Monday 20 March 2017 **Business Bulletin** *Iris Ghnothaichean*



Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

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Meeting of the Parliament

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 15 March 2017

Tuesday 21 March 2017

2:00 pm Time for Reflection - Mr Gordon MacRae, Chief Executive, Humanist Society Scotland followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Choice
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business — S5M-03950 Rhoda Grant: Triggers for Loneliness

Wednesday 22 March 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Communities, Social Security and Equalities
followed by Continuation of Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Choice
followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion: Acting
Conveners
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business — S5M-04581 John Finnie: Ship-to-ship Oil Transfers in the
Cromarty and Moray Firths
Thursday 23 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-04130 Ben Macpherson: Justice for Yazidi People

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Expansion of Free Early Learning and Childcare

followed by Scottish Government Debate: British Sign Language (BSL) Consultation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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Tuesday 28 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 29 March 2017

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

Thursday 30 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 followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions 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

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee 21 March 2017 10th Meeting, 2017

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/37) from—

Mike Dailly, Principal Solicitor, Parliamentary and Social Policy Unit, and Alan McIntosh, Project Manager, Personal Insolvency Law Unit, Govan Law Centre; David Menzies, Director of Insolvency, ICAS;

and then from—

Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy, and Graham Fisher, Head of Branch, Legal Directorate - Constitutional & Civil Law, Scottish Government; Richard Dennis, Chief Executive, Accountant in Bankruptcy.

- 3. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider evidence heard at today's meeting.
- 4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument— The Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/37)

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 28 March, the Committee expects to consider oral evidence on its inquiry into the gender pay gap

For further information contact the Clerk to the Committee on 0131 348 5403 or email economyjobsandfairwork@parliament.scot.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 21 March 2017 10th 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 to take items 4 and 5 in private.
- 2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] from—

Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, John Ireland, Deputy Director of Decarbonisation, and Tom Russon, Policy Advisor Decarbonisation Division, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Roseanna Cunningham (Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform) to move—

S5M-04481—That the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommends that the Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

- 4. Work programme: The Committee will review its work programme.
- 5. Scottish Government's Wildlife Crime in Scotland Annual Report 2015: The Committee will consider a draft response to the Scottish Government.
- 6. Deer Management in Scotland (in private): The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 28 March, the Committee will take evidence on the Review of the Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002 from Lord Bonomy, Chair of the Review. The Committee will also consider the Protection of Seals (Designation of Haul Out Sites) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lynn Tullis, on 0131 348 5240.

Justice Committee 21 March 2017 11th Meeting, 2017

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private. The Committee will also decide whether to consider its draft Stage 1 reports on the Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill and on the Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill in private at future meetings.
- Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Andrew Cooper, Managing Director, CrossCountry; Neil Curtis, Head of Compliance, Direct Rail Services Limited; David Lister, Safety, Sustainability and Assurance Director, ScotRail Alliance; Graham Meiklejohn, Regional Development Manager, TransPennine Express; Darren Horley, Commercial and Operations Strategy Manager, Virgin Trains; and then from—

Dan Moore, Deputy Director, Rail Markets Strategy, Department for Transport.

- 3. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting on 16 March 2017.
- 4. **Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider key issues emerging from the evidence received on the Bill at Stage 1.
- 5. **Inquiry into the role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (in private):** The Committee will continue consideration of a draft report.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 23 March, the Committee expects to continue consideration of a draft report on its inquiry into the role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service. For further information, contact Peter McGrath, the Clerk to the Committee on 0131 348 5195 or by email <u>peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot</u>

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

21 March 2017 10th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 - Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bankruptcy and Protected Trust Deeds (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] from—

Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy; Graham Fisher, Head of Branch 1, Constitutional and Civil Law Division, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government; Carol Kirk, Policy Review Team Leader, Accountant in Bankruptcy.

- Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 Subordinate legislation: Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy to move—S5M-04390—That the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee recommends that the <u>Bankruptcy and Protected Trust Deeds</u> (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.
- 3. Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Ross Anderson, Faculty of Advocates;

John MacLeod, Lecturer in Commercial Law, University of Glasgow;

and then from-

Kenneth Rose, Partner, CMS Cameron McKenna LLP;

Karen Fountain, Partner, Brodies LLP;

Jonathan Gaskell, Legal Director, DLA Piper;

Karen Manning, Senior Associate, Burness Paull;

and then from-

Professor Hugh Beale, Professor of Law, University of Warwick.

4. Instruments subject to negative procedure: The Committee will consider the following— Non-Domestic Rates (District Heating Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2017

(SSI 2017/61):

Protection of Seals (Designation of Haul-Out Sites) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/63);

Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/64);

Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/66);

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Procedure) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/68);

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

5. **Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

The Committee expects to next meet on Tuesday 28 March. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at <u>dplr.committee@parliament.scot</u> or on 0131 348 5212.

