

Wednesday 25 October 2017

Business Bulletin

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Announcement

The meetings of the following committees which were scheduled to take place on Wednesday 25 October have been cancelled:

Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill Committee

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

Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

followed by Ministerial Statement: Common Agricultural Policy Convergence Monies due for Scottish Farming

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland and EU-UK Negotiations on EU Exit

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-07994 Tom Arthur: Brexit's Impact on Working Musicians and Scotland's Music Industries

Committee Meetings

8:45am Local Government and Communities Committee

10:00am Education and Skills Committee

10:00am Finance and Constitution Committee

10:00am Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Communities, Social Security and Equalities

- 1. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met Dumfries and Galloway Council and what was discussed. ([S5O-01345](#))
- 2. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it is giving to how tenement housing can be better maintained. ([S5O-01346](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on people in Scotland of the UK Government's extended benefit cap. ([S5O-01347](#))
- 4. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent meetings the cabinet secretary has had with community representatives in Caithness regarding concerns about the removal of services. ([S5O-01348](#))
- 5. Graeme Dey:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support disabled people, in light of the paper published by the UN in October 2017, which set out its concluding observations on its initial report about UK reforms. ([S5O-01349](#))
- 6. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it takes to monitor and protect the social and human rights of young people. ([S5O-01350](#))
- 7. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage more people to carry out voluntary work in their communities. ([S5O-01351](#))
- 8. Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group. ([S5O-01352](#))
- 9. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that rural and urban communities receive equal support. ([S5O-01353](#))
- 10. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that two-thirds of people with epilepsy have had their PIP benefits downgraded or denied, with some consequently reporting suicidal feelings. ([S5O-01354](#))
- 11. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle fuel poverty. ([S5O-01355](#))
- 12. Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the number of rough sleepers. ([S5O-01356](#))
- 13. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NUS Scotland regarding protecting students from exploitative private rental agreements. ([S5O-01357](#))
- 14. Maree Todd:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the Scottish Parliament's call to halt the rollout of universal credit. ([S5O-01358](#))
- 15. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government how it helps people in receipt of universal credit with managing their money. ([S5O-01359](#))
- 16. Gil Paterson:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-01360](#))

17. Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of housing needs in the south of Scotland. ([S5O-01361](#))

18. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making toward reaching its target of building 50,000 affordable homes before the end of the parliamentary session. ([S5O-01362](#))

19. David Torrance: To ask the Scottish Government how it encourages people to claim the benefits that they are entitled to. ([S5O-01363](#))

20. Stewart Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government how the re-determination and appeals process in the new Scottish social security system will differ from the current UK system. ([S5O-01364](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Common Agricultural Policy Convergence Monies due for Scottish Farming

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland and EU-UK Negotiations on EU Exit

[S5M-08352](#) Michael Russell: Scotland and EU-UK Negotiations on EU Exit—That the Parliament agrees that a “no deal” outcome from the negotiations with the EU must be ruled out by the UK Government; further agrees that such an outcome would be an economic and social disaster for Scotland; recognises the worry that the lack of clarity over citizens’ rights is causing to many people living, working and studying in Scotland; urges the UK Government to immediately guarantee the rights of fellow EU citizens in the UK without imposing charges on them; welcomes the reconvening of the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) on 16 October 2017 following an eight-month hiatus, and agrees that the EU Withdrawal Bill must be amended to respect the devolution settlement before it can proceed any further.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S5M-08352.1](#) Adam Tomkins: Scotland and EU-UK Negotiations on EU Exit—As an amendment to motion [S5M-08352](#) in the name of Michael Russell (Scotland and EU-UK Negotiations on EU Exit), leave out from “that a “no deal” outcome” to end and insert “with the UK Government that it is in everyone’s interest for the Brexit negotiations to succeed; welcomes the fact that progress is being made in the negotiations but considers that progress needs to be accelerated; calls on the EU to allow the negotiations to move on to the next phase; welcomes the unambiguous commitment on the part of the UK Government to safeguard the rights of EU nationals living in the UK and calls on the EU to make the same commitment for UK nationals living in other member states; welcomes the reconvening of the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) on 16 October 2017, and understands that the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill is likely to be amended to ensure that both devolution and the UK’s internal market are strengthened and safeguarded”.

