

Thursday 23 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-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:  
Consultation on the Draft British Sign  
Language (BSL) National Plan
- followed by** Business Motions
- followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Committee Meetings

- 9:15am** Equalities and Human Rights  
Committee
- 9:30am** Public Audit and Post-legislative  
Scrutiny Committee
- 10:00am** Standards, Procedures and Public  
Appointments Committee
- 1:00pm** Justice Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 11:40 am General Questions

- 1. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle violence against women in prostitution. ([S5O-00817](#))
- 2. Mike Rumbles:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-00818](#))
- 3. Anas Sarwar:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to reopen the Yorkhill minor injuries unit and, if so, on what date it will do so. ([S5O-00819](#))
- 4. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the comments by the divisional commander of British Transport Police in Scotland that its proposed merger with Police Scotland risks reducing the effectiveness of railway policing. ([S5O-00820](#))
- 5. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what its timetable is for proceeding with the results of the consultation on increasing the number of organ donations. ([S5O-00821](#))
- 6. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what it anticipates the opportunities would be for the fishing industry of an independent Scotland joining the EU. ([S5O-00822](#))
- 7. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact has been of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax. ([S5O-00823](#))
- 8. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact air pollution is having on human health, flora and fauna in Scotland. ([S5O-00824](#))
- 9. Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on airport expansion. ([S5O-00825](#))
- 10. Johann Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what progress it is making in implementing the recommendations of the Commission for Widening Access. ([S5O-00826](#))

### 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-01070](#))
- 2. Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the week. ([S5F-01069](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S5F-01072](#))
- 4. Willie Rennie:** To ask the First Minister what issues will be discussed at the next meeting of the Cabinet. ([S5F-01064](#))
- 5. Christine Grahame:** To ask the First Minister what forward planning is in place to meet the demographic challenges of an ageing population. ([S5F-01079](#))
- 6. Graham Simpson:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that, in 2015, around one-in-five referrals to child and adolescent mental health services were rejected and, over the last three years, approximately 17,000 children and young people have been affected. ([S5F-01073](#))

## 12:45 pm Members' Business

### Debate on the subject of—

**S5M-04130 Ben Macpherson: Justice for Yazidi People**—That the Parliament is mindful that genocide is a crime under international law and the law of all civilised nations; is further mindful that the UN has identified genocide as an odious scourge, which has inflicted great losses on humanity and from which people must be liberated; reiterates Scotland's commitment to human dignity, human rights and equality, to celebrating cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic diversity, and to promoting tolerance and upholding fundamental freedoms for all people; recognises and condemns the genocide perpetrated against the Yazidi people by Daesh; acknowledges the great human suffering and loss that have been inflicted by bigotry, brutality and religious intolerance; further acknowledges and condemns the crimes perpetrated by Daesh against Muslims, Christians, Arabs, Kurds and all of the religious and ethnic communities of Iraq and Syria; welcomes the actions of the US Congress, the European Parliament, the French Senate, the UN and others in formally recognising the genocide; draws attention to the unopposed motion agreed by the UK Parliament on 20 April 2016; notes the calls from people in Edinburgh Northern and Leith and across the country for the UK Government to take immediate and resolute action in support of international efforts to prevent further atrocities, and to meet its international obligation to provide refuge to those at risk of persecution, and further notes the calls on the UK Government to request that the UN Security Council refer the genocide committed against the Yazidi people to the International Criminal Court.

## 2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

#### followed by Scottish Government Debate: Consultation on the Draft British Sign Language (BSL) National Plan

**S5M-04789 Mark McDonald: Consultation on the Draft British Sign Language (BSL) National Plan**—That the Parliament welcomes the consultation on the first draft BSL National Plan; expresses its thanks to the BSL National Advisory Group whose knowledge and experience have informed and influenced the content of the plan; acknowledges the support and input from across the Parliament to develop and pass the British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill in 2015; recognises that this is the first time that the Scottish Government has published a bilingual consultation in BSL and English; encourages people whose first or preferred language is BSL to respond to the consultation, and looks forward to the publication of the final version of the plan in October 2017.

#### followed by Business Motions

**S5M-04776 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 March 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Green Party 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 Party 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 Ministerial Statement: Mental Health Strategy

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Transvaginal Mesh Implants

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Unconventional Oil and Gas

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Enterprise and Skills Review

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.45 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 18 April 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 19 April 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;

Rural Economy and Connectivity

Thursday 23 March 2017

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 20 April 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

### **followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S5M-04777](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2016 Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**[S5M-04778](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the First-tier Tax Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**[S5M-04779](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Tax Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**[S5M-04780](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**[S5M-04781](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 (Ancillary Provisions) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**[S5M-04782](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Upper Tax Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

### **5:00 pm Decision Time**

## Committee Meetings

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

### Equalities and Human Rights Committee 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.

### Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 8th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 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.
2. **Administration of the Scottish Rate of Income Tax 2015-16:** The Committee will take evidence on the Comptroller and Auditor General's report entitled "The Administration of the Scottish Rate of Income Tax 2015-16" from—  
Sir Amyas Morse, Comptroller & Auditor General, National Audit Office;  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Steven Corbishley, Director, National Audit Office.
3. **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—  
Sir Amyas Morse, Comptroller & Auditor General, and Steven Corbishley, Director, National Audit Office;  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland.

### Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 8th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee will consider an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Social Science, and take evidence from—  
Daniel Johnson, Convener of the proposed CPG on Social Science.
2. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Social Science.

3. **Scotland Act 2016 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report and draft Standing Order rule changes.
4. **Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (in private):** The Committee will consider a note by the clerk.

### Justice Committee 12th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **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.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 15 March 2017

### 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 — S5M-04016 Graeme Dey: Included in the Main?!

### 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 — S5M-03750 John Lamont: Congratulations to Rotary District 1020 and Other Champions of Change Winners

### 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 — S5M-04703 Willie Rennie: The Future of Elmwood Campus

**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>

### Social Security Committee

27 March 2017

7th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 2.00 pm in Glasgow City Chambers

1. **Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Naomi Eisenstadt, Independent Advisor on Poverty and Inequality, Scottish Government;

Andrew Hood, Senior Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies;

Dr Jim McCormick, Associate Director Scotland, Joseph Rowntree Scotland;

and then from—

John Dickie, Director, Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland (CPAG);

Eddie Follan, Policy & Public Affairs Officer, Barnardo's Scotland;

and then from—

Fiona Moss, Head of Health Improvement and Inequality, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership;

Sandra McDermott, Head of Financial Inclusion and Improving the Cancer Journey, Glasgow City Council;

Jackie Erdman, Head of Equalities and Human Rights, and Sonya Scott, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

2. **Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 20 April, the Committee will continue to take evidence on the Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill.