Health and Sport Committee 21 March 2017 8th Meeting, 2017 The Committee will meet at 10:15 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

- Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instruments— Sale of Tobacco and Nicotine Vapour Products by Persons Under 18 (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/50) Sale of Tobacco (Register of Tobacco Retailers) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/51)
- Preventative Agenda: The Committee will take evidence from— Neil Craig, Principal Public Health Advisor, NHS Health Scotland; Dr Eleanor Hothersall, Consultant in Public Health and Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer, NHS Tayside; Professor David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Stirling; Dr Helene Irvine, Consultant in Public Health Medicine; Professor Gerry McCartney, Consultant in Public Health, NHS Health Scotland; Eibhlin McHugh, Chief Officer, and Mairi Simpson, Public Health Practitioner, Midlothian Integration Joint Board.
 NHS Governance: The Committee will discuss this morning's informal evidence session with
- NHS Governance: The Committee will discuss this morning's informal evidence session with NHS Scotland patients.
- 4. **Preventative Agenda (in private):** The Committee will consider the main themes arising from the oral evidence heard earlier in the meeting and in the written evidence received.
- 5. **Child protection in sport (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the findings of its work.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, David Cullum, on 0131 348 5410, or email,

healthandsport@parliament.scot.

Finance and Constitution Committee 22 March 2017 10th Meeting, 2017

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- Budget Process Review Group: Interim Report The Committee will take evidence from— Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland; Professor James Mitchell, Professor of Public Policy, Academy of Government, University of Edinburgh; Don Peebles, Head of CIPFA Scotland.
- 3. Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, 22 March 2017 the Committee will take oral evidence.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee by email at <u>finance.constitution@parliament.scot</u> or by tel. 0131 348 5409.

Education and Skills Committee

22 March 2017 9th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Children's Hearings System - taking stock of reforms** The Committee will take evidence from- The Law Society on the Children's Hearings System.

Morag Driscoll, Family Law Sub Committee Convener, The Law Society of Scotland.

2. Work programme (in private): The Committee will consider its future work programme.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 29 March, the Committee expects to discuss its Work Programme and hear evidence on the Children's Hearings System.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Roz Thomson, on es.committee@parliament.scot or 0131 348 5222.

Local Government and Communities Committee 22 March 2017 9th Meeting, 2017

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

- Homelessness: The Committee will take evidence from— Margaret Ann Brünjes, Director, Glasgow Homelessness Network; Eddie Nelson, Day Centre Manager, Churches Action for the Homeless; Beth Reid, Policy Manager (Scotland), Crisis; Dr Neil Hamlet, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, NHS Fife.
- 2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments— The Participation Request (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/39);

The Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/42);

The Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/43);

The Non-Domestic Rates (Renewable Energy Generation Relief) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/60).

- 3. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 1.
- 4. Work programme (in private): The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 29 March, the Committee expects to take evidence on the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009. The Committee also expects to consider its work programme.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Clare Hawthorne, on 0131-348-6037 or <u>LGCCommittee@parliament.scot</u>.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

22 March 2017 10th Meeting, 2017

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

- 1. Implications of the outcome of the EU Referendum for Scotland Agriculture and
- Forestry: The Committee will take evidence from— Jonnie Hall, Director of Policy, NFU Scotland; Andrew Midgley, Projects and Research Manager, Scottish Land and Estates; Steven Thomson, Senior Agricultural Economist, SRUC; Stuart Goodall, Chief Executive, Confor; Pete Ritchie, Chair of Food and Farming Subgroup, Scottish Environment Link; Tom Hind, Chief Strategy Officer, Agricultural and Horticultural Development Board.
- 2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument— The Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/49)

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 29 March, the Committee will take oral evidence from the Minister for Transport and the Islands and consider subordinate legislation. The Committee will also take evidence on the Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill.

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

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 23 March 2017 8th 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 3 in private.
- Administration of the Scottish Rate of Income Tax 2015-16: The Committee will take evidence on the National Audit Office report entitled "The Administration of the Scottish Rate of Income Tax 2015-16" from—

Sir Amyas Morse, Comptroller & Auditor General, and Steven Corbishley, Director, National Audit Office;

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland.

 Administration of the Scottish Rate of Income Tax 2015-16: The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from— Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 23 March 2017, the Committee will take oral evidence from the National Audit Office and the Auditor General for Scotland.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee via email at papls.committee@parliament.scot or via tel. 0131 348 5236.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 23 March 2017

8th Meeting, 2017

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

- 1. **Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland:** The Committee will
 - take evidence from—

Andrew Morrison, Policy Manager, COSLA Strategic Migration Partnership; Alexis Chappell, Service Manager, Dundee City Health and Social Care Partnership; Rachel Morley, Principal Clinical Psychologist, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Psychological Trauma Services;

Jane Smith, Welfare Rights Officer, Angus Council;

Annette Finnan, Head of Area Services, and Arun Singh, Child and Family Services Manager, South Lanarkshire Council;

Sean Bell, Acting Senior Manager, Children's Practice Teams, the City of Edinburgh Council.

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

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 30 March, the Committee will continue to take oral evidence from witnesses as part of its inquiry on Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot or call 0131 348 5223.

