school that were particularly praised included the leadership of the head teacher in establishing a welcoming ethos and culture that supports change, the school's strong partnership with parents, and the well behaved, polite, articulate children who are enthusiastic learners who enjoy talking about what they have learned in school and beyond, and wishes all pupils, parents and staff well for the future.

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***S5M-04340 Stuart McMillan: Congratulations to Shirley Cairney on Top Scouting**

Award—That the Parliament congratulates Shirley Cairney of Inverkip on receiving the Award of Merit from the Scout Association; acknowledges her many years of hard work and dedication to the Scout Association as the Assistant Regional Commissioner for West Region Scouts, Deputy District Commissioner and Group Scout Leader; recognises her numerous accomplishments, including training 341 leaders over the last 30 months and, during her time as Group Scout Leader of 85th (Inverkip), rebuilding the group from one of the smallest in the district to one of the largest in the country; hopes that she enjoyed the surprise award and ceremony, and wishes her all the best in the future.

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***S5M-04339 Bob Doris: EIS, Myths of Immigration Educational Booklets Aiming to Tackle**

Racism in Schools—That the Parliament recognises the good work of the Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS) for introducing its Myths of Immigration booklets, which target early to secondary years students, providing guidance and strategies in anti-racist literature that challenge myths and misunderstandings of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; acknowledges in particular the work of the EIS, Show Racism the Red Card and the Scottish Refugee Council, especially Jenny Kemp, Samreen Shah, Nicola Fisher, Margaret Smith, Nicola Hay and John Wilkes for their participation and speeches following the preview of the booklets in the Parliament; notes their dedication across Scotland in aiming to teach children and educators the importance of such literature; commends the ongoing and proactive anti-racist work and traditions of the EIS, which spans generations, and believes that these resources are timely given the implications arising from Brexit, the Trump presidency and the current international situation.

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[S5M-04123](#) Gil Paterson: Strange Claims by Labour—That the Parliament condemns what it believes are claims by the Scottish Labour Party that extra funding for schools in deprived areas would increase inequality; understands that West Dunbartonshire Council’s deputy education convener, who is a Labour councillor, spoke out against a proposed £3,380,400 extra funding for schools, saying that “this approach is too narrow in its focus, does not assess poverty accurately, has no effective management plan, and may, in fact, lead to further inequalities” and that “inequalities might result from failure to address early years provision. It might also result from imprecise targeting causing large differences in funding allocated to schools in the same area”; believes that every school in the local authority area qualifies for a share of what it sees as this welcome extra funding; understands that an EIS spokesperson confirmed that teachers in the area support the proposed cash boost; considers that teachers, not politicians, will know best how money should be spent to improve education; notes the view that, if more funding is put into schools in deprived areas, underprivileged young people will get a better start to life; considers that the previous treatment of teachers by the Labour-run council resulted in three strikes and protests in as many months in 2016 and that, prior to this, the last time teachers took such action was over 30 years ago; condemns what it understands have been further previous actions of the Labour-run council, such as cutting the school week by half-a-day, a move that was reversed at a special meeting that was called by the opposition following a public outcry, and reducing the number of hot meals in schools by one-day-a-week, and praises what it sees as the work of the Scottish Government in moving toward reducing and eventually closing the attainment gap in Scotland.

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***[S5M-04123.1](#) Jackie Baillie: Strange Claims by Labour**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04123 in the name of Gil Paterson (Strange Claims by Labour), leave out from "what it believes" to end and insert "the Scottish Government’s decision to reduce West Dunbartonshire Council’s budget by £6.8 million in the 2017-18 tax year; believes that cuts to councils are cuts to communities; understands that West Dunbartonshire Council, under a Labour administration, has outperformed the national trend for SQA results by supporting 98% of pupils to achieve a pass in the latest SQA exams; further understands that the Labour-run council has doubled the school clothing grant to £100 for every child in both primary and secondary schools, making it the highest overall level of school clothing grant in Scotland, empowered parent councils to be more active in their children’s education by providing extra funding of £81,000 and £58,000 for secondary school and primary school parent councils respectively, built a completely new education campus in Bellsmyre, invested £5.5 million in refurbishing schools across West Dunbartonshire, increased Education Maintenance Allowance by 25% helping low income families across the area, provided breakfast clubs for every primary school in the authority, extended the threshold for receiving free school meals by £500 every year for the last five years, helping low income families and ensuring that no child in the authority area goes without a meal during the day, as well as opening the first learning hub, in partnership with the Glasgow Science Centre, allowing children to focus on STEM subjects; believes that West Dunbartonshire Council’s attainment level has increased year-on-year since 2012, despite what it sees as continued cuts by the Scottish Government; thanks West Dunbartonshire Council for continuing to invest in education and other local services, and recognises what it believes are the increasingly difficult conditions that it is operating in due to budget decisions taken by the Scottish Government.”