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

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## Motions

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

### Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

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

**\*S5M-04825 Alexander Burnett: Lyme Disease, The Need To Do More**—That the Parliament recognises that Lyme disease is affecting many people across Scotland, including in Aberdeenshire; considers that there is a lack of awareness and education to prevent further infections in 2017; notes calls for the issues surrounding diagnosis and treatment to be explored further; further notes calls for public education on the dangers of tick bites and for doctors to become better informed so that patients are not left undiagnosed, and notes the support for Lyme Disease UK's campaign to help increase awareness of this disease.

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### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*S5M-04837 Brian Whittle: Ayrshire College Participates in DataFest 2017**—That the Parliament recognises Ayrshire College's participation in DataFest 2017 by hosting an event at its Kilmarnock Campus, which attracted 150 delegates, including a large number of local businesses; understands that the week-long festival, which showcases Scotland's leading role in global data innovation, is organised by the Data Lab, which is the country's innovation centre for data; notes that the event at the college was the only part of the festival that took place outside of Edinburgh, Aberdeen or Glasgow and was also the only one to be organised by a college; considers that, when properly used, data innovation and analysis can bring significant benefits to all sectors of the economy, including aerospace, health, tourism and retail; believes that Scotland should continue to play a leading role in the understanding and use of big data to benefit business and the public sector, and congratulates the college on its event and the Data Lab for the festival.

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**\*[S5M-04836](#) Brian Whittle: Ayrshire College Wins UK Training Partner of the Year**

**Award**—That the Parliament congratulates the staff and students of Ayrshire College on winning the UK Training Partner of the Year Award in the engineering sector at the Semta Skills Awards; notes that Semta is the Science, Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies Alliance; understands that Ayrshire College was the only college or university shortlisted for an award; further understands that the award was given in recognition of the college's outstanding efforts in forming strategic partnerships with companies in the aerospace sector, creating pathways for school pupils into apprenticeships and its work to advance equality and diversity in the engineering sector through campaigns encouraging more women to study STEM subjects; commends the companies involved with Ayrshire College, including Prestwick Aircraft Maintenance, Spirit Aerosystems, Woodward and GSK, for their commitment to education and skills development; believes that close partnership working between further and higher education establishments and industry is vital to the future success of the Scottish economy, and hopes that the success of Ayrshire College will be replicated by others across Scotland in years to come.

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**\*[S5M-04835](#) Neil Findlay: 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Oscar Romero**—That the Parliament notes that 15 August 2017 will be the 100th anniversary of the birth of Oscar Romero, and that 24 March 2017 is the 27th anniversary of the day on which he was assassinated while conducting a church service; considers that the example of Oscar Romero, who went on to be the Bishop of El Salvador and was a champion of the poor and a voice for those without a voice, is one that should inspire people of all faiths and none; believes that the example of his life and work has motivated people across the world, and considers that the much prayed and hoped for canonisation of this spiritual and courageous man would bring his example to people everywhere.

Supported by: Jenny Marra\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Andy Wightman\*

**\*[S5M-04834](#) Margaret Mitchell: Salvation Army Hamilton**—That the Parliament commends the dedication and work of Major Alex McNee and the volunteers at the Salvation Army Hamilton Community Church in Burnblea Street in Hamilton; notes that the Salvation Army has been in existence for 150 years and continues its ethos that the Christian faith should be lived out through practical action, which is evidenced not only here in Hamilton, but also in 127 countries throughout the world where it is present; recognises that through its unconditional service to people of all faiths and none, and its close community involvement, people in Hamilton are helped and supported by various initiatives, including a community café where a hot meal can be purchased at minimal cost, a food bank collection point made possible through direct donations and in partnership with the Trussell Trust, access to follow-up services to help people get back on their feet, a simple meeting place, art classes, a men's group, a community choir, as well as choirs catering for both senior and junior singers, and brass band rehearsals; understands that, from April 2017, the church will be hosting a woman's support group, which will include budgeting, money matters, simple social skills and food hygiene courses, and welcomes the contribution to the local community that this vibrant Salvation Army corps brings.

**\*[S5M-04833](#) Gordon MacDonald: New Community Hub for Broomhouse**—That the Parliament congratulates the Broomhouse Centre, in the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency, in its fundraising efforts to raise £2.5 million to build a new community hub; thanks those organisations that have pledged funding, including The Robertson Trust, Clothworkers Foundation, Tudor Trust, Crerar Hotels, RS MacDonald Trust, the Big Lottery Fund and the City of Edinburgh Council, as well as

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the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grants Fund; understands that the new hub will provide a new community space, training and employment opportunities and space for starting new enterprises, and congratulates all those who have helped make this new community space possible for the people of Broomhouse.

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**\*S5M-04832 Jenny Gilruth: Congratulations to Mid Fife and Glenrothes MSYPs**—That the Parliament congratulates Euan Greenwood and Kieran Cowan on being elected to serve as Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) for the Mid Fife and Glenrothes constituency; notes the commitment that both have shown to their local communities; endorses the work of the SYP in supporting political engagement with young people nationally, and congratulates all those involved at the SYP on their work to ensure that the voices of Scotland's young people are heard.

Supported by: Monica Lennon\*, Joan McAlpine\*, David Torrance\*, Bob Doris\*

**\*S5M-04831 Clare Haughey: Greening Cambuslang**—That the Parliament congratulates eight community projects in Cambuslang on securing a total of £11,000 from the Greening Cambuslang Fund; notes that the fund, which was set up by Cambuslang Community Council, administers a £59,000 Scottish Government grant for environmental initiatives; further notes that projects funded include an outdoor play space, an outdoor learning area, several gardens and landscaping projects, a growing project for young people and a memorial wall, and commends the hard work of the local community and neighbourhood groups in developing creative and sustainable projects.

**\*S5M-04830 Clare Haughey: Rutherglen and Cambuslang Young People Receive Duke of Edinburgh Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates young people from across Rutherglen and Cambuslang on receiving Duke of Edinburgh Awards; notes that groups of young people from Cambuslang's Universal Connections and Trinity, Stonelaw and Cathkin high schools received the honours; recognises that their awards represent many months of hard work learning new life skills, taking part in physical activities and volunteering in their local community, and wishes them every success for the future.

**\*S5M-04829 Clare Haughey: Cathkin High Pupils' Support for Homeless Families**—That the Parliament commends fourth year pupils, Sophie Crichton, Kerri Edgar, Melissa Keary, Nikola Legierska, Zoe Yeung, Chloe Ware and Courtney Wilson, from Cathkin High School in Cambuslang for arranging a collection of items for families who use the Eva Burrows Centre; notes that the centre in Halfway, Cambuslang provides temporary accommodation for homeless or struggling families; further notes that the pupils collected nappies, wipes and toys for families who use the service, and wishes the pupils every success for the future.