Motions

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Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

*S5M-04688 Mark Griffin: Split Payments of Universal Credit for Gender Equality—That the Parliament welcomes what it considers the overwhelming support for universal credit payments to be split between the members of a household from 99% of organisations and 78% of individuals who responded to a consultation on social security; recognises the responses of key stakeholders, including Engender, Scottish Women's Aid, JRF, Inclusion Scotland, SCVO and SFHA, which it considers advocate automatic use of this flexibility; further considers the automatic splitting of universal credit payments to be a step towards gender equality in the Scottish social security system, which will promote financial autonomy and which is particularly critical to protect women and children from domestic abuse: understands from evidence from women's organisations that 9 in 10 domestic abuse cases include financial abuse, that women receive 20% of their incomes from social security payments and 86% of UK Government cuts to social security and tax credits will come from women's incomes; recognises that East Lothian, Inverness, Inverclyde and East Dunbartonshire are now universal credit full service areas, but considers that this split payment flexibility is both under-publicised and under-used, and notes the view that the will to deliver split payments should not be hindered by the technical limitations of the Department for Work and Pensions.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*<u>S5M-04702</u> Jackie Baillie: Loch Lomond Arms Hotel Wins Country Hotel of the Year—That the Parliament congratulates the Luss-based Loch Lomond Arms Hotel on winning Country Hotel of the Year at the 2017 Prestige Hotel Awards; understands that the awards showcase and reward top quality service in the hotel industry and contribution to Scotland's reputation as a worldrenowned tourist destination; further understands that the hotel won after extensive reviews of 80 hotels across the country by the panel of judges; notes that the hotel is also nominated in the upcoming Scottish Wedding Awards and Scottish Hotel Awards, and wishes the hotel the best of luck for the future.

Supported by: Maurice Corry*, Kenneth Gibson*, Alexander Stewart*

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*<u>S5M-04701</u> Patrick Harvie: Broomhill Avenue Greenspace Under Threat Again—That the Parliament believes with concern that the Broomhill Avenue Greenspace in Glasgow is once again under threat from developers; understands that the community was told in 2008 by Glasgow City Council that the land was to be excluded from any future development packages and that a similar assurance was provided in January 2017 following enquires relating to its potential redevelopment as luxury apartments; notes that, although the area is not an official park, it is maintained by people in the community who have cleared the site, planted bulbs and trees, and installed bird and bat boxes to encourage wildlife to the space, and hopes the long-term future of the space can be secured so that the community can continue to access what it sees as a rare urban greenspace.

Supported by: Ross Greer*

*<u>S5M-04700</u> Jackie Baillie: Galt Transport Celebrates 70 Years—That the Parliament recognises the Dumbarton-based haulier, Galt Transport, and its 70 years in business; understands that the Galt family are celebrating by restoring a vintage 1937 Albion CL125 lorry and plan to use it in photo shoots with the company's newest vehicles to mark the anniversary; further understands that the managing director, Allan Galt, who completed his apprenticeship at Albion Motors in Glasgow, acquired the truck last year and has been working to restore and outfit it in the original green livery of his father, Daniel T Galt's business; notes that Galt Transport was founded in 1947 by Daniel T Galt with four vehicles and a horse and cart to provide direct next-day service from Glasgow's quaysides to Dumbarton, Alexandria and Balloch; further notes that, on completing his apprenticeship, Allan took over from his father and grew the business, and that it continues to operate as a family business, and wishes Galt Transport many more successful years to come.

*<u>S5M-04698</u> Maurice Golden: Explore Learning—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the important childcare services that are provided by Explore Learning to young people in East Renfrewshire and throughout Scotland; notes however that the Care Inspectorate has decided to de-register the company as it does not consider that the provision of childcare is Explore Learning's primary purpose; understands that the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 defines that day care of children should include educational activity; believes that it is right that organisations that provide care services to children should be registered with the Care Inspectorate; urges the inspectorate to reconsider its decision, and, in order to provide certainty for other educational and child support organisations looking to operate in Scotland, wishes to see clarity in this matter.

*<u>S5M-04697</u> Kenneth Gibson: Ayrshire College Wins UK Engineering Training Provider of the Year—That the Parliament congratulates Ayrshire College on winning the UK Training Provider of the Year at the Semta Skills Awards, which took place on 9 March 2017; understands that Semta (Science, Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies Alliance) is responsible for honing and building skills for the future of the UK's engineering and manufacturing technologies sectors; notes that Ayrshire College was the only college or university shortlisted for any award at this prestigious ceremony; considers that the college's support for the aerospace industry in Ayrshire played a huge part in its worthy recognition and win; agrees with Semta's sentiment that the college is leading the way in furthering diversity and equality in engineering through its award-winning women in STEM campaigns that are run in partnership with world-renowned companies such as Spirit Aerosystems and GSK; commends the college for its work in delivering apprenticeships and routes into industry for school pupils through initiatives such as Foundation Apprenticeships and Mission Discovery, and developing employability programmes with

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companies such as Prestwick Aircraft Maintenance for unemployed engineers, and wishes Ayrshire College the best in all of its future endeavours.

*<u>S5M-04696</u> Jamie Greene: Congratulating Dave Hewitt—That the Parliament congratulates Dave Hewitt on receiving a certificate of service from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) on his recent retirement from the RNLI in Largs, considers that he has served tirelessly for 45 years as a member of the RNLI and as longstanding leader at the Largs branch, and highlights the important role that the RNLI plays in society and in keeping the people of Largs safe in the water.