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[S5M-04338](#) Jeremy Balfour: Dalkeith Town Centre Heritage Regeneration (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*, Finlay Carson*, Ross Thomson*, Douglas Ross*, Bill Bowman*, David Torrance*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04331](#) Christina McKelvie: SCRAN Food Project (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee*, Jenny Gilruth*, Gillian Martin*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-04330](#) Christina McKelvie: Eddlewood Youth Project (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee*, Jenny Gilruth*, Gillian Martin*, Bruce Crawford*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-04326](#) Annie Wells: Successful Campaign to Repair the Polmadie Footbridge (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Donald Cameron*, Jamie Greene*, Finlay Carson*, Ross Thomson*, Bill Bowman*, Sandra White*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04325](#) Alison Harris: Organisations in Cumbernauld and Croy Benefit from Lottery Funding (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Bill Bowman*, John Lamont*, Douglas Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Bill Kidd*, Alexander Stewart*, Edward Mountain*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liz Smith*, Colin Beattie*, Ross Thomson*

[S5M-04323](#) Margaret Mitchell: Brighter Bothwell (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Maurice Corry*, Liz Smith*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Edward Mountain*, Donald Cameron*, John Lamont*, Douglas Ross*, Peter Chapman*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Bill Bowman*, Monica Lennon*, Alison Harris*, Richard Lyle*, Oliver Mundell*, Ross Thomson*

[S5M-04322](#) Tom Arthur: Congratulations to Kelburn Bar in Barrhead (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Gillian Martin*, Neil Bibby*, Ivan McKee*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-04321](#) Richard Lyle: Uddingston Grammar School Awards for All Funding (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ivan McKee*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-04320](#) Jenny Gilruth: Congratulations to Options in Fife, Glenrothes (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Gillian Martin*, Ivan McKee*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-04318](#) Colin Beattie: Bonnyrigg After School Club Receives £10,000 Grant (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-04317](#) Colin Beattie: Cousland Majority Awarded Grant (lodged on 28 February 2017)

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[S5M-04316](#) Colin Beattie: Funding for Hawthorn Gardens Tenants Organisation (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-04314](#) Emma Harper: Congratulating Haugh of Urr Nursery and ia2ps (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alexander Stewart*, Sandra White*, Ivan McKee*

[S5M-04313](#) Douglas Ross: Orkney Golf Club Secures Funding for Expansion (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Bill Bowman*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04312](#) Clare Haughey: Rutherglen Lawn Tennis Club (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ivan McKee*

[S5M-04311](#) Clare Haughey: Burnhill Action Group in Rutherglen (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Jenny Gilruth*, Ivan McKee*

[S5M-04310](#) Alex Rowley: Acrobay Gymnastics Trust (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-04309](#) Annie Wells: More Lottery Funding for Glasgow (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Bill Bowman*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04308](#) Douglas Ross: Moray Waste Busters Funding Boost (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: John Finnie*, Bill Bowman*, Richard Lochhead*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04307](#) Alexander Stewart: Fife Fruit and Veg Wholesaler Receives Top Innovation Award (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Bill Bowman*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04306](#) Jeremy Balfour: Orcadia Creative Learning Centre Lottery Funding (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Bill Bowman*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04305](#) Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh Napier Knights American Football Club (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Bill Bowman*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04304](#) Jeremy Balfour: Congratulations to Hawthorn Gardens Tenants Organisation (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Bill Bowman*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04303](#) Alexander Stewart: Perth Black Watch Castle and Museum (lodged on 28 February 2017)