Supported by: David Torrance\*, Bob Doris\*, Richard Lyle\*

**\*S5M-04828 Clare Haughey: Creation of a National Business District in Shawfield**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Clyde Gateway has announced that work is due to begin on a £9 million construction project to bring a new national business district to the Shawfield area of Rutherglen; notes that the planned Red Tree Shawfield office block follows the success of Red Tree developments in Rutherglen and Bridgeton, and that it will be able to support up to 250 jobs; further notes that the office building will be the first in a new business district to be named Magenta, which will bring previously contaminated and polluted land back into use and aid job creation, and congratulates Clyde Gateway on its excellent record of investment across the Rutherglen and Shawfield area.

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**\*S5M-04826 Edward Mountain: Knockhill Racing Circuit Armed Forces Appreciation**

**Day**—That the Parliament congratulates Knockhill Racing Circuit, which will host its third Armed Forces Appreciation Day on 19 April 2017, and notes that the event will start Scotland's National Motorsport Centre's Scottish Championship car racing season and that it offers any serving forces' personnel, or veteran, free admission as a sign of appreciation for all that they do for the country.

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**\*S5M-04824 Liam Kerr: Dundee Women's Aid Awarded Grant**—That the Parliament congratulates Dundee Women's Aid charity on being awarded £139,784 by the Big Lottery Fund; understands that the funds will be used to expand its current services of providing aid to women, young people and children who have experienced domestic abuse and to establish additional support programmes for women who have or are experiencing domestic abuse, and notes that service users who have completed an initial support package with the organisation will now be given the opportunity to progress on to newly established befriending, mentoring, and social activity programmes.

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**\*S5M-04823 Liam Kerr: Creation of Forfar Sensory Room for Families Affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder**—That the Parliament commends the efforts of Pitstop Youth Project and Autism Support Angus and Dundee, as well as local Forfar parents, for coming together in an effort to create a drop-in sensory room for families affected by autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in Forfar; understands that the room will be comprised of various lights, retreats, soft flooring and other sensory equipment to stimulate and relax children with ASD, and wishes the project success as it begins to construct the sensory room.

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**\*S5M-04822 Bruce Crawford: Scotland's First Sustainable Growth Agreement Signed in Stirling**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that SEPA has signed Scotland's first Sustainable Growth Agreement with the Stirling-based manufacturer, Superglass Insulation Limited; notes that this agreement is the first of its kind and focuses on six commitments to proactively enhance the environmental performance of the company over the next four years; further notes that these commitments specifically target a reduction in water usage, waste and CO2 emissions from the Superglass facility, while continuing to use innovative technologies to increase the use of renewable energy sources; understands that the agreement promotes a strong emphasis on community engagement with local groups to improve Stirling's economy; acknowledges that many other parties, such as Zero Waste Scotland and the Scottish Wildlife Trust, are joining this effort; congratulates SEPA and Superglass on this milestone for environmental management in Scotland, and encourages other companies in Stirling and Scotland

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to address the ways in which they can make environmental gains and improve environmental standards.

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**\*S5M-04821 Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh Development Group (Scotland)**—That the Parliament congratulates Edinburgh Development Group (Scotland) on receiving a grant of £346,047 from the Big Lottery Fund; notes that this project will use the funding to implement an innovative model of self-managed care co-operatives in the Edinburgh area; recognises that it has already piloted one such group, the Encompass group, which works with families and support workers of older adults (40 to 55-year-olds) with learning difficulties; understands that the model it has developed can be rolled out and adapted for use by other groups, and wishes everyone involved success in their aim to have five groups running and sustainable by the end of the three-year award.

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**\*S5M-04820 Jeremy Balfour: Brock Garden Centre SCIO**—That the Parliament congratulates all at the Brock Garden Centre SCIO on receiving a grant of £149,900 from the Big Lottery Fund; notes that this group supports people who have a severe and enduring mental illness; further notes that the project will focus on the personal recovery journey of participants by building on their skills to make a long-term difference in people's lives and promoting recovery in the broadest sense; understands that support will be provided formally by trained staff, as well as informally by peers, with volunteering and mentoring opportunities available, and wishes everyone involved success.

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**\*S5M-04819 Colin Beattie: Midlothian Mosque Celebrates Four Years**—That the Parliament congratulates Bonnyrigg's Madinah Masjidh and Community Centre on its four years of service to Muslim people; considers that the length of its presence reflects well on the community's rich cultural diversity and communal support; understands that it is the only such mosque in Midlothian and therefore provides religious services for many who would not otherwise have access to them, and wishes it continued success in the years to come.

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**\*S5M-04818 Liam McArthur: Orkney's First Coffee Roaster**—That the Parliament welcomes Orkney's first coffee roaster; understands that The Orkney Roastery, based at the Hatston industrial estate in Kirkwall, is the brainchild of Sara Tait and Euan Smith; notes that their roaster takes green beans from coffee growers around the world, including Colombia, and produces freshly roasted coffee; recognises that Sara and Euan are already supplying small batches of freshly roasted whole beans and ground coffee to local shops, cafés, restaurants and hotels, and wishes them well as they develop relationships with other coffee growers and expand their innovative business to supply their products across Scotland and beyond.

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**\*S5M-04817 Lewis Macdonald: Aberdeen Cyrenians Secure Big Lottery Funding**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Aberdeen Cyrenians have been awarded a grant of £401,916 from the Big Lottery Fund for a project offering support to women over the age of 16 who have experienced or who are currently experiencing physical, emotional or sexual abuse; understands that the grant will fund one-to-one support sessions, a 12-week women's group programme, a befriending service and signposting to other appropriate support services, and congratulates Aberdeen Cyrenians on securing this vital funding, which will help support women affected by abuse throughout the city.

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**\*S5M-04816 Monica Lennon: Kilbryde Hospice**—That the Parliament congratulates Kilbryde Hospice on it being awarded £128,757 by the Big Lottery Fund Scotland; notes that this will be used to support the people in South Lanarkshire that it cares for, including those with conditions such as cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and motor neurone disease, and their carers; understands that the hospice takes a holistic approach, which is centred on the needs and expectations of its service users and their families; commends its multidisciplinary teamwork, which includes working with people in the comfort of their own homes and offering advice on how best to control pain and relieve other symptoms, and wishes the hospice, its staff and its dedicated volunteers continued success.

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**\*S5M-04815 Monica Lennon: The Machan Trust, Larkhall**—That the Parliament congratulates The Machan Trust, which is based in Larkhall, on it being awarded £136,872 by the Big Lottery Fund Scotland; understands that this will be used to develop its volunteering programme and support the community in taking increased ownership of the young people's groups that it facilitates; notes that this work will be supported by the appointment of a new creating sustainability officer, who will provide people aged 14 and over with the skills and confidence that they need to take the lead in delivering activities, and wishes the trust continued success.