Supported by: Edward Mountain*, Alexander Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Peter Chapman*, John Lamont*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jackson Carlaw*, Alison Harris*, Oliver Mundell*, Margaret Mitchell*, Liz Smith*, David Torrance*

*<u>S5M-04695</u> Jamie Greene: Congratulating Kirsteen Murray—That the Parliament congratulates Kirsteen Murray of Greenock and Largs on planning to reopen the recently-closed Albert Hotel, which is one of Gourock's oldest hotels; supports her intention to restore it to its former state, keep its public bar open and contribute to the regeneration of Gourock, and highlights the importance of preserving Scotland's history while redeveloping urban spaces.

*<u>S5M-04694</u> Jamie Greene: Congratulating Stewart Griffiths—That the Parliament congratulates Stewart Griffiths of Irvine on receiving an award from the Scottish Junior Football Association for his 30 years of service to Irvine Meadow FC; recognises that Stewart has served as treasurer of the club for the last 25 years and that his wife, daughter and son also work for the club; highlights their commitment to local sport in Irvine, and underlines the great impact that people up and down the country can make through their voluntary efforts to local sporting associations.

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*<u>S5M-04692</u> Peter Chapman: The National Autistic Society, Ellon Branch—That the Parliament congratulates the Ellon branch of the National Autistic Society on raising £4,582 at its annual fundraising quiz on 24 February 2017; thanks all of the volunteers and the over 200 people who took part in the quiz; recognises that the branch supports 140 families across Aberdeen City and Shire, and commends it on its work ahead of World Autism Awareness Week, which will run from 27 March to 2 April.

Supported by: Margaret Mitchell*, Ross Thomson*, John Lamont*, Liz Smith*

*<u>S5M-04691</u> Peter Chapman: Barefoot Computing Project—That the Parliament recognises the work of BT and the British Computing Society's (BCS) Barefoot Computing Project, which offers free teaching resources and volunteer-led training workshops to help give teachers and pupils a stronger grasp of computer science and IT skills; understands that it has so far reached over 7,000 pupils in Aberdeenshire, and thanks BT and the BCS for their assistance in helping to give the pupils the best possible start in life.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alexander Stewart*, Liam Kerr*, John Lamont*, Kenneth Gibson*, Edward Mountain*, Oliver Mundell*, Liz Smith*

*<u>S5M-04690</u> Peter Chapman: North East Food and Drink Awards—That the Parliament congratulates all 27 of the businesses that have been shortlisted for the North East Food and Drink Awards 2017; recognises that they have been narrowed down from a staggering 76 firms

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nominated from across Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Moray; believes that this highlights the exceptional level of produce and service the area offers, including Big Beefy's Biltong in Turriff, Deans Shortbread and the Oldmeldrum-based Glen Garioch distillery; wishes all of the shortlisted businesses good luck in the final show, and thanks all of the nominees for their contribution to the north east community.

Supported by: Edward Mountain*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, John Lamont*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jackson Carlaw*, Alison Harris*, Oliver Mundell*, Margaret Mitchell*, Ross Thomson*, Liz Smith*

*<u>S5M-04689</u> Edward Mountain: Inverness Courier Appeal for More Highland

Firefighters—That the Parliament expresses its concern regarding the reported decline in the numbers of firefighters in the Highlands; welcomes the appeal that has been launched by *The Inverness Courier* to tackle the shortfall, and praises everyone who has put their name forward to become a firefighter in the Highlands in order to help their community.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Peter Chapman*, Liam Kerr*, Jeremy Balfour*, Finlay Carson*, Jackson Carlaw*, Alison Harris*, Stuart McMillan*, Oliver Mundell*, Alexander Stewart*, Margaret Mitchell*, Liam McArthur*, Liz Smith*

*<u>S5M-04687</u> Claudia Beamish: Akong - A Remarkable Life—That the Parliament recognises the life work of Chöje Akong Tulku Rinpoche, co-founder of the Kagyu Samye Ling Tibetan Buddhist Monastery in Eskdalemuir, Langholm; notes that the film, *Akong - A Remarkable Life*, sold out when it premiered at the monastery on 16 March 2017; further notes that the film charts Akong Rinpoche's perilous escape from Chinese-invaded Tibet in 1959 to becoming a refugee, first in India and then in the UK; understands that it documents his teachings and charity work, which, most notably, launched a series of humanitarian projects in Tibet through his charity, ROKPA; sadly acknowledges Akong's tragic murder in 2013 while conducting humanitarian work in China, and recognises how much there is to learn from his legacy.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Alexander Stewart*

*<u>S5M-04686</u> Gail Ross: 23rd Gizzen Briggs Fiddler's Rally—That the Parliament notes with appreciation the staging of the latest Gizzen Briggs Fiddler's Rally on 4 March 2017; notes that this was the 23rd edition of the event from the traditional music club, which is based in Tain Royal Academy; considers that the night was a success with memorable music; notes the achievements of all those involved with the group over the years; recognises the long hours of practice that were needed to put on the evening, and notes the performances of the conductor, Colin Delmonte, and the guest performers, Laura Wilkie, Claire Hastings, Innes White, Tom Gibbs, and daughter of a former Gizzen Brigger, Jocelyn Webster.