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-08399](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 31 October 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target Report for 2015

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Promotion of Walking and Cycling as Active Travel in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 November 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work;

Finance and Constitution

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (Reporting Procedures) Resolution 2017

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 November 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 Debate: Presumption of Mainstreaming

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 November 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 8 November 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Economy and Connectivity;

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 November 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 Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Preliminary Stage Debate: Writers to the Signet Dependents' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Final Stage Proceedings: Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Seatbelts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 2 November, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders to question the First Minister".

[S5M-08400](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be considered by 30 March 2018.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-08097](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-07994](#) Tom Arthur: Brexit's Impact on Working Musicians and Scotland's Music Industries—That the Parliament notes with concern what it sees as the detrimental impact that the UK's withdrawal from the EU could have on working musicians in Scotland, including in

Renfrewshire South, and the wider Scottish music sector; recognises the economic and cultural contribution made by EU citizens to the Scottish music industries; welcomes the Musicians' Union campaign to protect working musicians, which identifies five key issues as free movement, copyright protection, workers' rights, the rights of EU citizens in the UK and arts funding, and believes that it is in the interests of working musicians in Scotland, the UK and other EU nations for the UK to retain freedom of movement through continued membership of the single market. **R**

Committee Meetings

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

Local Government and Communities Committee 24th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Building Regulations and Fire Safety in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Not before 09.30 am

2. **Homelessness:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Cllr Kelly Parry, Spokesperson for Community Wellbeing, and Nicola Dickie, Policy Manager, COSLA;

Patrick McKay, Operations Manager, Turning Point Scotland;

Dr Adam Burley, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, The Access Point;

Lorraine McGrath, Chief Executive, Simon Community Scotland;

and then from—

Joe Connolly, Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Forum;

Paul Brown, Chief Executive, Legal Services Agency;

Nicky Brown, Homelessness and Housing Support Senior Manager, City of Edinburgh Council;

Jamie Stewart, Housing Development Officer, Scottish Refugee Council.

3. **Homelessness (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard.

Education and Skills Committee 26th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Norman Conway, Detective Chief Inspector, Police Scotland;

Megan Farr, Policy Officer, Children & Young People's Commissioner Scotland;

Maggie Murphy, Senior Curriculum Manager, Glasgow Kelvin College and representative of Colleges Scotland;

Judith Tait, Service Manager Strategic Scrutiny (Children and Justice), Care Inspectorate;

and then from—

Ben Farrugia, Head of Development & Innovation, Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland;

Donna McEwan, Practice Development Advisor, Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice;

Teresa Medhurst, Director of Strategy and Innovation, Scottish Prison Service.

3. **Review of Evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Finance and Constitution Committee 24th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament Legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM (S5) 10 in a roundtable format from—
Simon Collins, Executive Officer, Scottish Fishermen's Federation;
Kate Houghton, Planning Policy and Practice Officer, Royal Town Planning Institute;
Isobel Mercer, Policy Officer, RSPB Scotland;
Robin Parker, Public Affairs Manager, WWF Scotland;
Dr Serafin Pazos-Vidal, Head of Brussels Office, COSLA;
Professor Colin Reid, Professor of Environmental Law, University of Dundee;
Clare Slipper, Political Affairs Manager, NFU Scotland;
Daphne Vlastari, LINK Advocacy Manager, Scottish Environment Link.
3. **Consideration of Evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 29th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Islands (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Camille Dressler, Chair, Scottish Islands Federation;
Rachel Hunter, Area Manager, Shetland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;
David Richardson, Development Manager, Highlands and Islands, Federation of Small Businesses;
Fraser Grieve, Regional Director for Highlands and Islands, Scottish Council for Development and Industry;
and then from—
Shona MacLennan, Chief Executive, and Daibhidh Boag, Director of Language Planning and Community Developments, Bòrd na Gàidhlig;
Ranald Robertson, Partnership Director, Hi-Trans;
Iain MacMillan, Principal of Lews Castle College, University of Highlands and Islands;
Stephen Whiston, Head of Strategic Planning and Performance, Argyll and Bute integrated Joint Board.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
The Railway Closures (Exclusion) Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/280)
The M8/M73/M74 (30mph, 40mph and 50mph Speed Limit) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/286)