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**\*S5M-04814 Monica Lennon: Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire**—That the Parliament congratulates Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASL) on it being awarded £334,811 by the Big Lottery Fund Scotland toward its Chance 2 Change project; notes that this supports 16- to 29-year-olds with multiple complex challenges, including mental health issues, offending behaviour, substance misuse, risk taking, self-harm and isolation; understands that it will support the young people in managing their personal circumstances by offering mentoring, personal goal-setting and group work; believes this will help them develop the life skills that they need to overcome any personal life challenges, and wishes VASL continued success.

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**\*S5M-04813 Bruce Crawford: CodeBase to Open New Site in Stirling**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the technology company, CodeBase, is to open a new branch in Stirling, which it understands is the first to be opened outside of Edinburgh; believes that the new site will create hundreds of new jobs for Stirling and will form the first major building block in the city's proposed new digital district; notes that CodeBase is home to over 90 startups and has helped to incubate companies that have raised over half a billion dollars of investment since its 2014 launch; considers that this is a fantastic and exciting new step for Stirling in its aim to become an

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economic, digital and cultural powerhouse in both Scotland and internationally, and wishes CodeBase every success with its new project.

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**\*S5M-04812 Alison Johnstone: Little Free Libraries Offering a Valuable Community**

**Service**—That the Parliament commends the service provided by Little Free Libraries, which are free “take a book, return a book” exchange services operating out of purpose-built depositories constructed by volunteers in over 70 countries, with locations in Edinburgh at the Stockbridge Colonies, Royal Botanic Gardens and at Exchange Place, Semple Street; understands that Little Free Libraries have been embraced by locals who borrow books for themselves and for less physically able neighbours, working together in their community to keep them stocked up, and also by tourists visiting the city; considers that Little Free Libraries plays an essential role by providing 24/7 access to books and encouraging a love of reading, often in areas where books are scarce; considers that the emergence of these services comes at a time when the number of traditional public libraries are dramatically declining across the city and the country as a whole; believes that Little Free Libraries demonstrate a demand for library services and an innovative, community-led approach to meeting some of this demand; supports the efforts of campaigners, such as Save Scotland’s School Libraries, as they push for a national strategy for school libraries to ensure current and future generations are not deprived of access to such an essential public service, and encourages those who are able to do so, to visit their nearest Little Free Library with a selection of their own favourite books to exchange.

**\*S5M-04811 Bruce Crawford: New Hotel is a Boost for Tourism in Stirling**

—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Travelodge is to build a new hotel in Stirling later in 2017; understands that the new hotel will create 15 new posts for local people and accompanies many other projects across the city, which have been launched as a result of the City Deal, and considers that Stirling is of great value to Scotland’s tourism industry, particularly in this Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology, and that this new hotel will provide further accommodation opportunities for people seeking to discover all the brilliant attractions that Stirling has to offer.

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**\*S5M-04810 Bruce Crawford: Forth Valley College Receives Top Marks from Scottish**

**Funding Council**—That the Parliament congratulates Forth Valley College on its tremendous Scottish Funding Council report on College Performance Indicators for 2015-16; understands that the college, which has a fantastic campus in Stirling, is Scotland’s top performing college in STEM-related courses and is above the sector average in several other further education categories; considers that the success of the college is a result of the hard work of all the staff and students who consistently deliver excellent results in the further education sector; further considers that the college plays an essential role in education and training in the Stirling area, and wishes everyone involved at Forth Valley College every success for the future.

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**\*S5M-04809 Clare Haughey: Young Boxer’s Gold Medal Double**

—That the Parliament congratulates James Sweeney from Cathkin on his performance in the boxing ring, after he won back-to-back Western District and Scottish Open gold medals; notes that the 13-year-old Trinity



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High School pupil is now eligible to fight for Scotland in the British Championships in June, 2017, and wishes him well in the selection process and his continued success.

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**\*S5M-04808 Alexander Stewart: Perth Charity Receives Big Lottery Funding—**That the Parliament welcomes the news that Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Service has received a £137,514 grant from the Big Lottery Fund; understands that the project, which is based at the Gateway Centre, North Methven Street in Perth, will support integration and capacity-building of migrants and individuals; believes that it will provide help in accessing local services, tailored support, cultural training, volunteer development opportunities, ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) classes and community groups; understands that participants in these classes will be principally from Eastern European, South Asian and Chinese origins, and wishes the group all the very best with its future work.

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**\*S5M-04807 Finlay Carson: New Galloway's Big Lottery Award—**That the Parliament congratulates New Galloway Community Enterprise Ltd on its successful bid for funding from the Big Lottery Fund's Growing Community Assets programme; understands that the grant of £808,000 will be used to purchase and develop Hopkin's shop and house in New Galloway, which was set to be lost; congratulates all those in the community on their hard work to reach this point, and wishes them the greatest of success with the project moving forward.

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**\*S5M-04806 Gillian Martin: Keenan Recycling Named Business of the Year—**That the Parliament congratulates Keenan Recycling of New Deer on winning Business of the Year in the under 250 staff category at the inaugural Scottish SME Business Awards; understands that Keenan Recycling is a family-owned business and has expanded significantly in central Scotland, now processing more than 60,000 tonnes of waste each year, which it transforms into compost; commends the company on being an accredited Living Wage Employer, and wishes it well for the future.

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**\*S5M-04805 Clare Haughey: 17 Years of Fundraising for Rutherglen Charities—**That the Parliament commends Liz Arbuckle of Rutherglen for raising £250,000 throughout the last 17 years for various charities, such as Cash for Kids and Breast Cancer Care; notes that Liz organises and coordinates regular ladies' lunches to fundraise for Cash for Kids; further notes that she has recently been appointed as community champion for Toryglen ASDA, and wishes Liz continued success in generating funds for the various charities that provide necessary resources to the community and that enrich the lives of Rutherglen's citizens.

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**\*[S5M-04804](#) Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Charity Receives Big Lottery Fund Grant**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Sauchie Community Group has received £112,902 from the Big Lottery Fund; understands that the project, which is based at the Resource Centre in Mar Place, Sauchie, will, through the introduction of a new post of Community Manager, build the capacity of the group to sustain and expand its programme of activities, develop its outreach provision, increase its volunteer pool and work towards improving sustainability prospects through an increased partnership approach, and wishes the group all the very best with its future work.

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**\*[S5M-04803](#) Bill Bowman: Big Lottery Fund Success in Dundee East**—That the Parliament congratulates Showcase the Street in Dundee on receiving £149,200 from the Big Lottery Fund; understands that the group will deliver a programme of recreational and educational family-based activities from its base in Mayfield, Dundee; further understands that the project will include a regular after school club, which will provide a range of opportunities including arts, sports, cooking, SQA qualifications and a sit-down family meal for those involved, and extends its best wishes for the project's success.