*<u>S5M-04685</u> Miles Briggs: Edinburgh Results Group to Mark World TB Day—That the Parliament is aware that World TB Day will be held on 24 March 2017; notes that the day aims to build public awareness that tuberculosis remains an epidemic in much of the world, causing the deaths of around 1.5 million people each year, mostly in developing countries; is aware that the Edinburgh Results Group will mark World TB Day by hosting a meeting at 6.15pm on that day at the Quaker Meeting House, Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh, which will focus on the development of new drugs to deal with resistant strains of TB and calling for more research to go into both developing more effective drugs as well as a vaccine that will properly protect people from the risk of contracting TB, and using the slogan, The Drugs Don't Work; commends the Edinburgh Results Group for marking World TB Day in this way and for its campaigning efforts on this important issue, and supports the calls from the group and others for governments, agencies, communities,

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civil society and drugs companies across the globe to redouble their efforts to meet the UN's Sustainable Development Goal of ending TB by 2030.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Margaret Mitchell*, Douglas Ross*, Liam Kerr*, Peter Chapman*, Alison Harris*, Murdo Fraser*, Donald Cameron*, Jeremy Balfour*, Ash Denham*, John Lamont*, Bill Kidd*, Ross Thomson*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jackson Carlaw*, Oliver Mundell*, Liz Smith*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*

*<u>S5M-04684</u> Alexander Stewart: Bridge of Allan Pupil Skating to First Prize—That the Parliament congratulates 10-year-old skater, Emma Pheely, from the Bridge of Allan on winning first prize in the Magnum Open at Auchenharvie Ice Rink; notes that Emma is a member of Stirling New Figure Skating Club; understands that she won the event with a score of 19.66 and the highest technical score; notes that this win allows her to move up another level and the Bridge of Allan Primary School pupil is now looking forward to competing in the Blackpool Skate Fest in April 2017, and then the Murrayfield Open in May, and wishes her the very best of luck in her endeavours.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Margaret Mitchell*, James Dornan*, Liam Kerr*, Douglas Ross*, Peter Chapman*, John Lamont*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alison Harris*, Ross Thomson*, Donald Cameron*, Edward Mountain*, Oliver Mundell*, Liz Smith*

*<u>S5M-04683</u> Neil Findlay: No Mesh Whitewash—That the Parliament understands that 97 out of 129 MSPs have signed a pledge saying "No mesh whitewash", and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that every piece of available and relevant evidence collated in the Scottish Independent Review of the Use, Safety and Efficacy of Transvaginal Mesh Implants in the Treatment of Stress Urinary Incontinence and Pelvic Organ Prolapse in Women is published in the review group's final report.

Supported by: Jackson Carlaw*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

<u>S5M-04681</u> Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Mother Raises £1,400 for Disabled Son's Nursery (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Douglas Ross*, Adam Tomkins*, Finlay Carson*, Alison Harris*, Bill Bowman*, Bill Kidd*

S5M-04680 Neil Findlay: New Partnership Centre for Whitburn (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Jackson Carlaw*

S5M-04679 Neil Findlay: Carers of West Lothian (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Stuart McMillan*, Mark Griffin*, Anas Sarwar*

<u>S5M-04678</u> Neil Findlay: Awards for West Lothian Apprentices (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*

<u>S5M-04677</u> Neil Findlay: Local Hero (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*

<u>S5M-04675</u> Alison Johnstone: Triple World Champion, Elise Christie (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Iain Gray*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Kenneth Gibson*, Alexander Stewart*

S5M-04674 Miles Briggs: Lynch Syndrome Awareness Day (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Douglas Ross*, Adam Tomkins*, Finlay Carson*, Alison Harris*, Bill Bowman*, Jackie Baillie*, Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04673</u> Kenneth Gibson: East Africa Crisis Appeal (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle*, Stuart McMillan*, John Mason*, David Torrance*

<u>S5M-04672</u> Ash Denham: The Edinburgh Playing Out Campaign (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*

<u>S5M-04671</u> Finlay Carson: Castle Douglas Charity Helps Buy New Racing Wheelchair (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, Bill Bowman*, Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04670</u> Brian Whittle: Ayrshire Food for Ayrshire Folk Secures Regeneration Grant Funding (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Douglas Ross*, Adam Tomkins*, Finlay Carson*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Bowman*, Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04668</u> Gillian Martin: Affa Fine Artisan Event Raises £2,786.68 (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Bill Bowman*

<u>S5M-04667</u> Graeme Dey: Commemorating Private Charles Melvin VC (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, David Torrance*, Richard Lyle*, Stuart McMillan*

<u>S5M-04666</u> Gail Ross: Praise for Lochbroom House Staff and Management (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

<u>S5M-04664</u> Clare Adamson: Motherwell Couple Raise Over £7,000 in Memory of their Baby Daughter (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*

<u>S5M-04662</u> Alexander Stewart: Jock McInnes from Dunfermline to Tackle Mount Etna (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04659</u> Elaine Smith: 15th St Patrick's Day Festival in Coatbridge (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Margaret Mitchell*

<u>S5M-04658</u> David Torrance: Congratulating the Dysart Colliery Silver Band (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*

<u>S5M-04657</u> David Torrance: Fife Flames Win Under-16 Ice Hockey League (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*

S5M-04656 Ross Thomson: Aberdeen Gin Club (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04654</u> Lewis Macdonald: Denis Law Nominated for the Freedom of the City of Aberdeen (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

<u>S5M-04653</u> Alexander Stewart: Fife Scouts Receive £1,000 Donation (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04652</u> Ross Greer: Deportation of Refugees After Five Years (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Andy Wightman*, Mark Ruskell*