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New Support: Finlay Carson*, Bill Bowman*

[S5M-04302](#) Graeme Dey: Monifieth Bowling Club Secures Grant (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-04301](#) Kate Forbes: Congratulating Strontian Community School Building Project (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Kenneth Gibson*, John Finnie*

[S5M-04300](#) Ben Macpherson: Leith Primary School Wins the School Mock Court Project (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-04299](#) Edward Mountain: High Praise for Seaforth House (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Bill Bowman*

[S5M-04298](#) Anas Sarwar: Sir Gerald Kaufman (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Johann Lamont*, John Finnie*, Kezia Dugdale*

[S5M-04297](#) Miles Briggs: National Museum of Scotland is Most Popular Visitor Attraction (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Bill Bowman*

[S5M-04296](#) Monica Lennon: Reducing the Impact of Alcohol Marketing on Children in Scotland (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Elaine Smith*, Andy Wightman*

[S5M-04294](#) Iain Gray: TSB Branch Closure in Tranent (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-04293](#) Maurice Corry: Memorandum of Understanding on the Strategic Delivery and Development Framework (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Bill Bowman*

[S5M-04292](#) Ross Greer: Bedouin Villages in Israel (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: John Finnie*

[S5M-04291](#) Colin Smyth: Youth Stop AIDS Campaign, It Ain't Over (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-04288](#) Angus MacDonald: Shieldhill's Big-hearted Brownies (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*

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[S5M-04285](#) Alex Rowley: Home Office Decision to Forcibly Deport Irene Clennell (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: John Finnie*, Neil Findlay*, Elaine Smith*, Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-04284](#) Ruth Maguire: Credit Unions Creating Good Saving Habits (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: John Finnie*

[S5M-04283](#) Maurice Corry: Deposit Return for Drinks Containers (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: John Scott*, Neil Findlay*, Liam McArthur*, Mike Rumbles*, Claudia Beamish*, Pauline McNeill*, Elaine Smith*, Andy Wightman*

[S5M-04279](#) Sandra White: International Women's Day 2017 (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: Claudia Beamish*, John Finnie*

[S5M-04278](#) Mark Griffin: Tackling Child Poverty (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: James Kelly*, Jackie Baillie*, Richard Leonard*, Lewis Macdonald*, Neil Bibby*, Mary Fee*, Elaine Smith*

[S5M-04276](#) Pauline McNeill: Billy McNeill (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: John Finnie*

[S5M-04257](#) Ben Macpherson: Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce to Compete at UK First Lego League Finals (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: John Finnie*, Bruce Crawford*

[S5M-04248](#) Maurice Golden: WWF Earth Hour 2017 (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Alex Rowley*, Willie Rennie*, David Stewart*, Rhoda Grant*, Richard Leonard*, Iain Gray*, Monica Lennon*, Neil Findlay*, Elaine Smith*, Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-04180](#) Christina McKelvie: Amnesty International Annual Report 2016/17 (lodged on 22 February 2017)

New Support: Monica Lennon*

[S5M-04124](#) Brian Whittle: Killie Heartmates and Other Rehabilitation Services (lodged on 21 February 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-03731](#) Fulton MacGregor: Apprenticeship Week (lodged on 27 January 2017)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*, John Finnie*, Alexander Burnett*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 08 March 2017