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**\*[S5M-04802](#) Angus MacDonald: CATCA Wins Scottish Rural Award for Second Year in a Row**—That the Parliament congratulates the Communities Along the Carron Association (CATCA), a Falkirk district conservation group, on winning a prestigious award at the Scottish Rural Awards 2017 in the Conservation and Environment category for the second year running; notes that the ceremony was held on 16 March 2017 in Edinburgh's Our Dynamic Earth venue; recognises that the group was praised by judges for its commitment and dedication to the regeneration of the River Carron and surrounding areas for the benefit of local residents; considers that the Scottish Rural Awards are the ultimate benchmark of success in Scotland's countryside, highlighting the enterprise, skill and innovation of those who live and work in rural areas, and wishes CATCA continued success with environmental conservation in Falkirk district and every success in the future.

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**\*[S5M-04801](#) Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Pupil is Young Citizen of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Wee County teenager, Ryan Kellock, who it understands was rendered speechless when he heard that he was Clackmannanshire's Young Citizen of the Year for 2016; acknowledges that Ryan was recognised for his voluntary work and presented with the accolade during an awards ceremony held at Kilncraigs in Alloa; notes that the annual awards ceremony is held to mark the dedication of local people and all that they do to improve life in Clackmannanshire; understands that Ryan, who is 15, received the award due to giving up his spare time in order to make a difference in the community, and recognises that he helps with a number of sporting activities, including Easter and summer programmes, runs three football teams for S2-4 pupils and a lunchtime club for pupils with additional support needs and that he volunteers for school activities, including charity fundraising and careers events.

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**\*S5M-04800 Alexander Stewart: Perth Resident Sue Hendry Recognised by the Rotary Club of Perth**—That the Parliament congratulates Perth resident, Sue Hendry, on her recognition by the Rotary Club of Perth for her record of service to the local community over many years; understands that the club presents the Cairncross Trophy annually to a person or organisation who has made an outstanding contribution to the community; recognises that Sue has served on many voluntary and charitable organisations since first coming to the city in 1969, ranging from the Citizens' Advice Bureau to assisting the recent poppies display at Balhousie Castle to serving as an elder of St John's Kirk, where she is also secretary; further recognises that the award was made primarily for her significant contribution to local heritage and fabric through her many years of dedicated service to Perth Civic Trust and Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust of which she is currently the chair; notes that Sue is also on the main programme board of the Perth City of Culture bid, and further notes that a cheque for £250 was awarded to her along with the trophy, which she has asked to be paid to the Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust to help it in its work. **R**

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**\*S5M-04799 Ash Denham: Residents Love Edinburgh**—That the Parliament acknowledges the findings of a recent survey of 5,000 Edinburgh residents, which suggested that 94% are happy to live in the capital; understands that this is one of the highest such scores in the UK; appreciates that 89% said that they liked their own neighbourhood and 85% feel safe after dark; notes that, although concerns about street cleaning, dog fouling and bin collections were at a record high, four-out-of-five said that the city's festivals and culture made it a better place to live, and welcomes this survey.

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**\*S5M-04798 Ross Greer: Scottish Youth Parliament Elections**—That the Parliament congratulates all successful candidates in the recent Scottish Youth Parliament election; commiserates with all candidates, including current MSYPs, who were unsuccessful in their bid for re-election; wishes those MSYPs who are standing down or were unsuccessful in their election bid all the very best for their future studies and careers; notes that more than 70,000 votes were cast in the elections; believes that the scale of this engagement shows that young people can be enthused by political discussions that are based on the issues that matter to them; congratulates all the local authorities, national voluntary organisations and Scottish Youth Parliament staff who made the elections such a success, and urges all MSPs to engage on a regular basis with their new MSYPs on the issues that matter to their constituents, when they officially take up their new roles in June 2017.

**\*S5M-04797 Gordon Lindhurst: Virtual Reality – Careers in Construction Wins UK Career Development Award 2017**—That the Parliament congratulates researchers from Heriot-Watt University School of Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure and Society (EGIS) on winning the UK Career Development Award 2017 for Best Practice in the Use of Technology in Career Development; understands that the award was won for the development of "Virtual Reality –

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Careers in Construction", encompassing three games that promote career opportunities in the construction sector by offering practical understanding as to what is involved in different construction disciplines, including project management, energy efficiency of buildings and town planning; notes that the researchers teamed up with Skills Development Scotland (SDS), the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and Animmersion Ltd to develop the games as part of SDS's My World of Work Live! programme; recognises that pupils from Leith Academy helped to launch the games at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh, and welcomes the launch of the games at a time when the CITB has forecast that the construction industry will require 12,000 new construction workers in Scotland over the next five years to meet demand.

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**\*S5M-04796 Kenneth Gibson: Congratulations to Ella Nettlefold**—That the Parliament congratulates Ella Nettlefold of Ardrrossan on the occasion of her 100th birthday on 20 March 2017; notes that Ella was born and raised in Stevenston; acknowledges that her father gave his life in the First World War when she was but a year old and that, for most of her life, Ella has lived in Ardrrossan, as she still does, raising a family; notes that she was a Brownie at 10 and served for many years as a District Commissioner for the Ardrrossan Girl Guide Association, and is still active in her local Episcopal Church; is heartened that Ella takes a great interest in current affairs, voting Yes in the independence referendum, is hale, hearty, feisty, living in her own home and retains a great sense of humour, and wishes her many more happy years.

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**\*S5M-04795 Stuart McMillan: Cameron Watson Wins Cross Country Race**—That the Parliament congratulates the Clydeview Academy athlete, Cameron Watson, on winning his first Scottish Schools title in the under-17 boys' race at the Scottish Schools' Cross Country Championship in Livingston; notes that he will be heading to Wales for the Schools' International and wishes him the best of luck; further congratulates the Clydeview Academy younger pupils on winning a silver medal in the under-15 boys' race, which was their first Scottish Schools medal; commends all students for their success and hard work, and wishes them all the best in future races.

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**\*S5M-04794 Stuart McMillan: Business Couple Wins Award**—That the Parliament congratulates the Inverclyde couple, Poonam and Puneet Gupta, who are owners of PG Paper, on being named entrepreneurs of the year at the first Scottish SME Business Awards; notes that the Guptas, aside from operating a multinational company, raise money for good causes and contribute advice to prospective and current business people in Inverclyde; commends them for their hard work and contributions to the Inverclyde community, and wishes them continued success.

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**\*S5M-04793 Stuart McMillan: CalMac Celebrates Thistle Awards Win**—That the Parliament congratulates the Gourock-based CalMac ferries on winning an award at VisitScotland's annual

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Thistle Awards; notes that it won the Working Together for Tourism award for its multiple channels and innovations made across the west coast of the highlands and islands to support the tourism industry; further notes that this includes partnerships with various destination marketing organisations and specific products such as the *Go Days Out* brochure, which combines ferry travel with various travel attraction experiences, and the CalMac Whisky Pass, which gives tourists exclusive discounts in certain bars; acknowledges an earlier tourism award that the company won, the Digital Marketing Campaign of the Year at the UK-wide Travel Marketing Awards, and commends CalMac on this award and its dedication to improving Scottish tourism, and wishes the company continued success.

