

Wednesday 17 May 2017

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**1:15 pm** Members' Business — S5M-04643  
Ben Macpherson: UK Government  
Restrictions for 18 to 21-year-olds Accessing  
Financial Support for Housing

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions  
Communities, Social Security and Equalities

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and  
Unionist Party Debate: Fisheries

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and  
Unionist Party Debate: Teacher Training  
Programme

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-  
04137 Ash Denham: Neurofibromatosis  
Awareness Day

### Committee Meetings

**9:30am** Rural Economy and Connectivity  
Committee

**10:00am** Education and Skills Committee

**10:00am** Finance and Constitution  
Committee

**10:00am** Local Government and  
Communities Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 1:15 pm Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

**[S5M-04643](#) Ben Macpherson: UK Government Restrictions for 18 to 21-year-olds Accessing Financial Support for Housing**—That the Parliament expresses concern at its understanding that 18 to 21-year-olds in Edinburgh and across Scotland will face restrictions in accessing financial support for housing from 1 April 2017; notes the calls on the UK Government to reconsider what it believes is its ill-conceived and harmful plans that will increase the likelihood of young people being made homeless and undermine the preventative approach to homelessness taken by local and national government in Scotland; believes that these changes are being imposed while discussions continue between the UK and Scottish governments on how the policy can be fully mitigated within existing powers; notes its disappointment with the UK Government's short timescale for change despite assurances that options for Scotland would be considered further, which it believes makes it impossible for full mitigation arrangements to be put in place before this change comes into force; acknowledges the report, *The withdrawal of support for housing costs under Universal Credit for young people: more pain for little gain?*, from the homelessness charity Crisis, and Sheffield Hallam University, which suggests that many of those affected are “likely to be made more vulnerable, less secure and less able to rebuild their relationship with their parents or to keep or find a job than they were before”; notes the research of Heriot-Watt University, which estimates that, if more than 140 young people are made homeless, the policy will cost the UK Government more than the estimated and supposed savings, and believes that not all young people have the option of living with their parents and, for those who may be in a desperate or difficult situation and facing homelessness, housing support can provide stability, security and enable them to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

#### Communities, Social Security and Equalities

1. **Ross Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it reached its estimate of £150 million annual running costs for the new social security agency. ([S5O-00979](#))
2. **Alison Harris:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review the guidance on what constitutes a dangerous building. ([S5O-00980](#))
3. **Alison Johnstone:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will encourage the uptake of all of the devolved benefits to which people might be entitled. ([S5O-00981](#))
4. **Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment has been made of the impact that an increased carers allowance would have on disability poverty. ([S5O-00982](#))
5. **Anas Sarwar:** To ask the Scottish Government by what date the next phase of its benefit uptake campaign will begin; how long the phase will run, and who the target audience will be. ([S5O-00983](#))
6. **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government how many planning appeals determined under ministerial direction in the last year have been contrary to local development plans. ([S5O-00984](#))

**7. Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Church Census 2016, which estimates that the number of churchgoers will have more than halved between 2000 and 2025. ([S5O-00985](#))

**8. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the impact of its welfare reforms on communities in North Ayrshire. ([S5O-00986](#))

**9. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will withdraw the planning consent that it issued in August 2015 for an incinerator facility at Whitehill in Hamilton. ([S5O-00987](#)) **R**

**10. Maurice Corry:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-00988](#))

**11. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether there are plans for the Access to Elected Office Fund Scotland to be open to disabled people wishing to be nominated for the 2017 General Election. ([S5O-00989](#))

**12. Gordon Lindhurst:** To ask the Scottish Government what safeguards are in place to protect communities that are in close proximity to extensive building works. ([S5O-00990](#))

**13. Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to increase the availability of affordable housing in the north east. ([S5O-00991](#))

**14. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government what response it has received from the third sector to the comment by the Minister for Social Security that "the private sector should not be involved in assessments for Scotland's benefits". ([S5O-00992](#))

**15. Linda Fabiani:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to recent figures that suggest the Scottish Welfare Fund has supported more than 241,000 households, with awards totalling £124 million. ([S5O-00993](#))

**16. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government how many households in Scotland will be affected by the changes to child tax credits that were introduced on 6 April 2017. ([S5O-00994](#))

**17. Maree Todd:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has received a response from the UK Government to its request to halt the roll-out of universal credit in Scotland following reports that the new system is pushing more people into hardship and debt. ([S5O-00995](#))

**18. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government when its officials last met Atos Healthcare. ([S5O-00996](#))

**19. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the transfer of UK Government staff to the new social security agency and the Cabinet Office statement of practice are on the agenda for the next meeting of the Ministerial Working Group on Welfare. ([S5O-00997](#))

**20. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the outcome of the local government elections. ([S5O-00998](#))

### followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Fisheries

**S5M-05603 Peter Chapman: Fisheries**—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish fishing industry is vital to Scotland's culture and economy, and is a bedrock of many communities across the country; recognises the opportunity that leaving the EU offers to create a fit-for-purpose and tailor-made fisheries management regime that better suits the needs of Scottish fishing; acknowledges the potential to restore control of access to UK waters, enabling a fairer distribution of fishing opportunities in the future, and believes that Scotland must not return to the common fisheries policy.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S5M-05603.3 Fergus Ewing: Fisheries](#)**—As an amendment to motion S5M-05603 in the name of Peter Chapman (Fisheries), leave out from “recognises” to end and insert “notes that the present common fisheries policy is not delivering a sustainable fishing industry in Scotland; is disappointed at the lack of clarity from the UK Government on future funding to replace the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF), its failure to guarantee tariff and customs-free exports to the EU single market and to provide assurances that EU nationals and their families working in the fishing sector may remain in Scotland; regrets that the UK Government's White Paper makes clear its intention to allow EU boats access to Scotland's waters as of right, which would be detrimental to Scottish fishing interests; recognises the need to put sustainable development and a science-led, ecosystem approach at the heart of all marine and fisheries policies to create a viable future for fishing in Scottish waters to enable coastal communities and the marine environment to thrive, whatever the future holds; notes that fisheries are best managed at a level closest to citizens and communities, and agrees that all powers on fisheries should be devolved to the Scottish Parliament to enable the design of a management framework best suited to Scottish needs and the interests of Scotland’s fishing industry and sector, including through the commitment to a Fisheries Bill.”

**[S5M-05603.2 Rhoda Grant: Fisheries](#)**—As an amendment to motion S5M-05603 in the name of Peter Chapman (Fisheries), insert at end “; believes that there are challenges to be overcome in order to allow Scotland's fish to be sold in European markets, including the need to ensure that import controls are not bureaucratic in order to allow them to be sold fresh into that market; understands that Scotland must also continue to negotiate management of its seas with the EU, Norway, the Faroes and Iceland to ensure that the whole of the fishery is managed sustainably, as fish know no borders, and believes that repatriated powers should be devolved.”