<u>S5M-04651</u> Graeme Dey: Congratulations to Timmergreens Primary School's Young Animators (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

<u>S5M-04650</u> Ruth Maguire: Congratulating Irvine Takeda Club (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

<u>S5M-04649</u> Ruth Maguire: Congratulating North Ayrshire Council's Libraries (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

<u>S5M-04648</u> Brian Whittle: Scouts Scotland Youth Advocacy Award (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Christine Grahame*, Finlay Carson*, Jackson Carlaw*, Jackie Baillie*

<u>S5M-04647</u> Miles Briggs: Leith Academy Wins National Award from The Prince's Trust (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Brian Whittle*, Jackson Carlaw*

S5M-04645 Neil Findlay: The Mesh Shambles (lodged on 15 March 2017)

New Support: Adam Tomkins*

<u>S5M-04643</u> Ben Macpherson: UK Government Restrictions for 18 to 21-year-olds Accessing Financial Support for Housing (lodged on 15 March 2017)

New Support: Andy Wightman*, Mark Griffin*, Richard Lyle*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Baillie*

<u>S5M-04641</u> Alexander Stewart: £1 Million Specialist Residency for Adults with Autism in Clackmannanshire (lodged on 15 March 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04640</u> Alison Harris: Forth Valley Sensory Centre Café Tiki (lodged on 15 March 2017) New Support: Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Jeremy Balfour*, Oliver Mundell*, John Lamont*, Peter Chapman*, Alexander Stewart*, Margaret Mitchell*, Liz Smith*, Elaine Smith*

<u>S5M-04632</u> Maurice Golden: Aiden McHugh, Tennis Scotland Junior Player of the Year (lodged on 15 March 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04631</u> Maurice Golden: Renfrewshire Bowling Club Big Lottery Funding (lodged on 15 March 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04629</u> Liam Kerr: Deaf Links Improves Local Services (lodged on 15 March 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04623</u> Dean Lockhart: Congratulating the Curly Coo (lodged on 15 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04620</u> Margaret Mitchell: The Bellshill She-Shed (lodged on 15 March 2017) New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04619</u> Jeremy Balfour: Marie Curie Garden of Light (lodged on 14 March 2017) New Support: Jackson Carlaw^{*}

<u>S5M-04617</u> Ben Macpherson: Julie's Moon (lodged on 14 March 2017) New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04616</u> Annie Wells: These Streets Were Made For Walking (lodged on 14 March 2017) New Support: Adam Tomkins*, Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04614</u> Gordon Lindhurst: Holy Trinity Church Installs Fresh Water Wells in West Africa (lodged on 14 March 2017) New Support: Adam Tomkins*, Jackson Carlaw*, Jackie Baillie*

<u>S5M-04613</u> Annie Wells: Young Start Funding for Glasgow Groups (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Adam Tomkins*, Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04607</u> Anas Sarwar: Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month (lodged on 14 March 2017) New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04605</u> Dean Lockhart: Kirkcaldy's Food and Drink Fair (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04604</u> Jeremy Balfour: The Junction (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04599</u> Tavish Scott: Loganair Launches Apprenticeship Scheme (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Adam Tomkins*, Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04597</u> Angus MacDonald: The Opening of Maggie's Forth Valley Centre in Larbert (lodged on 13 March 2017) New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04596</u> Alison Johnstone: Intrepid Costume-wearing Fundraisers (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Andy Wightman*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Kenneth Gibson*, Alexander Stewart*, David Torrance*

<u>S5M-04595</u> Maurice Corry: Skapade Inspirational Development Solution CIC (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04593</u> Donald Cameron: Mallaig Fisherman Shortlisted for Major Award (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04592</u> Donald Cameron: Oban Hospice to Open New Centre (lodged on 13 March 2017) New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04591</u> Alexander Burnett: Tornaveen Community Centre (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04585</u> Patrick Harvie: Govan Graving Docks (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

<u>S5M-04575</u> Miles Briggs: Ben Dolphin, New President of Ramblers Scotland (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04567</u> Miles Briggs: Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce Business Awards (lodged on 10 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S5M-04509</u> Neil Bibby: The Future of the Children's Ward at the Royal Alexandra Hospital (lodged on 08 March 2017)

New Support: Elaine Smith*

<u>S5M-04480</u> Mary Fee: World Down Syndrome Day (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: James Kelly*

<u>S5M-04308</u> Douglas Ross: Moray Waste Busters Funding Boost (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04307</u> Alexander Stewart: Fife Fruit and Veg Wholesaler Receives Top Innovation Award (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04306</u> Jeremy Balfour: Orcadia Creative Learning Centre Lottery Funding (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04305</u> Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh Napier Knights American Football Club (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04304</u> Jeremy Balfour: Congratulations to Hawthorn Gardens Tenants Organisation (lodged on 28 February 2017) New Support: Brian Whittle*