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 4 October 2017

Thursday 26 October 2017

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S5M-07684 Jeremy Balfour: Scottish Disability Sport

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: STEM Strategy for Education and Training

followed by Ministerial Statement: Developing a New Diet and Obesity Strategy for Scotland

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland: The Hydro Nation, Maximising the Abundant Benefits of our Water Resources

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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

26 October 2017

24th 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. **Principles for a digital future: Lessons learned from public sector IT projects:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report from—
Colin Cook, Director Digital, Lisa Baron-Broadhurst, Programme Director, Social Security, Andy McClintock, Chief Digital Officer, Social Security, and Anne Moises, Chief Information Officer, Scottish Government.
3. **Principles for a digital future: Lessons learned from public sector IT projects:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Fraser McKinlay, Director of Performance Audit and Best Value, and Morag Campsie, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Social Security Committee

26 October 2017

20th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Social Security (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Heather Noller, Policy and Parliamentary Officer, Carers Trust Scotland;
Amy Woodhouse, Head of Policy, Children in Scotland;
and then from—
Derek Young, Senior Policy Officer, Age Scotland;
Norman Kerr, Vice Chair, Scottish Fuel Poverty Forum;
Suzanne Munday, Director, MECOPP.

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- Social Security (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 2 November, the Committee expects to continue to take evidence on the Social Security (Scotland) Bill. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Simon Watkins, on 0131 348 5228 or by email at: SocialSecurityCommittee@parliament.scot.

Public Petitions Committee

26 October 2017

19th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

- Consideration of new petitions** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 - [PE1671](#) by Lisa Harvey and Andrea Goddard on behalf of Let's Get MAD For Wildlife on Sale and use of glue traps; and will take evidence from—
Andrea Goddard, Let's Get MAD for Wildlife; Claire Bass, Executive Director, Humane Society International UK; and Dr Elizabeth Mullineaux, Veterinary surgeon, Wild Animal Welfare Committee; and
 - [PE1670](#) by James Cassidy on Reform the Scottish electoral system to make it democratic and accountable
- Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - [PE1408](#) by Andrea MacArthur on Updating of Pernicious Anaemia-VitaminB12 Deficiency understanding & treatment;
 - [PE1517](#) by Elaine Holmes and Olive McIlroy on behalf of Scottish Mesh Survivors - "Hear Our Voice" campaign on Polypropylene Mesh Medical Devices;
 - [PE1545](#) by Ann Maxwell on behalf of Muir Maxwell Trust on Residential care provision for the severely learning disabled;
 - [PE1596](#) by Paul Anderson, James McDermott, Chris Daly on In Care Survivors Service Scotland;
 - [PE1607](#) by Peter Gregson on behalf of Kids not Suits on Congestion charging in major Scottish cities;
 - [PE1616](#) by John S Shaw on Parking Legislation;
 - [PE1621](#) by James Robertson on Sepsis Awareness, Diagnosis and Treatment;
 - [PE1627](#) by Annette McKenzie on Consent for mental health treatment for people under 18 years of age;
 - [PE1631](#) by Maureen McVey on Child Welfare Hearings;
 - [PE1646](#) by Caroline Hayes on Drinking water supplies in Scotland; and
 - [PE1647](#) by Angus O'Henley on Protection for all employees in NHS Scotland.