### **followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Teacher Training Programme**

**[S5M-05595 Liz Smith: Teacher Training Programme](#)**—That the Parliament is concerned by the recent evidence presented to the Education and Skills Committee by trainee teachers, which revealed some serious concerns about the teacher training programme in Scotland, specifically about the organisation of teacher trainee placements and some perceived gaps in the programme regarding supporting trainees in learning key skills for the classroom; believes that these problems are, in some key areas, having a detrimental impact on the preparedness of trainees to meet the challenges of the curriculum for excellence and their ability to deliver better teaching in literacy and numeracy, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with the teacher training institutions and the General Teaching Council for Scotland to take urgent action to implement the necessary improvements to the teacher training programme in Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S5M-05595.2 John Swinney: Teacher Training Programme](#)**—As an amendment to motion S5M-05595 in the name of Liz Smith (Teacher Training Programme), insert at end “, and, in acknowledging and valuing the vital role and contribution that new and existing teachers make to children’s education, agrees to engage with local authorities, as teachers’ employers, to ensure that all teachers are confident in teaching literacy and numeracy.”

**[S5M-05595.1 Iain Gray: Teacher Training Programme](#)**—As an amendment to motion S5M-05595 in the name of Liz Smith (Teacher Training Programme), after “literacy and numeracy”

insert "; further believes that more initial teacher training in the support of pupils facing particular challenges, such as living in care or with adoptive families, could help close the attainment gap".

## followed by Business Motions

**[S5M-05637](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—**

Tuesday 23 May 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 24 May 2017

1.15 pm Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work;

Finance and the Constitution

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Safe, Secure and Prosperous: Achieving a Cyber-resilient Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 25 May 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 30 May 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 31 May 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Economy and Connectivity;

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 1 June 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

**[S5M-05638](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 9 June 2017.

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S5M-05640](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**[S5M-05641](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business**



## Debate on the subject of—

**[S5M-04137](#) Ash Denham: Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day**—That the Parliament appreciates that 17 May 2017 is Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day; notes that neurofibromatosis (NF) is a genetic disorder that causes tumours to grow on the nerves and that tumours can develop anywhere in the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord and nerves; further notes that there is no known cure for the condition, which people are born with due to a genetic mutation; recognises that, while 1 in 3,000 people are currently diagnosed with the condition, many go undiagnosed due to a lack of awareness; considers that, despite NF being one of the most common genetic disorders, people, including many parents, often find themselves telling GPs what their condition or that of their children is; notes that NF is a progressive condition and can cause a variety of problems, including physical and learning difficulties and mental health issues, and is also linked to autism; appreciates that people have concerns that, due to lack of awareness, those affected may not receive the correct treatment in time, and notes hopes that across all UK NHS boards, including NHS Lothian, NF patients will receive regular routine monitoring by specialists, in memory of the incredibly determined, Beth Beattie, who sadly passed away on 4 November 2016, aged four-years-old.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 16th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Rail Infrastructure in Scotland: High Level Output Specification (HLOS):** The Committee will take evidence from-

Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, Bill Reeve, Director of Rail, Transport Scotland, and John Provan, Head of Rail Strategy and Funding, Scottish Government.

2. **Prestwick Airport:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Andrew Miller, Chair, Ron Smith, Chief Executive, and Derek Banks, Finance and Commercial Director, Glasgow Prestwick Airport Ltd..

### Education and Skills Committee 15th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Workforce Planning for Scotland's Schools:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Dr Rowena Arshad, Head of Moray House School of Education, and Dr Lesley Reid, Director of Undergraduate Studies, University of Edinburgh;  
Laurence Findlay, Corporate Director, Education & Social Care, Moray Council;  
Dr Liz Lakin, Senior Lecturer in Education, Learned Societies' Group on Scottish STEM Education;

Jane Peckham, National Official (Scotland), NASUWT.

2. **Review of evidence (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier.
3. **Personal and Social Education draft report (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on Personal and Social Education.

### Finance and Constitution Committee 15th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
The Scottish Landfill Tax (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/139).

### Local Government and Communities Committee 15th Meeting, 2017



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

1. **Post-legislative scrutiny of the High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Mark McDonald, Member in Charge of the High Hedges (Scotland) Bill.

2. **Post-legislative scrutiny of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Tony McElroy, Head of Devolved Government Relations and Communications, Tesco PLC;

Duncan Bowins, Managing Director, NCP.

3. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 1 and 2.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 10 May 2017

### Thursday 18 May 2017

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-05012 Colin Smyth: Snaring

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Scottish Government Debate: Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE)

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

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**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

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**followed by** Members' Business

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**1:15 pm** Members' Business

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions  
Economy, Jobs and Fair Work;  
Finance and the Constitution

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### Thursday 25 May 2017

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions

**followed by** Members' Business

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Scottish Government 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>

### Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

18 May 2017

13th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Section 22 reports:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's reports entitled "The 2015/16 audit of Edinburgh College", "The 2015/16 audit of Lews Castle College" and "The 2015/16 audit of Moray College" from—  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Dharshi Santhakumaran, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland;  
Hugh Harvie, Partner, KPMG;  
Mark MacPherson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland;  
Michael Lavender, Audit Manager, Scott-Moncrieff;  
Anne MacDonald, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **Section 22 reports:** The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Mark MacPherson, Senior Manager, Anne MacDonald, Senior Audit Manager, and  
Dharshi Santhakumaran, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

### Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 25 May 2017, the Committee will take evidence on the Audit Scotland briefing entitled "Principles for a digital future: Lessons learned from public sector ICT projects".

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee by telephoning on 0131 348 5236 or via email at [papls.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:papls.committee@parliament.scot)

### Equalities and Human Rights Committee

18 May 2017

13th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.

### Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 25 May 2017, the Committee will continue its draft report, as well as consider issues relevant to its work on bullying and harassment of children and young people in schools in Scotland.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee by email at [equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot](mailto:equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot) or call 0131 348 5223.

## Public Petitions Committee

18 May 2017

10th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Consideration of a continued petition:** The Committee will consider a continued petition—  
[PE1517](#) by Elaine Holmes and Olive McIlroy on behalf of Scottish Mesh Survivors - "Hear Our Voice" campaign on Polypropylene Mesh Medical Devices; and will take evidence from—  
Tracey Gillies, Chair, Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh Implants; and then from—  
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport and Catherine Calderwood, Chief Medical Officer, Scottish Government.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at [petitions@parliament.scot](mailto:petitions@parliament.scot) or call 0131 348 5186.

## Social Security Committee

18 May 2017

11th 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 items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Public Audit and Post-Legislative Scrutiny Committee.
3. **Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
4. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider the text of their video for its annual report.
5. **'Your Say' Event:** The Committee will consider whether to hold a 'Your Say' workshop and evidence session as part of its consideration of the forthcoming social security bill.
6. **Witness expenses:** The Committee will consider whether to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses for this Committee in session 5.

### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 25 May, the Committee expects to take evidence on the impact and consequences of the Department of Work and Pensions / HMRC two child policy as regards child tax credits.

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).

## Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee

18 May 2017

13th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Scottish tourism:** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from—  
Eva McDiarmid, Chief Executive, Association of Scottish Visitor Attractions;  
Willie MacLeod, Executive Director, British Hospitality Association;  
Tom Campbell, Managing Director, North Coast 500;  
Caroline Warburton, Tourism Scotland 2020 National Strategy Delivery Coordinator, Scottish Tourism Alliance;  
Riddell Graham, Director of Partnerships, VisitScotland;  
David Weston, Chairman, Scottish Bed and Breakfast Association;  
David Smythe, Chairman, Association of Scottish Self Caterers.
3. **Scottish tourism:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katy Orr, on 0131 348 5234 or at [europa@parliament.scot](mailto:europa@parliament.scot).

## Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

18 May 2017

10th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Cross-Party Groups:** The Committee will consider applications for recognition from two Cross-Party Groups, and take evidence from—  
Fulton MacGregor, Convener of the proposed CPG on the Future of Football in Scotland;  
Bob Doris, Convener of the proposed CPG on Rare, Genetic and Undiagnosed Conditions.
2. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Groups on the Future of Football in Scotland and Rare, Genetic and Undiagnosed Conditions.
3. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 12 May 2016 to 11 May 2017.
4. **Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament (in private):** The Committee will review the format of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

### Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 1 June, the Committee expects to review the format of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Dougie Wands, on 0131 348 6924 or at [SPPACCommittee@parliament.scot](mailto:SPPACCommittee@parliament.scot).

## Justice Sub-Committee on Policing



**18 May 2017**

**9th Meeting, 2017**

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

1. **Governance of the Scottish Police Authority:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence from—

Andrew Flanagan, Chair, and John Foley, Chief Executive, Scottish Police Authority.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 1 June, the Sub-Committee expects to take evidence on Police Scotland's Counter-Corruption Unit. For further information, contact Diane Barr, the Clerk to the Sub-Committee on 0131 348 5220 or by email [diane.barr@parliament.scot](mailto:diane.barr@parliament.scot)

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## Motions

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

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## Motions for Debate

### \*[S5M-05630](#) Paul Wheelhouse: Partnership Action for Continuing Employment

**(PACE)**—That the Parliament recognises the important work carried out by the Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) initiative in assisting workers facing redundancy to find alternative employment and to minimise the time that people affected by redundancy are out of work; understands that the overriding goal of Scottish Government policy and the actions of its agencies is to work with employers and trade unions to support sustainable growth in good quality jobs; endorses the work of the Ministerial PACE Partnership, which brings 21 organisations together with the Scottish Government to oversee a continuous improvement programme to enhance the operation of PACE, and welcomes the continued involvement of the trades union movement in Scotland in its governance.

**[S5M-05603](#) Peter Chapman: Fisheries**—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish fishing industry is vital to Scotland's culture and economy, and is a bedrock of many communities across the country; recognises the opportunity that leaving the EU offers to create a fit-for-purpose and tailor-made fisheries management regime that better suits the needs of Scottish fishing; acknowledges the potential to restore control of access to UK waters, enabling a fairer distribution of fishing opportunities in the future, and believes that Scotland must not return to the common fisheries policy.

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Supported by: Humza Yousaf\*

**\*S5M-05603.2 Rhoda Grant: Fisheries**—As an amendment to motion S5M-05603 in the name of Peter Chapman (Fisheries), insert at end “; believes that there are challenges to be overcome in order to allow Scotland's fish to be sold in European markets, including the need to ensure that import controls are not bureaucratic in order to allow them to be sold fresh into that market; understands that Scotland must also continue to negotiate management of its seas with the EU, Norway, the Faroes and Iceland to ensure that the whole of the fishery is managed sustainably, as fish know no borders, and believes that repatriated powers should be devolved.”

**\*S5M-05603.1 Mike Rumbles: Fisheries**—As an amendment to motion S5M-05603 in the name of Peter Chapman (Fisheries), insert at end “; notes the importance of access to European markets for Scottish fish processing businesses; considers that fishing rights should not be traded away against other policy areas, an approach that has contributed to the common fisheries policy being remote, overly centralised and bureaucratic, and believes that the industry and other stakeholders must be involved in the development of a national plan for sustainable fisheries.”

**S5M-05595 Liz Smith: Teacher Training Programme**—That the Parliament is concerned by the recent evidence presented to the Education and Skills Committee by trainee teachers, which revealed some serious concerns about the teacher training programme in Scotland, specifically about the organisation of teacher trainee placements and some perceived gaps in the programme regarding supporting trainees in learning key skills for the classroom; believes that these problems are, in some key areas, having a detrimental impact on the preparedness of trainees to meet the challenges of the curriculum for excellence and their ability to deliver better teaching in literacy and numeracy, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with the teacher training institutions and the General Teaching Council for Scotland to take urgent action to implement the necessary improvements to the teacher training programme in Scotland.

**\*S5M-05595.2 John Swinney: Teacher Training Programme**—As an amendment to motion S5M-05595 in the name of Liz Smith (Teacher Training Programme), insert at end “, and, in acknowledging and valuing the vital role and contribution that new and existing teachers make to children's education, agrees to engage with local authorities, as teachers' employers, to ensure that all teachers are confident in teaching literacy and numeracy.”

Supported by: Shirley-Anne Somerville\*, Mark McDonald\*

**\*S5M-05595.1 Iain Gray: Teacher Training Programme**—As an amendment to motion S5M-05595 in the name of Liz Smith (Teacher Training Programme), after “literacy and numeracy” insert “; further believes that more initial teacher training in the support of pupils facing particular challenges, such as living in care or with adoptive families, could help close the attainment gap”.

## Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

**\*S5M-05617 Brian Whittle: Dementia Awareness Week 2017: Dementia and Friendship**—That the Parliament recognises that Alzheimer Scotland's annual Dementia Awareness Week will run from 29 May to 4 June 2017; understands that this year's theme is

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Dementia and Friendship, which aims to highlight the benefits to the person with dementia of maintaining strong connections and friendships, and that, too often, friends and family drift apart from people after they receive a diagnosis; further understands that, as part of the week, Alzheimer Scotland's annual conference will take place on 4 June 2017 with the theme, International insights, national innovation, local inspiration, and will provide an opportunity for people with dementia, carers and professionals to learn about and share ideas, knowledge and information from both domestic and international contexts; believes that, with 90,000 people in Scotland living with dementia, and one-in-three people born today at high risk of developing dementia in the future, there is an evident need to ensure that friends, family and members of a person's wider social circle understand dementia and are equipped to support people following a diagnosis; considers that individuals can take simple steps to support this aim, including signing up to become a Dementia Friend in Scotland, accessing Alzheimer Scotland's dementia and friendship resources for tips and advice, and keeping people with dementia involved in activities that keep them physically and cognitively active, such as sports reminiscence groups; acknowledges the importance of community assets such as dementia resources centres, including the state-of-the-art centres in Kilmarnock and Stranraer, which provide a crucial point of contact for local communities, as well as information, advice and support to people with dementia, their families and carers, and commends the work of Alzheimer Scotland in raising awareness and campaigning on what it believes is such an important issue.

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### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*S5M-05643 Bruce Crawford: Poppyscotland**—That the Parliament recognises the work of Poppyscotland; notes that, in a poignant ceremony on 16 May 2017, it released 46,000 poppy petals from the top of the Wallace Monument in Stirling, with each petal representing a Scottish soldier who was killed or injured during the Battle of Arras, which took place between 9 April and 16 May 1917, and acknowledges that this battle saw the greatest concentration of Scottish battalions at any one time during the First World War.