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**\*S5M-04792 Christina McKelvie: Friends of Stonehouse Park**—That the Parliament pays tribute to the Friends of Stonehouse Park for their success in exploring a plan of development for the park; believes that this redevelopment will take place gradually over the next five years; notes that members held meetings with the Forestry Commission Scotland and landscape architects to put their redevelopment plans into action and have now finalised their feasibility report that enables the park's development; recognises that the group is determined to improve the park space, and pays tribute to its dedication to making a difference to the Stonehouse community.

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**\*S5M-04791 Fulton MacGregor: Coatbridge and Chryston MSYPs**—That the Parliament congratulates Jack Campbell and Ryan Kelly on being elected to represent Coatbridge and Chryston at the Scottish Youth Parliament; considers that both will provide excellent representation for young people throughout the constituency; notes that the youth parliament provides a platform for young people to discuss issues important to them, which enables them to effect change and shape policy, and wishes both Jack and Ryan well for their term in office.

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### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**S5M-04790 Neil Findlay: The Battle of Grangemouth** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Claudia Beamish\*, Alex Rowley\*

**S5M-04788 Stuart McMillan: New MSYPs for Greenock and Inverclyde** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Bill Kidd\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**S5M-04787 Margaret Mitchell: The Manda Centre** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Bill Kidd\*, Douglas Ross\*, Bill Bowman\*, Finlay Carson\*

**S5M-04786 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Lothian Buses Launches New Airport Bus** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Neil Findlay\*

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**[S5M-04785](#) Bill Bowman: Shona Leckie's Champion Marmalade** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Emma Harper\*, Douglas Ross\*, Finlay Carson\*, Dean Lockhart\*

**[S5M-04775](#) Bill Bowman: The Dundee Mental Health Cairn Fowk** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Douglas Ross\*, Finlay Carson\*

**[S5M-04774](#) Ross Greer: Milngavie Week 2017** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Bill Kidd\*, David Torrance\*

**[S5M-04773](#) Sandra White: Congratulations to Glasgow Kelvin's New Youth Parliamentarians** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Gail Ross\*, Richard Lyle\*, Bill Kidd\*, Ash Denham\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Clare Haughey\*, David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04772](#) Gail Ross: Seafood Shack in Ullapool** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Sandra White\*, Douglas Ross\*, Clare Haughey\*, Maree Todd\*, Bill Kidd\*, David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04770](#) Christina McKelvie: Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse MSYPs** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Sandra White\*, Bill Kidd\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04769](#) Angus MacDonald: Falkirk's New MSYPs** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Gillian Martin\*, Clare Haughey\*, Sandra White\*, Bill Kidd\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, David Torrance\*

**[S5M-04768](#) Christina McKelvie: Funding for Lanarkshire Rape Crisis** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Clare Haughey\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Neil Findlay\*, Bill Kidd\*, Maree Todd\*, David Torrance\*

**[S5M-04767](#) Gail Ross: North Highland College Success at Scottish Rural Awards 2017** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Sandra White\*, Douglas Ross\*, Clare Haughey\*, Bill Kidd\*, Maree Todd\*, David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04766](#) Murdo Fraser: Request to Return the Stone of Destiny to Perth** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Douglas Ross\*, Bill Bowman\*, David Torrance\*

**[S5M-04765](#) Clare Haughey: Student Carers in Higher Education** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Neil Findlay\*, Bill Kidd\*, Maree Todd\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, David Torrance\*

**[S5M-04762](#) Finlay Carson: Earth's Crust Bakery Shortlisted for BBC Food and Farming Award** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

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**[S5M-04761](#) Ross Greer: Anniversary of Poll Tax Abolition** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle\*, Neil Findlay\*

**[S5M-04760](#) Jeremy Balfour: Girlguiding Scotland's Young Advocates Campaign to End Sexual Harassment in Schools** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay\*

**[S5M-04759](#) Alexander Stewart: New Maggie's Centre Opens in Larbert** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Douglas Ross\*, Finlay Carson\*, Neil Findlay\*, Bruce Crawford\*

**[S5M-04758](#) Maurice Golden: Kathleen Anderson's First Book Published** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Douglas Ross\*, Finlay Carson\*

**[S5M-04757](#) Richard Lochhead: Baxter's Highly Commended at Scottish Rural Awards** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Clare Haughey\*, David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04753](#) Anas Sarwar: 12th Anniversary of World Down Syndrome Day** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, David Torrance\*

**[S5M-04752](#) Richard Lochhead: Walkers Shortbread Success at 2017 Rural Awards** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Clare Haughey\*

**[S5M-04751](#) Miles Briggs: New Minister for Willowbrae Parish Church** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson\*

**[S5M-04750](#) Colin Beattie: Midlothian Youth Named Cleaning Hero** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04748](#) Angus MacDonald: Moonwalk Scotland Raises Cash to Tackle Breast Cancer** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

**[S5M-04747](#) Ruth Maguire: Ayrshire College Student Chefs, 2017 Champions** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

**[S5M-04746](#) Miles Briggs: Lothian's New MSYPs** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson\*, Neil Findlay\*

**[S5M-04745](#) Mark Ruskell: DA Hunter, 104 Years of Service to Dunblane** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

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Motions   Gluasadan				

New Support: Bruce Crawford\*

[S5M-04744](#) **Alexander Stewart: Tenci Earnshaw, Young Writer of the Year** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson\*

[S5M-04743](#) **Anas Sarwar: MSYPs for Glasgow** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: James Dornan\*, David Torrance\*

[S5M-04742](#) **Stewart Stevenson: James McAlinden MSYP for Banffshire and Buchan Coast** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

[S5M-04741](#) **Mark Ruskell: The Big Pedal and Superhero Fundraising Day** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Bruce Crawford\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

[S5M-04740](#) **Alexander Stewart: 1st Inverkeithing Company of the Boys' Brigade 125th Anniversary** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: David Torrance\*

[S5M-04739](#) **Graeme Dey: Angus South MSYPs** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

[S5M-04738](#) **Graeme Dey: Monifieth Wins Young Engineers and Science Clubs' Secondary Regional Club of the Year** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

[S5M-04737](#) **Graeme Dey: Shona Leckie Wins the World Marmalade Awards' Best in Show Prize** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

[S5M-04736](#) **Graeme Dey: Angus Cycle Hub Funding** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

[S5M-04734](#) **Alex Neil: Mavisbank School, Staff Cuts** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

[S5M-04733](#) **Willie Coffey: Congratulations to Martha Brindley** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

[S5M-04732](#) **Willie Coffey: Congratulations to Ayrshire College** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

[S5M-04729](#) **Gail Ross: MSYPs for Caithness, Sutherland and Ross** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*



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**[S5M-04728](#) Alexander Stewart: Perth Couple Raise £5,100 for Brain Tumour Charity** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*