Proposed future business

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

Equalities and Human Rights Committee

26 October 2017

24th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities, Eileen Flanagan, Equality Policy Manager, Lesley Cunningham, Gender Equality Policy Officer, and Lucy Galloway, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
2. **Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.
3. **Prisoner voting in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider written submissions received.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 2 November 2017, the Committee will begin taking oral evidence as part of its consideration of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19.

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

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee

26 October 2017

24th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Anne Bulford, Deputy Director-General, BBC;
Donalda MacKinnon, Director, BBC Scotland;
Ken MacQuarrie, Director, Nations and Regions, BBC.
3. **BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, please contact Clerk to the Committee, Katy Orr, on 0131 348 5234 or at europe@parliament.scot.

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

26 October 2017

16th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Sub-Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.

2. **Police Scotland's engagement with black and minority ethnic communities in Scotland:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence, in round-table format, from—
Jatin Haria, Director, Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights;
Chief Superintendent John McKenzie, Safer Communities, and Sergeant Scott Kennedy, Prevention, Interventions and Partnership, Edinburgh Division, Police Scotland;
Angela Voulgari, Service Team Leader - Bright Choices, Safeguarding Communities - Reducing Offending;
Graham O'Neill, Policy Officer, Scottish Refugee Council.
3. **Work programme:** The Sub-Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

The Sub-Committee will next meet on 9 November. For further information, contact Diane Barr, the Clerk to the Sub-Committee on 0131 348 5220 or by email diane.barr@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.

Motions for Debate

***[S5M-08378](#) Roseanna Cunningham: The Hydro Nation, Maximising the Abundant Benefits of our Water Resources**—That the Parliament notes the importance of water to Scotland's national and international identity, and supports action to develop the water economy, as promoted by the Hydro Nation agenda, which is helping to make Scotland a world-leader in the responsible management of water resources by developing economic and non-economic value through the high level of performance demonstrated by Scottish Water, supporting the wider water industry and international activity, which, together, make a contribution to the UN's sustainable development goals and Scotland's low-carbon economy.

Supported by: Alasdair Allan*

[S5M-08352](#) Michael Russell: Scotland and EU-UK Negotiations on EU Exit—That the Parliament agrees that a "no deal" outcome from the negotiations with the EU must be ruled out by the UK Government; further agrees that such an outcome would be an economic and social disaster for Scotland; recognises the worry that the lack of clarity over citizens' rights is causing to many people living, working and studying in Scotland; urges the UK Government to immediately guarantee the rights of fellow EU citizens in the UK without imposing charges on them; welcomes the reconvening of the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) on 16 October 2017 following an eight-month hiatus, and agrees that the EU Withdrawal Bill must be amended to respect the devolution settlement before it can proceed any further.

Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon*

***[S5M-08352.1](#) Adam Tomkins: Scotland and EU-UK Negotiations on EU Exit**—As an amendment to motion S5M-08352 in the name of Michael Russell (Scotland and EU-UK Negotiations on EU Exit), leave out from "that a "no deal" outcome" to end and insert "with the UK Government that it is in everyone's interest for the Brexit negotiations to succeed; welcomes the fact that progress is being made in the negotiations but considers that progress needs to be accelerated; calls on the EU to allow the negotiations to move on to the next phase; welcomes the unambiguous commitment on the part of the UK Government to safeguard the rights of EU nationals living in the UK and calls on the EU to make the same commitment for UK nationals living in other member states; welcomes the reconvening of the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU

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Negotiations) on 16 October 2017; and understands that the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill is likely to be amended to ensure that both devolution and the UK's internal market are strengthened and safeguarded".