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**\*S5M-05641 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**\*S5M-05640 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**\*S5M-05639 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Registration of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in Care Services (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

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\*[S5M-05638](#) **Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 9 June 2017.

\*[S5M-05637](#) **Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 23 May 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

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5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 24 May 2017

1.15 pm Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work;

Finance and the Constitution

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Safe, Secure and Prosperous: Achieving a Cyber-resilient Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 25 May 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 30 May 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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*followed by* Business Motions

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*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 31 May 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Economy and Connectivity;

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 1 June 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

**\*S5M-05636 Mark Ruskell: Coal Subsidies**—That the Parliament notes research from the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), which it understands shows that the UK has given an average of £368 million in subsidies to the coal industry each year between 2005 and 2016; is concerned that the ODI judges the UK's progress on phasing out coal subsidies to be "poor", and transparency on the level of subsidy to be "very poor"; notes the major role that coal has played in Scotland's history and its communities; believes that low carbon power must be the basis of future prosperity, and calls on the UK Government to publish estimates of the financial support that it provides to fossil fuels and urgently phase out subsidies to high-carbon fuels in line with its G7 commitment to the "elimination of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies".

Supported by: John Finnie\*

**\*S5M-05635 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Heriot-Watt Receives £1.3 Million for Medical Device Research**—That the Parliament congratulates Heriot-Watt University on being awarded £1.3 million to fund the research of its new Medical Device Manufacturing Group; understands that the group will bring together optical, mechanical, electronic and manufacturing engineering and science experts from across the university to tackle the problem of making medical devices smaller, smarter and cheaper than current versions; believes that areas of research will include finding new ways to customise medical devices for patients, developing minimally invasive devices that use lasers to target or remove lesions or tumours better, and miniature robots that could detect or remove cancerous tissue, and wishes the group and the university well in their future research endeavours.



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**\*S5M-05634 Emma Harper: Congratulations to the Nominees and Winners of Diabetes Scotland Inspire Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates all 58 nominees and 10 winners recognised at the Diabetes Scotland Inspire Awards ceremony, which took place at 200 St Vincent Street in Glasgow; notes that one of the categories was jointly awarded to young brothers, Harry and Jacob, who together raised more than £1,500 for Diabetes Scotland; congratulates the winner, Alyssa Faulkner, who raised awareness of diabetes; recognises the invaluable contribution that volunteers and activists make in the fight against diabetes, and their work to raise awareness of both type 1 and type 2 forms of the health condition; understands that all nominees were given a gift card and beautiful glass trophy; thanks Ascension Diabetes Care for sponsoring the event with Diabetes Scotland; believes that the afternoon was extremely well organised, and encourages anyone to support ongoing fundraising so that a future cure and best treatment can be achieved.

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**\*S5M-05633 Jackie Baillie: Looking Back, Thinking Forward, Learning Disability Week 2017**—That the Parliament recognises Learning Disability Week, which runs from 15 to 21 May 2017; welcomes the theme, Looking back, Thinking forward: Learning disability in Scotland's past, present and future; acknowledges the work of organisations such as ENABLE Scotland with, it understands, a 63-year legacy of supporting and campaigning with and for people who have learning disabilities and their families to create an equal society; believes that we have come a long way in Scotland with the closure of long-stay institutions, and the right to education for all; recognises that there is still work to be done with people who have complex needs still placed out of area, away from their families and communities, and more than half of young people who have learning disabilities and/or autism spectrum disorders feeling they are not achieving their full potential at school; considers that ENABLE Scotland is making a significant contribution in this work through campaigns such as #IncludED in the Main?!, which seeks to prompt systemic change in Scottish education for young people who have learning disabilities, and #ENABLEtheVote, which empowers people who have learning disabilities to participate in the democratic process and use their right to vote, and which led to 91% of those engaged voting in the local council elections, and calls on everyone to play a part in this work to create an equal society for every person who has a learning disability, and to support Learning Disability Week 2017.

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**\*S5M-05632 Colin Smyth: Scottish Badger Week**—That the Parliament welcomes the first Scottish Badger Week, which is run in partnership between Scottish Badgers and the Scottish Wildlife Trust between 20 and 28 May 2017; applauds the fact that the week aims to help people get involved in protecting this iconic and much-loved species by reporting setts, signing-up to volunteer to help badgers or by coming along to one of the special events taking place at Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre and Wildlife Reserve near Lanark, and considers that, as Scotland's second largest native land mammal after deer, badgers are an intrinsic part of the country's biodiversity and landscape, however, they remain under threat from persecution, habitat loss and road deaths.

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**\*S5M-05631 Ross Greer: Young People and Voting**—That the Parliament believes that the General Election will impact upon the future of students and young people; recognises the importance of voter registration and the role that voting plays in democratically expressing opinions on key issues; notes the voter registration work being carried out in partnership with the Electoral Commission by NUS Scotland, the Electoral Reform Society Scotland, Young Scot and the Scottish Youth Parliament; calls on young people and students to consider where they will be on 8 June 2017 and how they will cast their vote; urges them to register for postal or proxy voting if they believe that they will not be at home that day, and resolves to encourage them to exercise their democratic right in this and all future votes.

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**\*S5M-05629 Tom Arthur: Neilston Investment Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates the Neilston Development Trust (NDT) on raising £2 million from the sale of the Community Windfarm to the Renewables Infrastructure Group (TRIG); notes that 28% of the four-turbine windfarm had previously been owned by NDT and that this sale will create a substantial new investment fund for the long-term development of the area; notes that the fund will be used to support local facilities, services and jobs in Neilston and considers that this will greatly benefit community life and the local economy; understands that the scale of the return reflects the strength of the investment model used by NDT, which created substantially higher payments for the local community than there would have been with more typical community-benefit models; notes the importance of community development groups like NDT that take grassroots action to improve their local area; commends NDT on bringing this welcome investment to Neilston, and looks forward to continued positive developments in the village, which has been named the most desirable place to live in Scotland.

**\*S5M-05628 Tom Arthur: Barrhead Tweenies Fundraiser**—That the Parliament commends the Barrhead toddler group, the Tweenies, on raising £250 for the charity, Educate the Kids, at a drop-in tea and coffee morning; understands that this will have a dramatic impact on children's lives by allowing the charity to pay for a year of education for two children in an area near Mombasa, Kenya, to help to free them from poverty; recognises that the event brought people together and helped to boost community ties; further notes that the area's ambassador for the charity, Heather Watt, who attended the fundraiser, organises the charity's UK visits by the popular Singing Children of Africa; commends the event organiser, Susan Hoppe, on hosting a successful morning, and wishes the group the very best with all future endeavours.

**\*S5M-05627 Ben Macpherson: Port of Leith Housing Association to Build New Homes**—That the Parliament congratulates the Port of Leith Housing Association on winning a £6 million housing association grant from the City of Edinburgh Council; commends the association's commitment to build over 302 homes over the next five years; recognises that the development project will form part of the Granton Harbour masterplan, which, it understands, will see the area undergo a £500 million renovation and provide impetus for further regeneration; believes that the grant will lead to a significant step toward meeting demand for good quality, affordable housing in north Edinburgh, and thanks the association on what it sees as its continuous efforts in providing affordable housing for people.