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

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04297</u> Miles Briggs: National Museum of Scotland is Most Popular Visitor Attraction (lodged on 28 February 2017) New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04290</u> Maurice Corry: £1.7 Billion Investment Programme for Scottish Military Bases (lodged on 27 February 2017) New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04289</u> Alexander Stewart: Perthshire Park Awarded Grant Towards All-abilities Swing Project (lodged on 27 February 2017) New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04282</u> Alexander Stewart: Antonia Cramb, Young Perthshire Dance Star (lodged on 27 February 2017) New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04277</u> Finlay Carson: Vicki Adams from Stranraer Wins Scottish Women's Curling Championships (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04275</u> Alexander Stewart: Dunfermline Paralympian Receives Top Award (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04272</u> Ross Thomson: University of Aberdeen Forms Global Alliance with Largest University in Western Australia (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04269</u> Bill Bowman: Congratulations to Arbroath Cancer Research UK Charity Shop (lodged on 27 February 2017) New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04259</u> Alexander Stewart: Primary Pupil Completes Marathon Charity Effort (lodged on 27 February 2017) New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04256</u> Peter Chapman: Auchnagatt Primary Helps Rebuild Nepalese School (lodged on 27 February 2017) New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04255</u> Alexander Stewart: Four New Walks in Clackmannan (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04252</u> Maurice Golden: Expansion of the Glasgow Bicycle Hire Scheme (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04251</u> Maurice Golden: Bearsden Academy Pupil Fundraising to Help Syrian People (lodged on 24 February 2017) New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04250</u> Maurice Golden: Milngavie Athlete, Mhairi Patience (lodged on 24 February 2017) New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04246</u> Alexander Stewart: Tullibody Community FC (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04243</u> Alexander Stewart: Alva Pupils Cash Contribution to Local Charity (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04241</u> Alexander Stewart: Jennifer Marshall's Plan to Work for Vision Aid Overseas (lodged on 24 February 2017) New Support: Brian Whittle*

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<u>S5M-04239</u> Alexander Stewart: Alloa Mother to Raise Cancer Charity Funds While Undergoing Chemotherapy (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-04231</u> Peter Chapman: Free Travel to Normandy for D-Day Veterans (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-03987</u> Margaret Mitchell: Victims of Crime Day (lodged on 10 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-03985</u> Jeremy Balfour: Juno Supporting Mums (lodged on 10 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-03974</u> Adam Tomkins: The Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme (lodged on 09 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-03969</u> Alexander Stewart: Alloa Rotary Club Raises Funds to Help Disadvantaged Young People Participate in Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (lodged on 09 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-03964</u> Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Hits the Jackpot on Lottery Projects (lodged on 09 February 2017) New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-03962</u> Gordon Lindhurst: Fundraising Efforts of Pets at Home, Livingston (lodged on 09 February 2017) New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-03951 Jeremy Balfour: Holy Trinity Church of Scotland Hit Water in Burkina Faso (lodged on 08 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-03942</u> Liam Kerr: Dundee and Angus College (lodged on 08 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-03941</u> Liam Kerr: Reg Hunter Raises £1,000 for Alzheimer's Society (lodged on 08 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-03939</u> John Lamont: Congratulations to NFUS St Boswells Office on its Membership Flame Award (lodged on 08 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-03938</u> Maurice Golden: St Mark's Primary School Green Flag (lodged on 08 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-03936</u> Stuart McMillan: Brave Young Boxer Battled his Way Back from Illness to National Title (lodged on 08 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-03929</u> Alexander Stewart: Popular Dunblane Walkway Restored by Hardworking Townsfolk (lodged on 08 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

<u>S5M-03918</u> Rachael Hamilton: King's Park and Strathesk Primary Schools' Gold Standard (lodged on 08 February 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

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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 17 March 2017

<u>S5W-08214</u> John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-07487 by Jamie Hepburn on 16 March 2017, whether it will ask Skills Development Scotland to insist that the modern apprenticeship vacancies advertised on the website must be at least Two Tick or Disability Confident.

<u>S5W-08215</u> Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to help people from islands meet transport costs when attending NHS appointments on the mainland.

<u>S5W-08216</u> Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-07923 by Humza Yousaf on 23 February 2017, whether it has received the STAG report and, if so, whether it can confirm on what date it will announce its decision on the Arran ferry route proposals.

<u>S5W-08217</u> Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what status it takes of the impact of (a) online trading, (b) virtual businesses and (c) businesses that sell intangible products when reviewing business rates, bands and caps.

<u>S5W-08218</u> Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the number of homes with dampness.

<u>S5W-08219</u> Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5O-00632 by Keith Brown on 28 February 2017 (*Official Report*, c. 5) and the vote in the Parliament on motion S5M-03438, what plans it has to review its decision to abolish the board of Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

<u>S5W-08220</u> Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what account it takes of the outcome of votes on Parliament debates.

<u>S5W-08221</u> Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on comments by the SNP MP, Joanna Cherry, who reportedly said, "We probably wouldn't want to be tied to the pound if it nosedives after a Brexit".

<u>S5W-08222</u> Johann Lamont: To ask the Scottish Government how much of the (a) £260 million allocated to its resource budget and (b) £90 million allocated to its capital budget arising in Barnett consequentials from the 2017 UK Budget will be allocated to (i) supporting disabled people, (ii) supporting unpaid carers, (iii) programmes to ensure that social care services are provided on a more preventative basis and (iv) other social care spending.

<u>S5W-08225</u> James Kelly: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) first time and (b) non-first time buyers used the Help to Buy (Scotland) scheme in each quarter since it was launched.