Supported by: Jackson Carlaw*

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***S5M-08370 Andy Wightman: Tackling Short-term Lets in Scotland**—That the Parliament notes what it understands as the anxiety being expressed by communities over the rapid growth in entire homes being let for short-term occupancy across urban and rural Scotland and the view that this should not be at the expense of people in housing need nor compromise the peaceful enjoyment of people's homes; believes that this issue is long-standing in parts of the Highlands and the south-west and that this form of letting is now increasingly displacing residential communities in Edinburgh and across Lothian; notes reports of distress being felt by residents, particularly in communal property in the centre of the capital; acknowledges the recently-launched Homes First campaign, and notes the calls for all parties to urgently bring forward planning, fiscal or regulatory measures to enable local government to provide effective controls over the change of use of residential property to short-term let property.

***S5M-08360 Neil Findlay: St John's Children's Ward out-of-hours Closure**—That the Parliament notes the outcome of the latest report by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health into the St John's Hospital paediatric service: understands that it identifies that option 1, "a sustainable approach to delivering 24/7 paediatric care at St John's" is still the preferred option; is concerned with reports that, in July 2017, the ward closed overnight for the third time in five years and that it remains closed, and notes the view that all involved should provide a realistic timetable for the return to a fully-staffed and operational 24/7 service.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Iain Gray*, Jeremy Balfour*, Elaine Smith*, Gordon Lindhurst*

***S5M-08354 Ben Macpherson: Maintenance of Tenement Communal Property**—That the Parliament recognises that a significant proportion of people in Edinburgh and across Scotland live in tenement buildings; believes that the maintenance of communal property, otherwise known as the common parts or scheme property as defined in the Tenements (Scotland) Act 2004, in tenements is essential to the upkeep of the buildings and the standard of living for tenants; understands with concern that, in many cases, such scheme property is in a state of disrepair, degradation or deterioration; believes that the legislation is not consistently fulfilling its intention to encourage owners to establish effective arrangements for managing communal repairs and undertaking maintenance; acknowledges the various potential solutions put forward by groups and individuals in the housing sector to help address this issue, and notes the view that, for the wellbeing of tenants and to sustain and enhance the country's urban infrastructure and environments, the government should to review the situation and consider any legislative changes, new initiatives, enhanced use of existing rules and/or further action by local authorities that could facilitate improved upkeep of scheme property.

***S5M-08342 Mairi Gougeon: Heads Up for Harriers Project and the Role of Species Champions**—That the Parliament commends the Heads Up for Harriers Project on what it sees as its intense efforts to protect the hen harrier from extinction; underlines what it considers the importance of the role of species champion, with currently over 90 Members signed up to be champions, in promoting and protecting many of the wildlife found across the country; believes that, with specific regard to the hen harrier, there is need for action to protect the species in light of

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2016 national hen harrier survey, which suggested that there had been a 9% decline in the number of sightings in Scotland from the previous study in 2010, falling from 505 pairs to 460; understands that this national population decline is further highlighted in Angus North and Mearns and across North East Scotland, where the 2016 study found that the number of hen harrier pairs had plummeted from a peak of 28 in 1998 to just one in 2014; commends the considerable efforts of the Heads Up for Harriers Project in trying to reverse the declining population, with 2017 figures showing that 37 young birds successfully fledging from nests in seven of the 21 estates that have signed up to the project, and recognises both the specific challenges facing all species currently represented by a Member species champion and the pivotal role that it believes the champions play in promoting and preserving Scotland's wildlife.

Supported by: Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Kenneth Gibson*, Joan McAlpine*, Clare Haughey*, Emma Harper*, Sandra White*, Ash Denham*, Richard Lochhead*, Graeme Dey*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*[S5M-08400](#) **Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be considered by 30 March 2018.

*[S5M-08399](#) **Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 31 October 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target Report for 2015

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Promotion of Walking and Cycling as Active Travel in Scotland

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Wednesday 1 November 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work;

Finance and Constitution

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (Reporting Procedures) Resolution 2017

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Thursday 2 November 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 Debate: Presumption of Mainstreaming

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Tuesday 7 November 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

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followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 November 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Economy and Connectivity;

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 November 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

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2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Preliminary Stage Debate: Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Final Stage Proceedings: Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill

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and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 2 November, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders to question the First Minister".