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**\*S5M-05625 Michael Matheson: Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Relevant Trafficking or Exploitation Offences and Relevant UK Orders) Regulations 2017 [draft]**—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Relevant Trafficking or Exploitation Offences and Relevant UK Orders) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing\*

**\*S5M-05624 Michael Matheson: Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017 [draft]**—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing\*

**\*S5M-05623 Paul Wheelhouse: Insolvency (Regulation (EU) 2015/848) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]**—That the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Insolvency (Regulation (EU) 2015/848) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Keith Brown\*, Jamie Hepburn\*

**\*S5M-05622 Ben Macpherson: Out of the Blue Abbeymount Studios**—That the Parliament welcomes the opening in Edinburgh of Out of the Blue Abbeymount Studios; understands that these will provide artists and practitioners, from a diverse range of creative disciplines, a space to work and develop and will provide flexibility by offering 24-hour access to the residents; recognises that they include several purpose-built workshops, with tools and equipment for woodwork, fashion and textile design, ceramics and printmaking; appreciates that the studios are set to provide a source of income for more than 100 artists and makers in the capital, with more than 1,000 people participating in a range of classes each year; notes that the realisation of the studios was supported by Creative Scotland, Craft Scotland, the Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council and the City of Edinburgh Council; thanks the team at Out of the Blue for their commitment and dedication to providing studio space for creatives in Edinburgh, and congratulates them on their efforts in establishing the studios.

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**\*S5M-05621 Emma Harper: Sulwath Brewers, Castle Douglas**—That the Parliament congratulates Sulwath Brewers, which is in Castle Douglas, on being recognised by Lonely Planet as being among the world's best breweries for visitors in the new book, *Global Beer Tour*; notes that the Dumfries and Galloway-based business, which is among 20 breweries featured in the publication, claims that both the UK's use of American hops and innovation with brewing styles are changing the way that people view beer; believes that beer-touring is a fantastic way to encourage people to visit the south west and the rest of Scotland, and wishes Sulwath Brewers the best of luck.

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**\*S5M-05620 Colin Beattie: Bags of Cash for Bonnyrigg Playgroup**—That the Parliament congratulates Bonnyrigg's Amuse Me playgroup on its recent receipt of £500 of funding; understands that this award came from sales of carrier bags in the Bonnyrigg Spar store; notes that the playgroup intends to use the funds to help develop its newly fenced-off area outside; thanks the Spar for this generous donation, and wishes the playgroup the best going forward.

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**\*S5M-05619 Neil Findlay: Strike Action at EHRC to Escalate**—That the Parliament understands that the strike by staff at the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has been escalated by members of the Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS) and that a rolling programme of five-day strikes started at EHRC Glasgow on 15 May 2017; notes that the dispute has arisen because of concerns regarding jobs and budgets and staff being sacked while taking part in industrial action; believes that the Glasgow strike will be followed over three weeks by similar ones at EHRC London, Cardiff and Manchester; understands that, on 9 February 2017, the commission, which is the UK's national human rights institution, and its national equality body, sacked eight staff who were on strike, notifying them by email; believes that both PCS and Unite immediately launched a campaign to lobby for their reinstatement or redeployment into one of over 40 reported vacancies in the commission; understands that both unions have continuously sought a negotiated settlement, with PCS suspending its strike planned for 18 April 2017 to enable talks to take place at ACAS; notes what it considers the reasonable request that the sacked members be redeployed either by the commission or elsewhere in the wider civil service, which it understands is the standard procedure; understands with sadness that it has become apparent during negotiations that the employer is resisting such redeployment and is insisting on a ban on the staff returning to their offices; believes that the First Minister is due to meet with the commission in May 2017, and calls on her at this meeting to reiterate the demand for the sacked workers to be reinstated or redeployed.

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**\*S5M-05618 Lewis Macdonald: Gael Ross of Stoneywood School, Shortlisted for Head Teacher of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Gael Ross, who is the head teacher at Stoneywood School in Aberdeen, on making the three-person shortlist in the Head Teacher of the Year category at the 2017 Scottish Education Awards; understands that Gael was nominated by colleagues, parents and the pupils at school in recognition of her achievements since she took on the post three years ago; recognises that, in that time, the school has won two Aberdeen City Council Children and Young People's Services awards and was recognised with the sportscotland Silver School Sport Award; notes that Gael's leadership was cited as one of the school's key strengths in a 2015 Education Scotland Care inspectorate report and that she was one of 20 Scottish leaders in education who were selected to go on a study tour to Japan in February 2017; commends her on the progress that has been made at Stoneywood School since she became its head teacher, and wishes Gael the best of luck for the award ceremony on 7 June.

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**\*S5M-05616 Graham Simpson: South Lanarkshire Cycling Partnership**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the fantastic work carried out by South Lanarkshire Cycling Partnership in securing investment and opening new cycle routes for the public across the local authority area; notes that one of the organisation's key aims is to encourage people to cycle to work, and in turn, reduce congestion on the roads, lower CO2 admissions and help people to develop a healthy hobby to tackle health-risk factors such as obesity; understands with concern that South Lanarkshire Council wants to scrap the partnership on 18 May 2017 at its first full meeting since the recent election, and, given what it sees as the innumerable benefits that the partnership brings to everyone in the area, urges the councillors to reconsider this.

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**\*S5M-05615 Graeme Dey: John Christison, Scottish Football's Longest-serving Chairman Retires**—That the Parliament notes the retirement of the chairman of Arbroath FC, John Christison; recognises that John, who has been a loyal servant to both the Red Lichties and the community, was the longest-serving current chairman in Scottish football, having joined the club as a board member in 1989 before assuming the chair in 1993; notes that he has been a supporter since the 1950s, when his father first lifted him over the turnstiles at Gayfield Park; understands that John has been named as the honorary president of the club, and wishes him well in his retirement.

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**\*S5M-05614 Ash Denham: Health Champion**—That the Parliament congratulates Julie Nisbet, who is a modern studies teacher at Portobello High School, on being named Health Champion at the Local Hero Awards; acknowledges that this award is given to someone who has improved people's health or made an impact on the quality of life of an individual; understands that Julie started up one of the first community-based Clubbercise classes in Edinburgh; believes that her classes have changed the lifestyles of many people, and that she is described as a total inspiration, and wishes Julie continued success.

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**\*S5M-05613 Ash Denham: Brunstane Primary School**—That the Parliament congratulates Brunstane Primary School on winning School of the Year at the Local Hero Awards on 12 May 2017; acknowledges that it was nominated for the fantastic changes that it understands have happened within the school to make it a more positive place for the children, teachers and parents; notes that a lot of fundraising has gone into this change; believes that the head teacher, Mr Brack, has had a huge influence on these positive changes, and recognises that these changes were able to happen thanks to Mr Brack, his team and all their hard work.

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**\*S5M-05612 Alexander Stewart: Dunfermline Coach Driver, Steven Smith**—That the Parliament welcomes the actions of Steven Smith, who is a coach driver from Dunfermline, who

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managed to bring his bus safely to a stop despite having a heart attack at the wheel; understands that Steven was carrying 49 members of the Elizabethan Pars Supporters Club home from a recent Dunfermline Athletic match in Dumfries when he started experiencing chest pains and tunnel vision; notes however that he was able to steer the vehicle off the road before he lost consciousness; applauds the team's physio, Kenny Murray, who was travelling minutes behind, for springing into action when, along with another coach driver, he helped Steven to recover by using a defibrillator and oxygen equipment until an ambulance arrived, and wishes Steven all the very best for a speedy and complete recovery.