Education and Skills

- 1. Peter Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that remote and rural schools are not disadvantaged compared to those in urban areas. ([S5O-00732](#))
- 2. Elaine Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to retain and recruit teachers to tackle shortages. ([S5O-00733](#))
- 3. Anas Sarwar:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent on graduate apprenticeships since they were introduced. ([S5O-00734](#))
- 4. Gordon Lindhurst:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the consultation on reforms to its named persons scheme has been described by one group as a “sham”. ([S5O-00735](#))
- 5. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that schools have adequate numbers of support staff. ([S5O-00736](#))
- 6. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government how much support will be provided to schools in the Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley constituency through Pupil Equity Funding, and when this will commence. ([S5O-00737](#))
- 7. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to reform personal and social health education, in light of evidence presented to the Education and Skills Committee on 22 February 2017. ([S5O-00738](#))
- 8. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that children receive quality early learning and childcare. ([S5O-00739](#))
- 9. James Kelly:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that school uniform costs for pupils from low-income families can be met. ([S5O-00740](#))
- 10. Bruce Crawford:** To ask the Scottish Government how much local authorities spent on education in 2015-16. ([S5O-00741](#))
- 11. Gail Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what support and resources it provides to schools to encourage and develop relationships with employers, businesses and further educational establishments in their area. ([S5O-00742](#))
- 12. Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government how many of the recently announced 371 new teacher training places will be at the University of Aberdeen. ([S5O-00743](#))
- 13. Claire Baker:** [Not Lodged]
- 14. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government how personal and social education in schools can help to tackle mental health issues affecting LGBTI pupils. ([S5O-00745](#))
- 15. George Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve attainment in schools. ([S5O-00746](#))
- 16. Maurice Corry:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that schoolchildren are being encouraged to read books. ([S5O-00747](#))
- 17. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on protecting additional places for widening access and articulation schemes to ensure that targets set by the Commission on Widening Access are not missed. ([S5O-00748](#))

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18. Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with local authorities regarding the provision of accurate lists of available supply teachers. ([S50-00749](#))

19. Linda Fabiani: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met South Lanarkshire Council to discuss education matters. ([S50-00750](#))

20. Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what impact the reduction in the Skills and Training budget in 2017-18 will have on Skills Development Scotland's ability to grow the economy and develop the workforce. ([S50-00751](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 09 March 2017

1. Gillian Martin: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to assist businesses in the north east that have been affected by changes in global oil prices. ([S50-00752](#))

2. Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason prisoners contesting their convictions are reportedly denied privileges afforded to the wider prison population. ([S50-00753](#))

3. Claudia Beamish: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address environmental concerns regarding aquaculture industry production targets. ([S50-00754](#))

4. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the proposed integration of the British Transport Police in Scotland into Police Scotland. ([S50-00755](#))

5. Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's review of GP out-of-hours services. ([S50-00756](#))

6. Douglas Ross: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of ambulance provision in the Moray area. ([S50-00757](#))

7. Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met NHS Lothian. ([S50-00758](#))

8. Ash Denham: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the UK Government introduced emergency legislation to prevent the expansion of personal independence payments to 160,000 claimants, and how it will ensure that there is a fair assessment process once responsibility for this benefit is devolved. ([S50-00759](#))

9. Graeme Dey: To ask the Scottish Government how it is taking forward the development of a code of practice for land agents, as prescribed by the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016. ([S50-00760](#))

10. Alison Harris: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report from the Information Services Division that, in December 2016, over 15,000 people had waited longer than the 18-week target for treatment from the point of referral. ([S50-00761](#))

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 01 March 2017

S5W-07550 Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government how many woodland creation schemes of (a) up to two, (b) two to five, (c) six to 10, (d) 11 to 20, (e) 21 to 50, (f) 51 to 100, (g) 101 to 200 and (h) over 200 hectares have been approved in each year since 2008, also broken down by total area of woodland in each category.

S5W-07552 Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has cost to erect (a) deer and (b) non-deer fencing in new woodlands of (i) up to two, (ii) two to five, (iii) six to 10, (iv) 11 to 20, (v) 21 to 50, (vi) 51 to 100, (vii) 101 to 200 and (viii) over 200 hectares in each year since 2008.

S5W-07621 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many women have travelled from (a) the Republic of Ireland and (b) Northern Ireland to Scotland to obtain legal abortions in each of the last three years.

S5W-07622 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-06899 by Michael Matheson on 28 February 2017, whether it will provide the information that was requested regarding what information it (a) had in advance and (b) has obtained since regarding a nuclear convoy reportedly travelling from Burghfield in England to Cowlport using the M8 through Glasgow and crossing the Erskine Bridge despite reported warnings of high winds.

S5W-07623 Mike Rumbles: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is making sufficient progress to meet its targets of 95% coverage of superfast broadband by 2018 and 100% by 2021.

S5W-07624 Mike Rumbles: To ask the Scottish Government what the national coverage of superfast broadband (a) is and (b) has been in each of the last five years.