***[S5M-08386](#) Michael Matheson: Telecommunications Restriction Orders (Custodial Institutions) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]**—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Telecommunications Restriction Orders (Custodial Institutions) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*

***[S5M-08385](#) Derek Mackay: Budget (Scotland) Act 2017 Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]**—That the Finance and Constitution Committee recommends that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2017 Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Joe FitzPatrick*

***[S5M-08384](#) Roseanna Cunningham: Pollution Prevention & Control (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]**—That the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommends that the Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Joe FitzPatrick*

***[S5M-08383](#) Fergus Ewing: Fishing Vessels and Fish Farming (Miscellaneous Revocations) (Scotland) Scheme 2017 [draft]**—That the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommends that the Fishing Vessels and Fish Farming (Miscellaneous Revocations) (Scotland) Scheme 2017 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Humza Yousaf*

***[S5M-08379](#) Miles Briggs: Potential Heart Failure Therapy Breakthrough**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that scientists at the University of Edinburgh, which it considers is a world-class research institute, have discovered a potential treatment to prevent deadly muscle scarring; understands that the treatment works by targeting molecules on the surface of scar-forming cells, which are called alpha V integrins, blocking these molecules with a new experimental drug to help reduce scarring following heart or skeletal muscle injury; recognises that the prevention of scarring on heart tissue could significantly reduce chronic heart failure; acknowledges that the study, published in *Nature Communications*, was supported by the Wellcome Trust and the British Heart Foundation and also that funding was received from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, congratulates all those involved in the research and considers that this research is important and valuable in the advancement of preventative medicine.

Supported by: Tom Mason*, Peter Chapman*, Alison Harris*, Liz Smith*, Finlay Carson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Ash Denham*, Margaret Mitchell*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Michelle Ballantyne*

***[S5M-08369](#) Joan McAlpine: The Cost of Living in Dumfries and Galloway**—That the Parliament commends Dumfries and Galloway Citizen's Advice Service on its report, *Cost of Living in Dumfries and Galloway*; expresses concern at the finding that some shops in the area are charging three times as much as others for the same basket of items, with the cost of an average basket varying from £8.79 to £24.70; notes that the report points to a so-called poverty premium,

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which sees people in poorer areas pay more for essentials than in less-disadvantaged areas; understands that this is most prevalent in Upper Nithsdale, with the average basket price at £18.88 more than a fifth higher than the average across the rest of the region; believes that this suggests that things have not improved since the publication of a similar report in 2014; acknowledges that the report also uncovers a rural premium, with essentials costing more the further someone lives from urban areas, and hopes retailers will consider how they can improve their pricing policies in order to address these issues.

Supported by: Emma Harper*, Ash Denham*, Richard Lyle*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, Sandra White*, Clare Haughey*

***S5M-08368 Mark Ruskell: Serbian Peace Activist, Srdja Popovic, Rector of St Andrews**—That the Parliament congratulates the Serbian activist, Srdja Popovic, on being elected as the 53rd rector of the University of St Andrews; understands that Srdja founded the non-violent resistance movement, Otpor!, which played a pivotal role in the overthrow of the Serbian dictator, Slobodan Milosevic, in 2000, and is a founding member of the Centre for Applied Non-Violent Action and Strategies, which has worked with activists from 46 different countries, spreading knowledge of non-violent strategies and tactics; acknowledges that he has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and commends the St Andrews students who co-ordinated the Srdja for Rector campaign; welcomes their manifesto, which included calls for better transport links to St Andrews, including a new railway line, and more affordable accommodation for students, and believes that Srdja's philosophy of using non-violent resistance to achieve social change is a valuable basis for leading the students over the next three years.