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**\*S5M-05611 Alexander Stewart: Flying Scotsman Visits Clackmannanshire and Fife**—That the Parliament welcomes the visit to Scotland of the famous steam engine, Flying Scotsman, on 14 May 2017 for only the second time since a multi-million pound restoration in 2016; notes that crowds of sightseers and enthusiasts turned out to see the historic locomotive travel from Edinburgh Waverley across the Forth Bridge to Fife; understands that it then went through Clackmannanshire, passing Longannet and Clackmannan, and arrived at Stirling, before returning to the capital via Falkirk, and looks forward to more such visits in the future.

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**\*S5M-05610 Alexander Stewart: Asda Alloa Donates to Good Causes**—That the Parliament congratulates Asda Alloa on donating a total of £900 to Wasps Girls Community FC, Hydrocephalus, Spina Bifida Scotland and Reachout with Arts in Mind as part of its Green Token Given initiative, which allows customers to nominate and select groups and causes that they believe are worthy of a donation; understands that, thanks to a £1 million investment by the Asda Foundation, there will more than 10,000 beneficiaries from the initiative in 2017 across the UK; notes that customers take part by dropping a green token into one of three boxes, each with details of a nominee; understands that the box with the highest number of tokens wins £500 for its cause and the remaining two are awarded £200 each, and commends Asda on this.

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**\*S5M-05609 Maurice Golden: Neilston Community Wind Farm**—That the Parliament welcomes the significant return to the community in Neilston of £2 million from the sale of Neilston Community Wind Farm to the Renewables Group; notes that this is in addition to the £400,000 already contributed by the wind farm over the last four years to the Neilston Development Trust, which helped to provide local jobs and services; understands that the money will be used to establish a new charitable fund to support local employment, services and the communities in Neilston and neighbouring areas; applauds the decision to consult local residents as to how the fund should be used, and wishes them every success in continuing to invest in their local community.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Liz Smith\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Graeme Dey\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*



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Motions   Gluasadan				

**\*S5M-05608 Ben Macpherson: Smart Works Support for Women's Employment**—That the Parliament recognises the efforts of Smart Works, which is based in Edinburgh, to support women's employment in Scotland; commends its mission to provide interview clothing, styling advice and interview training to women in need; welcomes its impact in instilling confidence and providing the practical tools required by women to succeed in interviews; notes that the service is delivered by its team of over 45 skilled and trained volunteers, with the Edinburgh branch seeing over 30 women each month; understands that over 60% of women supported by it are successful in interviews and acknowledges what it sees as the importance of the services that it provides, and thanks everyone in the Smart Works team for their efforts since opening in 2014.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Bill Kidd\*, Ash Denham\*, Miles Briggs\*, Sandra White\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, David Torrance\*, Graeme Dey\*, Ivan McKee\*, Emma Harper\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Rona Mackay\*, Colin Beattie\*, Richard Lyle\*, Neil Findlay\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Gail Ross\*

**\*S5M-05607 Maurice Golden: Star Renewables, Low-carbon Heating**—That the Parliament congratulates Star Renewables, which has a footprint in Glasgow and the West of Scotland, on plans to launch the UK's first high temperature industrial water source heat pump on the Clyde; welcomes the provision of new low-carbon heat sources; considers that successful completion of this project will put Glasgow and the West of Scotland at the forefront of delivering a low-carbon future for Scotland; notes and encourages the potential for expansion of low-carbon heating from water source heat pumps throughout Scotland, and wishes Star Renewables continued success in developing and deploying home-grown technology in the UK and around the world.

Supported by: Liz Smith\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Peter Chapman\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Graham Simpson\*, Graeme Dey\*, Edward Mountain\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Emma Harper\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Richard Leonard\*, Claudia Beamish\*

**\*S5M-05606 Christina McKelvie: UN Investigation of UK Government**—That the Parliament understands that, subsequent to the UN Human Rights Committee report of 7 November 2016, which it believes criticised the UK Government for “systematic” human rights abuses in the UK, further investigation by the UN has resulted in hundreds of UK campaign groups, charities and organisations submitting evidence, which includes views that the UK leaving the European Convention on Human Rights would “undermine” and “erode” human rights and pose a threat to previous UN rulings in this area; notes concerns that, following the EU referendum, ethnicity-related hate crime reportedly rose by 57%, and that the UK Government has failed to address the pervasive issues of violence against women and girls, gender inequality and child poverty, as well as making little progress on dealing with discrimination; understands that investigators from the UN will look at the impact of austerity, mass surveillance, poverty, racism and press freedoms, and believes that reforms to welfare have seen a regression in the welfare system's ability to tackle poverty, with a negative impact on vulnerable social groups, and that the consistent responses from the third sector show that the UK Government must urgently look at the UN reports and investigations and rectify the ongoing errors that it considers have been undertaken, as well as change the policy of austerity that it believes has failed the people of the UK while negatively affecting the standing of the UK in the world.

Supported by: Ruth Maguire\*, Bill Kidd\*, Sandra White\*, Gillian Martin\*, Clare Haughey\*, Ben Macpherson\*, David Torrance\*, Graeme Dey\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Ash Denham\*, Ivan McKee\*, Emma Harper\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Rona Mackay\*, Colin Beattie\*, Richard Lyle\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Richard Lochhead\*, Clare Adamson\*, Gail Ross\*, John Mason\*

## Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

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Motions   Gluasadan				

**[S5M-05605](#) Jenny Gilruth: Walk to School Week** (lodged on 15 May 2017)

New Support: Monica Lennon\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, Alison Johnstone\*, Graeme Dey\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Colin Beattie\*, Richard Lochhead\*, Clare Adamson\*, Gail Ross\*

**[S5M-05602](#) Rhoda Grant: Inverness College UHI Student, Evija Laivina** (lodged on 15 May 2017)

New Support: Douglas Ross\*, Alison Johnstone\*, Ash Denham\*, Clare Haughey\*, Colin Beattie\*, Neil Findlay\*, Donald Cameron\*, Gail Ross\*

**[S5M-05601](#) Sandra White: Nakba Anniversary, 69 Years of Palestinian Displacement** (lodged on 15 May 2017)

New Support: Alison Johnstone\*, Gillian Martin\*, Ivan McKee\*, Clare Haughey\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-05600](#) Richard Lochhead: Rachel Wolford, STEM Learning Network Award Finalist** (lodged on 15 May 2017)

New Support: Douglas Ross\*, Alison Johnstone\*, Gillian Martin\*, Clare Haughey\*, Sandra White\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Colin Beattie\*, Richard Lyle\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-05599](#) Neil Findlay: Additional Foodbank in West Lothian** (lodged on 15 May 2017)

New Support: Monica Lennon\*, Alex Rowley\*

**[S5M-05598](#) Neil Findlay: Congratulations to Adam Pacey** (lodged on 15 May 2017)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*, Ash Denham\*, David Torrance\*, Monica Lennon\*, Richard Lyle\*, Colin Beattie\*