S5W-07625 Mike Rumbles: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether investment in superfast broadband should prioritise rural blackspots and hard to reach areas to ensure that it meets its targets for 2021, and what the (a) current and (b) planned levels of relative spending are across each region.

S5W-07626 Mike Rumbles: To ask the Scottish Government whether it expects the system for delivery of common agricultural policy payments, including basic farm payments, to return to normal in 2018-19.

S5W-07627 Mike Rumbles: To ask the Scottish Government how many hours overtime have been accrued by staff working on common agricultural policy payments in each of the last three months, and how much this has cost.

S5W-07628 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-06679 by Paul Wheelhouse on 28 February 2017, how much of the money allocated for the Transition Training Fund was spent on the 1,605 successful applicants.

S5W-07629 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the data in the Scottish Household Survey regarding the modal share of all journeys by walking and bicycle, for what reason its publication, *Draft Climate Change Plan - the draft Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032*, states that there are "no appropriate quantifiable indicators" for measuring policy outcome 8 in the transport section.

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S5W-07630 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government which policies in its publication, *Draft Climate Change Plan - the draft Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032*, encourage a modal shift towards public transport.

S5W-07631 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government what evidence it used to assert in its publication, *Draft Climate Change Plan - the draft Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032*, that modal switch to bus use is "likely to be limited by capacity of the sector to absorb significant new traffic".

S5W-07632 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the modelling in its publication, *Draft Climate Change Plan - the draft Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032*, assumes that funding for active travel is to be frozen at 2016-17 values until 2021.

S5W-07633 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason its publication, *Draft Climate Change Plan - the draft Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032*, assumes that there will be no increase in bus use by 2032.

S5W-07634 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government what the rise in vehicle kilometres was between 2005 and 2015, and what increase was assumed in the modelling in its publication, *Draft Climate Change Plan - the draft Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032*.

S5W-07635 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what actions, identified by the Scotland's Rural College's marginal abatement cost curve as cost-effective, appear as policies in its draft Climate Change Plan.

S5W-07636 Stewart Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to set a fisheries' landings target, and what impact it considers that this will have on fishing communities.

S5W-07639 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what the public liability requirements are for windfarm companies.

S5W-07640 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS buildings have been identified as being at risk of structural defects similar to those identified in the report on Edinburgh school buildings by John Cole, broken down by level of risk, and what action it will take to ensure that all affected NHS buildings are made safe.

S5W-07641 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the latest Scottish House Condition Survey, which showed that all of the local authorities that have increases in fuel poverty are rural or have significant rural areas in them.

S5W-07642 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions and correspondence it has had with local authorities in the last six months regarding tackling fuel poverty; what agreements were reached, and whether it will publish any correspondence and minutes of meetings on this issue.

S5W-07643 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish its response to the report by the (a) Scottish Fuel Poverty Strategic Working Group and (b) Scottish Rural Fuel Poverty Task Force.

S5W-07644 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish a timeline for the publication of the next fuel poverty strategy.

S5W-07646 Richard Lyle: To ask the Scottish Government what the average time from the onset of symptoms to the point of diagnosis is for brain tumours in adults.

S5W-07654 Ross Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the comment by the chief executive of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation that "Brexit really is a sea

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of opportunity for our coastal and island communities. Scotland sits strategically on the northern continental shelf right in the middle of some of the richest fishing grounds in the world. Having control of these fishing grounds would generate significant and sustainable economic growth to these communities with spin-off benefits for local businesses and schools”.

[S5W-07657 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many accidental electrical house fires there have been in the Dumbarton constituency in each of the last five years, and what steps it is taking to reduce the number of such fires.

[S5W-07658 Kezia Dugdale](#): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review how adoptions by same sex couples are recorded on updated birth certificates.

[S5W-07660 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government when the review into the number, structure and regulation of NHS boards will be published.

[S5W-07661 Anas Sarwar](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many accidental electrical house fires there have been in Glasgow in each of the last five years, and what steps it is taking to reduce the number of such fires.

[S5W-07662 Mark Griffin](#): To ask the Scottish Government what response the Minister for Social Security received to her letter of 10 January 2017 to the Minister of State for Disabled People, Health and Work regarding the contract for assessments of personal independence payments.

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New Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 March 2017 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

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Progress of Legislation

Bills

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

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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.

Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform), 28 February 2017
Lead committee - Finance and Constitution

Budget (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed 23 February 2017

Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Security)), 23 February 2017

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 21 February 2017

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice)), 28 February 2017

Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform), 21 February 2017
Lead committee - Justice

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

Introduced 28 February 2017

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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Children and Social Work Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-7

Agreed by the Parliament on 26 January 2017

Criminal Finances Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-6

Justice Committee, 31 January 2017

To be considered by the Parliament on 2 March 2017

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

Agreed by the Parliament on 22 February 2017

Farriers (Registration) Bill (UK Parliament legislations) LCM-S5-9

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 21 February 2017

Health Service Medical Supplies (Costs) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-5

Agreed by the Parliament on 7 February 2017

Higher Education and Research Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-4

Agreed by the Parliament on 20 December 2016

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

Instrument subject to approval

To be approved by resolution of the Parliament by 3 March 2017

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/23\)](#) (27 January 2017) (Finance and Constitution)

Affirmative instruments

Lead committee to report by 6 March 2017

[Schools \(Consultation\) \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Modification\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (17 January 2017) (Education and Skills)

Lead committee to report by 15 March 2017

[National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \[draft\]](#) (26 January 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Judiciary and Courts \(Scotland\) Act 2008 \(Scottish Land Court\) Order 2017 \[draft\]](#) (26 January 2017) (Justice)

Lead committee to report by 16 March 2017

[Continuing Care \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \[draft\]](#) (27 January 2017) (Education and Skills)

[Scottish Fiscal Commission \(Modification of Functions\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (27 January 2017) (Finance and Constitution)

Lead committee to report by 22 March 2017

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2016 Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (2 February 2017) (Finance and Constitution)

Lead committee to report by 23 March 2017

[Scottish Tribunals \(Listed Tribunals\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (3 February 2017) (Justice)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Tax Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Composition\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (3 February 2017) (Justice)

[Tribunals \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Ancillary Provisions\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (3 February 2017) (Justice)

Lead committee to report by 31 March 2017

[Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions of the Upper Tax Tribunal for Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (16 February 2017) (Justice)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions of the First-tier Tax Tribunal for Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (16 February 2017) (Justice)

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[Bankruptcy and Protected Trust Deeds \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (20 February 2017) (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)

Lead committee to report by 17 April 2017

[Carbon Accounting Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (21 February 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Lead committee to report by 23 April 2017

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

Lead committee to report by 25 April 2017

[Local Government Finance \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \[draft\]](#) (1 March 2017) (Parliament)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 2 March 2017

Lead committee to report by 27 February 2017

[Plant Health \(Import Inspection Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/6\)](#) (13 January 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 7 March 2017

Lead committee to report by 6 March 2017

[Title Conditions \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Rural Housing Bodies\) Amendment Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/7\)](#) (18 January 2017) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 8 March 2017

Lead committee to report by 6 March 2017

[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/8\)](#) (19 January 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/9\)](#) (19 January 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 12 March 2017

Lead committee to report by 6 March 2017

[Sale of Nicotine Vapour Products \(Prescribed Documents\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/13\)](#) (23 January 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 16 March 2017

Lead committee to report by 13 March 2017

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Rural Areas\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/22\)](#) (27 January 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 23 March 2017

Lead committee to report by 20 March 2017

[National Health Service Superannuation Scheme \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/27\)](#) (3 February 2017) (Health and Sport)

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[National Health Service Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/28\)](#) (3 February 2017) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 31 March 2017

Lead committee to report by 27 March 2017

[Bankruptcy Fees \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/37\)](#) (20 February 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)

Subject to annulment by 18 April 2017

Lead committee to report by 3 April 2017

[Animal Feed \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/38\)](#) (22 February 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 19 April 2017

Lead committee to report by 3 April 2017

[Participation Request \(Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/39\)](#) (23 February 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/41\)](#) (23 February 2017) (Social Security)

[Non-Domestic Rating \(Valuation of Utilities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/42\)](#) (23 February 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Non-Domestic Rating \(Unoccupied Property\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/43\)](#) (23 February 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Inshore Fishing \(Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods\) \(Outer Hebrides\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/48\)](#) (23 February 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

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