<u>S5W-08226</u> James Kelly: To ask the Scottish Government what the (a) median and (b) mean total household income was of applicants for the Help to Buy (Scotland) scheme in each quarter since it was launched.

<u>S5W-08227</u> Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what meetings it has had with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) since the EU referendum; what was discussed, and whether it will publish any notes or minutes of the meetings.

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<u>S5W-08228</u> Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government whether, in the revaluation of non domestic rates, the methodology adopted for retail, catering and other shopping facilities in airports has been applied consistently to all airports in Scotland.

<u>S5W-08229</u> Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what meetings ministers have had with airport representatives regarding changes to rateable valuations, and whether it will publish any notes or minutes of these meetings.

<u>S5W-08230</u> Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government whether the methodology for the revaluation of non domestic rates for commercial outlets in airports is the same as that for high streets, shopping malls and train and bus stations.

<u>S5W-08231</u> Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what meetings ministers have had with businesses affected by the revaluation of business rates, and what the outcome was of these meetings.

<u>S5W-08232</u> Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what meetings ministers have had with assessors regarding the revaluation of non domestic rates, and what the outcome was of these meetings.

<u>S5W-08233</u> Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government how many appeals against council tax banding rates there have been in each of the last five years, and what percentage of these were upheld.

<u>S5W-08234</u> Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what the average time taken has been to make decisions on appeals from householders regarding council tax banding rates in each of the last five years.

<u>S5W-08235</u> Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government how many appeals against non domestic rates valuations there have been in each of the last five years, and what percentage of these were upheld.

<u>S5W-08236</u> Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what the average time taken has been to make decisions on appeals from businesses regarding valuations for non domestic rates in each of the last five years.

<u>S5W-08237</u> Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish any minutes or notes of meetings with officials or representatives from the EU, including consuls, ambassadors and other representatives of EU member states, since the EU referendum.

<u>S5W-08238</u> Anas Sarwar: To ask the Scottish Government how many people in Scotland will need to be treated each year to meets its aim to eliminate hepatitis C as a public health concern by 2030.

<u>S5W-08239</u> Anas Sarwar: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) action it is taking and (b) funding has been allocated to identify people who have hepatitis C but who have not been diagnosed or who are unaware of their infection.

<u>S5W-08240</u> Anas Sarwar: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on introducing longer-term funding models for NHS boards to provide more certainty for longer-term plans to identify, diagnose and treat hepatitis C in order to meet its commitment to eliminate the infection as a public health concern by 2030.

<u>S5W-08241</u> Anas Sarwar: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review the sixmonthly procurement process for hepatitis C treatments and the impact that this has on NHS services' delivery of longer-term plans for the elimination of hepatitis C as a public health concern by 2030.

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<u>S5W-08242</u> Anas Sarwar: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions NHS National Procurement has had with (a) NHS boards and (b) the Hepatitis C Treatment and Therapies Group regarding elimination of the infection.

<u>S5W-08243</u> Anas Sarwar: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the suitability of the support provided for people living with arthritis.

<u>S5W-08244</u> Anas Sarwar: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to (a) increase the number of consultant rheumatologists and (b) improve the availability of early arthritis clinics.

<u>S5W-08255</u> Mary Fee: To ask the Scottish Government which racial equality groups it has met to discuss the development of its equality outcomes strategy for 2017-21, and what issues were discussed.

New Bills | Bilean Ùra

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

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New Bills introduced or reprinted on 17 March 2017

Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to create an offence with respect to the engaging by a person in a course of behaviour which is abusive of the person's partner or ex-partner; and to make rules of criminal procedure for that offence and also for offences subject to the statutory aggravation involving abuse of partners or ex-partners. (SP Bill 8) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 8-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 8-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 8-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 8-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to incorporate and reconstitute the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission; to make provision for its functions and for the appointment of Commissioners; to make provision for the calculation of the annual assessments payable by the owners of land benefited by the Pow; to make provision for meetings of the Commissioners and heritors; to make provision for the Commissioners to have access to the Pow over neighbouring land for necessary purposes and for the Commissioners' consent to be required for activities affecting the Pow and adjacent land etc.; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 9) (Private Bill)

Introduced by: The Pow of Inchaffray Commissioners

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 9-EN), a Promoter's Memorandum (SP Bill 9-PM), a Promoter's Statement (SP Bill 9-PS) and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 9-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

New Subordinate Legislation | Adhartas Reachdais

New Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 17 March 2017 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Angus Council) Designation Order 2017 (SSI 2017/79) laid under paragraph (4) of schedule 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1991

Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (Angus Council Parking Area) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/80) laid under section 134 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Road Traffic (Parking Adjudicators) (Angus Council) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/81) laid under section 82 of the Road Traffic Act 1991

Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Stirling Council) Designation Order 2017 (SSI 2017/82) laid under paragraph (4) of schedule 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1991

Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (Stirling Council Parking Area) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/83)

laid under section 134 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Road Traffic (Parking Adjudicators) (Stirling Council) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/84) laid under section 82 of the Road Traffic Act 1991

Progress of Legislation

Bills

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Finance and Constitution)), 22 March 2017

Budget (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed 23 February 2017

Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform), 7 March 2017 Lead committee - Social Security

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

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

Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced 17 March 2017

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 21 March 2017

Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill

Introduced 17 March 2017

Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice)), 21 March 2017

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 15 March 2017 Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform), 14 March 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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