**[S5M-05597](#) Gail Ross: Dornoch Distillery Company** (lodged on 15 May 2017)

New Support: Douglas Ross\*, Gillian Martin\*, Clare Haughey\*, Sandra White\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Colin Beattie\*, Richard Lyle\*, Clare Adamson\*, Donald Cameron\*

**[S5M-05596](#) Claudia Beamish: Welcoming Anne McCall, New Director of RSPB Scotland** (lodged on 15 May 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-05593](#) Neil Findlay: Labour's Draft Manifesto** (lodged on 15 May 2017)

New Support: Elaine Smith\*, Monica Lennon\*, James Kelly\*

**[S5M-05592](#) Stewart Stevenson: Congratulations to the Acorn Project** (lodged on 15 May 2017)

New Support: Sandra White\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Colin Beattie\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-05591](#) Jackson Carlaw: Busby Hotel Victorious at Scottish Hotel Awards** (lodged on 15 May 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson\*

**[S5M-05590](#) Miles Briggs: Edinburgh Evening News 2017 Local Hero Awards** (lodged on 15 May 2017)

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New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, Douglas Ross\*, Alison Johnstone\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Finlay Carson\*, Colin Beattie\*

**[S5M-05589](#) John Mason: The Rich List** (lodged on 15 May 2017)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*, Colin Beattie\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-05588](#) Edward Mountain: New Scottish Chief Commissioner to Girlguiding, Dr Moira McKenna** (lodged on 15 May 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-05587](#) Edward Mountain: Peter Matheson Fundraises for the Petal Childhood Cancer Research Charity** (lodged on 15 May 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-05586](#) Fulton MacGregor: Deaf Awareness Week** (lodged on 12 May 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*, David Torrance\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Emma Harper\*, John Mason\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Gail Ross\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Ash Denham\*, Rona Mackay\*, Liam McArthur\*, Sandra White\*

**[S5M-05585](#) John Mason: Excessive Drinking and Deprivation** (lodged on 12 May 2017)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, Gillian Martin\*, Clare Adamson\*, Sandra White\*

**[S5M-05584](#) Alexander Stewart: Steven Cunningham from Clackmannan, Team Scotland Skip** (lodged on 12 May 2017)

New Support: Margaret Mitchell\*

**[S5M-05583](#) Mary Fee: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia** (lodged on 12 May 2017)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, Monica Lennon\*, Neil Findlay\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-05582](#) Monica Lennon: College Lecturer Strike, Honour the Deal** (lodged on 12 May 2017)

New Support: Kezia Dugdale\*, John Finnie\*, David Stewart\*

**[S5M-05577](#) Stuart McMillan: Port Glasgow Boys FC Clinch League Title** (lodged on 12 May 2017)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*, Clare Haughey\*, Sandra White\*, Colin Beattie\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-05573](#) Gail Ross: Congratulations to Pipe Major McLaren** (lodged on 12 May 2017)

New Support: Sandra White\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-05572](#) Edward Mountain: Broadford Care Home Sets High Standards** (lodged on 12 May 2017)

New Support: John Scott\*

**[S5M-05571](#) Linda Fabiani: Well Done, East Kilbride Rugby Club** (lodged on 11 May 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

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**[S5M-05569](#) Claudia Beamish: Acoustic Deterrent Devices** (lodged on 11 May 2017)

New Support: Alison Johnstone\*, Christine Grahame\*

**[S5M-05568](#) Maurice Corry: Cricket Scotland's New Branding** (lodged on 11 May 2017)

New Support: Edward Mountain\*

**[S5M-05566](#) Bill Kidd: Advertising Association Report, Advertising Pays Scotland** (lodged on 11 May 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-05565](#) Gil Paterson: Blooming Good Work in Milngavie** (lodged on 11 May 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-05564](#) Maurice Corry: La Barca Restaurant, Helensburgh** (lodged on 11 May 2017)

New Support: Edward Mountain\*

**[S5M-05562](#) Edward Mountain: Inverness Winners at Scottish Independent Retail Awards** (lodged on 11 May 2017)

New Support: John Scott\*

**[S5M-05561](#) Alison Johnstone: Carers of West Lothian, PQASSO Success** (lodged on 11 May 2017)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-05559](#) Bruce Crawford: Bonnie Prince Charlie Trail** (lodged on 11 May 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*

**[S5M-05557](#) David Torrance: Autism Rocks, Fife** (lodged on 11 May 2017)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-05551](#) Christina McKelvie: St John Ogilvie High School Rights of the Child Day** (lodged on 11 May 2017)

New Support: Monica Lennon\*

**[S5M-05550](#) Finlay Carson: Galloway and West Dumfries Winners at Scottish Food Awards** (lodged on 11 May 2017)

New Support: Edward Mountain\*

**[S5M-05549](#) Ross Thomson: North East Couple to Build Homes for Kenyan Families** (lodged on 11 May 2017)

New Support: Edward Mountain\*

**[S5M-05548](#) Ivan McKee: Arthritis Care Week** (lodged on 11 May 2017)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-05542](#) Sandra White: Tron Theatre Changing House** (lodged on 11 May 2017)

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New Support: Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-05536](#) Ross Thomson: Inverurie Specsavers Raising Dementia Awareness** (lodged on 10 May 2017)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-05532](#) Christina McKelvie: London Marathon Runner, Scott Cunningham MBE** (lodged on 10 May 2017)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-05510](#) Sandra White: Sainsbury's 100th Store in Scotland** (lodged on 09 May 2017)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-05500](#) Ruth Maguire: Foster Care Fortnight 2017** (lodged on 09 May 2017)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-05497](#) Emma Harper: Recognising the Work of Wigtownshire Women's Aid** (lodged on 09 May 2017)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-05493](#) Mark Ruskell: UN Global Road Safety Week 2017** (lodged on 08 May 2017)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

**[\\*S5M-05473](#) Miles Briggs: Liberton and District Community Council Survey Report 2016** (lodged on 16 May 2017)

New Support: Liz Smith\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Maurice Corry\*, Peter Chapman\*, Edward Mountain\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Ash Denham\*, Jamie Greene\*, Alison Harris\*, Colin Beattie\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Donald Cameron\*

**[S5M-05455](#) Clare Adamson: Child Safety Week 5 to 11 June 2017, Safe Children: Sharing is Caring** (lodged on 03 May 2017)

New Support: Liz Smith\*, Mark Ruskell\*

**[S5M-05279](#) Willie Rennie: Preventing Drug-related Harm and Deaths** (lodged on 24 April 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-05248](#) Brian Whittle: National Care Framework for Huntington's Disease** (lodged on 20 April 2017)

New Support: Richard Leonard\*, Liam McArthur\*, Alison Johnstone\*

**[S5M-04137](#) Ash Denham: Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day** (lodged on 21 February 2017)

New Support: Peter Chapman\*, Sandra White\*, Richard Leonard\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, Brian Whittle\*, Tom Arthur\*, Alison Johnstone\*, Liz Smith\*, Iain Gray\*, Alex Rowley\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Monica Lennon\*, Richard Lochhead\*, Anas Sarwar\*



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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 16 May 2017

**[S5W-09231 Neil Findlay](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether (a) it and (b) Police Scotland (i) participates and (ii) has participated in the European Cooperation Group on Undercover Activities and, if so, what this participation involved.