**[S5M-04727](#) Alexander Stewart: New Nursery for Alloa** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*

**[S5M-04722](#) Gail Ross: Invergordon FC, Champions 2017** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04721](#) Maurice Golden: Douglas Academy Pupils Receive Diana Award** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*

**[S5M-04718](#) Finlay Carson: The Clachan Inn Wins Scottish Thistle Award** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Bruce Crawford\*

**[S5M-04709](#) Neil Findlay: Trio of Golds for Elise Christie** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*

**[S5M-04708](#) Neil Findlay: Flawed Airport Consultation** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Mark Ruskell\*

**[S5M-04707](#) Monica Lennon: CAMHS, Rejected Referrals and the Need for Answers** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay\*

**[S5M-04705](#) Richard Lochhead: West End Primary Launches Recruitment Video** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04697](#) Kenneth Gibson: Ayrshire College Wins UK Engineering Training Provider of the Year** (lodged on 17 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04696](#) Jamie Greene: Congratulating Dave Hewitt** (lodged on 17 March 2017)

New Support: John Scott\*

**[S5M-04688](#) Mark Griffin: Split Payments of Universal Credit for Gender Equality** (lodged on 17 March 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay\*, Ivan McKee\*

**[S5M-04686](#) Gail Ross: 23rd Gissen Briggs Fiddler's Rally** (lodged on 17 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Bill Kidd\*, Douglas Ross\*, Gillian Martin\*, Sandra White\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

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**[S5M-04682](#) Annie Wells: Scottish LGBTIQ Voices** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Douglas Ross\*, Finlay Carson\*

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

New Support: Ivan McKee\*

**[S5M-04673](#) Kenneth Gibson: East Africa Crisis Appeal** (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04663](#) Gail Ross: Ullapool Primary School's Gardening Success** (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Bill Kidd\*, Douglas Ross\*, Gillian Martin\*, David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04660](#) Gail Ross: Ailidh Mackie, Queen's Guide Award Winner** (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04658](#) David Torrance: Congratulating the Dysart Colliery Silver Band** (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04657](#) David Torrance: Fife Flames Win Under-16 Ice Hockey League** (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04655](#) Ruth Maguire: Best Festival Award for Irvine's Scottish Maritime Museum** (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04651](#) Graeme Dey: Congratulations to Timmergreens Primary School's Young Animators** (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04650](#) Ruth Maguire: Congratulating Irvine Takeda Club** (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04649](#) Ruth Maguire: Congratulating North Ayrshire Council's Libraries** (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04646](#) Clare Haughey: Lanarkshire Credit Union Achieves Living Wage Employer Status** (lodged on 15 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04643](#) Ben Macpherson: UK Government Restrictions for 18 to 21-year-olds Accessing Financial Support for Housing** (lodged on 15 March 2017)

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New Support: Sandra White\*

**[S5M-04637](#) Stuart McMillan: Year of Scotland's Coast and Waters 2020** (lodged on 15 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04634](#) Bruce Crawford: Village of Kippen Ranked One of the Best in the UK** (lodged on 15 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04630](#) Bruce Crawford: Robertson Trust to Provide Third Sector Hub in Stirling** (lodged on 15 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04628](#) Jenny Gilruth: Glenrothes High School Pupils Win Competition** (lodged on 15 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04627](#) Bruce Crawford: Launch of the Stirling-Alive with Scotland Campaign** (lodged on 15 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04499](#) Sandra White: Keep Me Posted** (lodged on 08 March 2017)

New Support: Daniel Johnson\*, Murdo Fraser\*

**[S5M-04450](#) Jamie Greene: Congratulating Dalry Bowling Club** (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*

**[S5M-04447](#) Graeme Dey: Keep Scotland Beautiful, Tackle Roadside Litter** (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*

**[S5M-04439](#) Monica Lennon: Suicide and Inequality** (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*

**[S5M-04130](#) Ben Macpherson: Justice for Yazidi People** (lodged on 21 February 2017)

New Support: Elaine Smith\*

**[S5M-04016](#) Graeme Dey: Included in the Main?!** (lodged on 13 February 2017)

New Support: Johann Lamont\*

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## Oral Questions

### Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 29 March 2017

#### Finance and the Constitution

- 1. Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has carried out of public support for a second referendum on Scotland leaving the UK. ([S5O-00828](#))
- 2. Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to concerns that reductions to local government budgets will have a negative impact on local services in South Scotland. ([S5O-00829](#))
- 3. Johann Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the local government budget allocation to Glasgow City Council since 2007. ([S5O-00830](#))
- 4. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government how its national digital strategy will impact on the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency. ([S5O-00831](#))
- 5. Graeme Dey:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact will be of the finance secretary's recent announcement of £15.6 million being reinvested back into the Digital Scotland programme ([S5O-00832](#))
- 6. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact independence would have on Scotland's public finances. ([S5O-00833](#))
- 7. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact EU funding has on Scottish public finances. ([S5O-00834](#))
- 8. Gail Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent engagement it has had with the hospitality sector regarding business rates relief. ([S5O-00835](#))
- 9. Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers the Edinburgh Agreement to be a model for an independence referendum. ([S5O-00836](#))
- 10. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what currency an independent Scotland would use. ([S5O-00837](#))

#### Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

- 1. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to boost the economy and create jobs in Coatbridge and Chryston. ([S5O-00838](#))
- 2. Tom Arthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the economic contribution of the music industry. ([S5O-00839](#)) R
- 3. David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support Dingwall's economy. ([S5O-00840](#))
- 4. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the latest Fraser of Allander Economic Commentary, which warns that indicators of Scottish consumer confidence are more negative than for the UK as whole. ([S5O-00841](#))
- 5. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met representatives of the Scottish Investment Bank. ([S5O-00842](#))
- 6. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to promote apprenticeship schemes. ([S5O-00843](#))

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**7. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact would be on the economy of a second independence referendum campaign. ([S5O-00844](#))

**8. Dean Lockhart:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the latest Fraser of Allander Economic Commentary, which states that Scotland has a weak export performance that remains a concern and a key challenge. ([S5O-00845](#))

**9. Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government how many former North Sea oil and gas workers have retrained as teachers through the Transition Training Fund and subsequently found employment in teaching, and how much has been spent delivering the scheme. ([S5O-00846](#))

**10. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support businesses in North East Scotland. ([S5O-00847](#))

### General Questions selected for answer on 30 March 2017

**1. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on extending child fares to the age of 18 for all forms public transport. ([S5O-00848](#))

**2. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde meets its A&E waiting times target. ([S5O-00849](#))

**3. John Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what it is doing to support sustainable rural bus services. ([S5O-00850](#))

**4. Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what help it provides to nurseries in the North East Scotland region. ([S5O-00851](#))

**5. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what upgrades are planned for the A75. ([S5O-00852](#))

**6. Kate Forbes:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports residential care for older people in rural areas. ([S5O-00853](#))

**7. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact on the licensing of medicines in Scotland could be of the UK Government's decision to leave the European Medical Agency. ([S5O-00854](#))

**8. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report to the UK Government, *Each Home Counts*. ([S5O-00855](#))

**9. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of how mental health can be affected by unemployment. ([S5O-00856](#))

**10. Anas Sarwar:** [Not Lodged]

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Questions   Ceistean				

## Written Questions

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

### Written questions lodged on 22 March 2017

**[S5W-08264](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-22825 by Nicola Sturgeon on 27 October 2014, what estimate it has made of what the cost would be of holding a second independence referendum.