**[S5W-09233 Neil Findlay](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether (a) it and (b) Police Scotland was involved in discussions regarding the cross-border activities of the former police officer, Mark Kennedy, in particular at the presentation at the European Cooperation Group on Undercover Activities in 2011.

**[S5W-09246 Elaine Smith](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the competitive tender process for the baby box project was open to one candidate only.

**[S5W-09247 Elaine Smith](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the cost of the baby box project has risen to £35.3 million.

**[S5W-09248 Elaine Smith](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government how much it cost to (a) develop and (b) run the trial of the baby box project in Clackmannanshire; what the cost was of each box, and how this compared with the initial estimate.

**[S5W-09249 Maree Todd](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government how much EU funding has been awarded in Scotland to support the maritime and fisheries sector in each year since 2009, broken down by type of funding.

**[S5W-09250 Maree Todd](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government how much EU funding has been awarded in Scotland to support food processing and manufacturing in each year since 2009, broken down by type of funding.

**[S5W-09251 Murdo Fraser](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Queensferry Crossing remains on schedule to open to the public between mid-July and the end of August 2017.

**[S5W-09252 Murdo Fraser](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government how many welders have been employed in constructing the new Queensferry Crossing in each year of its construction.

**[S5W-09253 Murdo Fraser](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether the adjoining road surfaces connecting the Queensferry Crossing both south and north of the bridge were completed in time for the bridge's original opening date.

**[S5W-09255 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £150 million that it announced for mental health in 2015 (a) remains unallocated and (b) has been allocated, broken down by (i) initiative and (ii) how long it will apply for.

**[S5W-09256 Neil Findlay](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what meetings were held at Bute House on 14 May 2017 to discuss the college lecturers' dispute, and whether it will provide a breakdown of all of the attendees.

**[S5W-09257 Neil Findlay](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what type of (a) PR and (b) advice (i) Charlotte Street Partners and (ii) Graylings provides to Colleges Scotland; how much is charged for the service, and what role the firm is playing in the college lecturers' dispute.

**[S5W-09258 Neil Findlay](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether (a) Charlotte Street Partners and (b) Graylings was awarded its contract to supply PR and advice to Colleges Scotland

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following a competitive tendering exercise and, if so, (i) who the unsuccessful bidders were and (ii) what action it took to ensure that the exercise followed (A) its and (B) EU procurement guidance.

**[S5W-09260](#) Angus MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the whisky and agricultural sectors regarding the reported shortage of the by-product, draff, as a livestock feed.

**[S5W-09261](#) Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made with the proposed trial on electro-fishing, and when it will commence.

**[S5W-09262](#) Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government what the timetable is for implementing each of the recommendations of the Review of Access to New Medicines. **R**

**[S5W-09269](#) Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on how the announcement by Centrica that it plans to invest £35 million in the Chestnut oilfield reflects on the opportunities that exist in the energy sector in the north east.

**[S5W-09270](#) Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the announcement by Centrica that it plans to invest £35 million in the Chestnut oilfield, and what the economic impact of this will be.

**[S5W-09271](#) Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government how many jobs have been (a) created and (b) supported by the Chestnut oilfield, and what its economic impact has been.



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New Subordinate Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

## New Subordinate Legislation

### Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 16 May 2017 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) (Amendment) 2017 (SSI 2017/153)  
laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

### Laid only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 16 May 2017 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2017 (SSI 2017/154)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

## Members' Bills Proposals

### Proposals for Members' Bills

A member seeking to introduce a Member's Bill must first lodge a draft proposal, together with a consultation document (or a statement of reasons why consultation is not considered necessary). Subsequently, the member may lodge a final proposal, in broadly similar terms to the draft, accompanied by a summary of consultation responses (or the statement of reasons). The member secures the right to introduce a Bill to give effect to the proposal if the final proposal secures, within one month, the support of at least 18 other members from at least half the political parties or groups represented in the Parliamentary Bureau, and provided no indication is given that the Scottish Government or UK Government is planning equivalent legislation.

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at Proposals for Members' Bills/Session 5 Proposals:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/12419.aspx>

### Final Proposal for Member's Bills

**Claudia Beamish: Proposed Prohibition of Fracking etc. (Scotland) Bill**—Proposal for a Bill to ban unconventional oil and gas extraction, including by means of hydraulic fracturing. (lodged 18 April 2017)

The proposal was accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which is accessible online via the website page referred to above. The summary, and individual responses, may also be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe).

**Supported by: Kezia Dugdale, James Kelly, Mark Ruskell, Mary Fee, Claire Baker, Colin Smyth, Richard Leonard, David Stewart, Johann Lamont, Elaine Smith, Iain Gray, Alex Rowley, Rhoda Grant, John Finnie, Liam McArthur, Alex Cole-Hamilton, Neil Findlay, Anas Sarwar**

## 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 2 (Finance and Constitution Committee), 17 May 2017

#### **Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Security)), 18 May 2017

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

[Stage 1 Report \(Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee\) published](#), 12 May 2017

#### **Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice)), 9 May 2017

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

Preliminary Stage, 10 May 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))*

#### **Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Introduced, 10 May 2017

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

Stage 2 (Justice Committee), 23 May 2017

*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 17 May with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([LegislationTeam@parliament.scot](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot))*

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

Preliminary Stage, 24 May 2017

### **Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 (Justice Committee), 30 May 2017

*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Monday 22 May with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([LegislationTeam@parliament.scot](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot))*

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 10 May 2017

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

Introduced, 10 May 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>

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

### **Affirmative instruments**

#### **Lead committee to report by 18 May 2017**

[Registration of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in Care Services \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (24 March 2017) (Health and Sport)

#### **Lead committee to report by 27 May 2017**

[Apologies \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Excepted Proceedings\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (18 April 2017) (Justice)

#### **Lead committee to report by 2 June 2017**

[Public Bodies \(Joint Working\) \(Prescribed Local Authority Functions etc.\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (24 April 2017) (Health and Sport)

#### **Lead committee to report by 6 June 2017**

[Public Services Reform \(Corporate Insolvency and Bankruptcy\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \[draft\]](#) (28 April 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)

**Lead committee to report by 10 June 2017**

[Insolvency \(Regulation \(EU\) 2015/848\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (2 May 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)

**Lead committee to report by 12 June 2017**

[Human Trafficking and Exploitation \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(Relevant Trafficking or Exploitation Offences and Relevant UK Orders\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (4 May 2017) (Justice)

**Lead committee to report by 16 June 2017**

[Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Consequential and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (8 May 2017) (Justice)

**Lead committee to report by 20 June 2017**

[Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals \(Exemptions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (12 May 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2017 \[draft\]](#) (12 May 2017) (Health and Sport)

[Mental Health \(Absconding\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (12 May 2017) (Health and Sport)

[Mental Health \(Safeguards for Certain Informal Patients\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (12 May 2017) (Health and Sport)

**Lead committee to report by 23 June 2017**

[Mental Health \(Cross-border transfer: patients subject to detention requirement or otherwise in hospital\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (15 May 2017) (Health and Sport)

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