**[S5W-08265](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to attract investment to the (a) Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse and (b) East Kilbride constituency.

**[S5W-08267](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government which trade unions the Minister for Mental Health has met; when these meetings were held, and what issues were discussed.

**[S5W-08312](#) Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government how many independent prison monitors are in post.

**[S5W-08313](#) Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government how many vacancies there are for independent prison monitors.

**[S5W-08314](#) Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what the average frequency of monitoring visits per prison is by (a) independent prison monitors and (b) prison monitoring coordinators.

**[S5W-08315](#) Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government how much independent prison monitoring cost in its first year of operation.

**[S5W-08316](#) Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of prison monitoring visits have been carried out as part of a pre-arranged rota.

**[S5W-08317](#) Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of prison monitoring visits have been carried out on an unannounced basis.

**[S5W-08318](#) Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what training existing independent prison monitors have received.

**[S5W-08319](#) Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government how many times the Independent Prison Monitoring Advisory Group has met.

**[S5W-08321](#) Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government how visits by independent prison monitors are publicised to prisoners.

**[S5W-08322](#) Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what work has been undertaken to assess prisoners' awareness of independent prison monitors and prison monitoring coordinators.

**[S5W-08323](#) Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact the fire on the Leeds-Aberdeen high-speed train (HST) on 21 March 2017 will have on the plans for HST services to be introduced by ScotRail from 2018.

**[S5W-08324](#) Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has asked Virgin Trains East Coast for a report on the fire on the Leeds-Aberdeen high-speed train on 21 March 2017 that caused the line to be blocked at Leuchars.

**[S5W-08326](#) Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-07818 by Joe Fitzpatrick on 22 March 2017, how many times since May 2007 (a) the First Minister and (b) each (i) cabinet secretary, (ii) minister (A) has been in contact or (B) have been contacted by Andrew Wilson or Charlotte Street Partners, and for what reason.

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**[S5W-08335](#) Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many council houses have been built in each year since 1997.

**[S5W-08336](#) Richard Lochhead:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to grow Scotland's food and drink exports.

**[S5W-08337](#) Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will increase the mental health workforce. R

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

## 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 (evidence, lead committee (*Social Security*)), 27 March 2017

#### **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



### **Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill (P)**

Introduced 20 March 2017

*Objections may be lodged up to 5pm on Friday 19 May with the Non-Government Bills Unit ([Private.Bills@parliament.scot](mailto:Private.Bills@parliament.scot))*

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

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

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

Introduced 17 March 2017

*Objections may be lodged up to 5pm on Tuesday 16 May with the Non-Government Bills Unit ([Private.Bills@parliament.scot](mailto:Private.Bills@parliament.scot))*

### **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

## **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

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

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

### **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**

Agreed 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**

Agreed by the Parliament on 16 March 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)

### Affirmative instruments

#### Lead committee to report by 31 March 2017

[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 2 May 2017

[Roads \(Scotland\) Act 1984 \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (8 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Transport and Works \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (8 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

### Negative instruments

#### 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)

[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

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[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)

**Subject to annulment by 23 April 2017**

**Lead committee to report by 17 April 2017**

[Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/49\)](#) (27 February 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Sale of Tobacco and Nicotine Vapour Products by Persons Under 18 \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/50\)](#) (27 February 2017) (Health and Sport)

[Sale of Tobacco \(Register of Tobacco Retailers\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/51\)](#) (27 February 2017) (Health and Sport)

**Subject to annulment by 26 April 2017**

**Lead committee to report by 24 April 2017**

[Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Solicitors in the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Amendment\) \(Pursuers' Offers\) 2017 \(SSI 2017/53\)](#) (2 March 2017) (Justice)

[Shellfish \(Restrictions on Taking by Unlicensed Fishing Boats\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/57\)](#) (2 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

**Subject to annulment by 27 April 2017**

**Lead committee to report by 24 April 2017**

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/58\)](#) (3 March 2017) (Health and Sport)

[National Health Service \(Payments and Remission of Charges\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/59\)](#) (3 March 2017) (Health and Sport)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Renewable Energy Generation Relief\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/60\)](#) (3 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

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[Non-Domestic Rates \(District Heating Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/61\)](#) (3 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

**Subject to annulment by 3 May 2017**

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[Protection of Seals \(Designation of Haul-Out Sites\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/63\)](#) (9 March 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/64\)](#) (9 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/66\)](#) (9 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

**Subject to annulment by 4 May 2017**

**Lead committee to report by 1 May 2017**

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber \(Procedure\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/68\)](#) (10 March 2017) (Justice)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Tax Chamber \(Procedure\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/69\)](#) (10 March 2017) (Justice)

**Subject to annulment by 9 May 2017**

**Lead committee to report by 8 May 2017**

[Transport and Works \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(Applications and Objections Procedure\) Amendment Rules 2017 \(SSI 2017/74\)](#) (15 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

**Subject to annulment by 10 May 2017**

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[Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/77\)](#) (16 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Valuation Appeal Committee \(Procedure in Appeals under the Valuation Acts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/78\)](#) (16 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/85\)](#) (16 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

**Subject to annulment by 11 May 2017**

**Lead committee to report by 8 May 2017**

[Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(Angus Council\) Designation Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/79\)](#) (17 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Parking Attendants \(Wearing of Uniforms\) \(Angus Council Parking Area\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/80\)](#) (17 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

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[Road Traffic \(Parking Adjudicators\) \(Angus Council\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/81\)](#) (17 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(Stirling Council\) Designation Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/82\)](#) (17 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Parking Attendants \(Wearing of Uniforms\) \(Stirling Council Parking Area\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/83\)](#) (17 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Road Traffic \(Parking Adjudicators\) \(Stirling Council\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/84\)](#) (17 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

## Petitions

**The following petition was lodged with the Parliament on 22 March 2017**

**[PE1640](#)** Petition by Eileen Bryant on Action against irresponsible dog breeding.

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

**<http://www.parliament.scot/gettinginvolved/petitions/ViewPetitions.aspx>**

## New Documents

### Committee Reports

The following report was published on 23 March 2017—

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 4<sup>th</sup> Report, 2017 (Session 5): Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] (SP Paper 113)

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

### Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the 22nd March 2017 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

**Managing new financial powers: an update – a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland: AGS/2017/2** laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

**Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for March 2017: SPSO/2017/03** laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

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