***S5M-08367 Stuart McMillan: Castle Levan Hotel Success**—That the Parliament congratulates the Castle Levan Hotel in Gourock on being named the Quirkiest Place to Stay in the UK at the recent Eviivo awards ceremony in London; believes that its owners, Kim Munro and Maria Hocklin, have created a hotel that, according to the judges, “transports guests back in time”; praises Kim and Maria on also being awarded the Trip Adviser Certificate of Excellence and the Booking.com Guest Review Award since taking over the business over the hotel one year ago; commends them for having made a special effort to ensure that it remains true to its 15th century roots; believes that it is one of a number of excellent hotels to stay in in Inverclyde, among the many tourist attractions on offer, and wishes Kim and Maria, and everyone at the hotel, every success .

Supported by: Jenny Gilruth*, Ash Denham*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bob Doris*, David Torrance*, Joan McAlpine*, Clare Haughey*, Alison Harris*, Richard Lochhead*, Bill Kidd*

***S5M-08366 Stuart McMillan: Waterfront Cinema, Greenock**—That the Parliament welcomes the 21st year of the Greenock Waterfront Cinema; commends its contribution to the community as a valuable cultural amenity; congratulates its management on the cinema's outreach to the community and by celebrating this milestone by hosting a special event to mark the anniversary, and wishes the cinema every success.

Supported by: Jenny Gilruth*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bob Doris*, David Torrance*, Joan McAlpine*, Clare Haughey*, Alison Harris*, Bill Kidd*

***S5M-08365 Jamie Greene: Funky Films**—That the Parliament congratulates the North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (NAADP) and Recovery at Work (RaW) on the new YouTube channel, Funky Films; understands that the project was created by the NAADP and RaW to teach filmmaking skills to people recovering from addiction; commends its successful first year, which included winning the Provost Award at the 2017 Civic Pride Awards and; and wishes Funky Films continued success in the fantastic work that it performs on a daily basis.

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***S5M-08364 Jamie Greene: Joan Muir**—That the Parliament commends Joan Muir, who is from Kilwinning, on donating a braille collection of Burns' complete works to the University of Glasgow's Centre for Robert Burns Studies; understands that this rare collection was presented in honour of National Braille Week, and applauds Joan for working with the Irvine Burns Club to help further the bard's legacy to help make Scottish literature accessible for all, including blind and visually-impaired people.

Supported by: Margaret Mitchell*, Maurice Corry*, Liz Smith*, Tom Mason*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Peter Chapman*, Richard Lyle*, David Torrance*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Alison Harris*, Michelle Ballantyne*

***S5M-08363 Liam Kerr: Funding Success for Links Park Community Trust, Montrose**—That the Parliament congratulates Links Park Community Trust in Montrose on securing £10,000 from the Scotmid Community Connect Initiative; acknowledges that the charity, which was established in 2012, inspires change and works to positively influence the community through its award-winning sport and educational programmes; understands that this grant will be used to improve its sport, education, health, and volunteer projects, which are aimed at promoting community development and citizenship; commends the outstanding work of everyone involved in the Links Park Community Trust, and recognises its positive influence on the Montrose community.

Supported by: Tom Mason*, Annie Wells*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Finlay Carson*

***S5M-08362 Maurice Golden: Douglas Academy's 50th Anniversary**—That the Parliament commends Douglas Academy on its 50th anniversary celebrations; understands that it will be hosting an anniversary ceilidh to mark this and hold a Christmas market; recognises that the school has been part of the community in Milngavie since 1967, playing an important role in the area and achieving great success, such as assisting older residents with their technology skills; notes that it will be the only UK representative at the 2018 European Youth Parliament Debating Finals in Lithuania and acknowledges its achievements at the Glasgow music festival, and wishes all involved every success with the commemorative celebrations and for the next 50 years and beyond.

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***S5M-08361 Ross Greer: Travelling Gallery Exhibition**—That the Parliament extends its welcome and wishes good luck to the artist, Lauren Printry Currie, and The Glasgow Women's Library on their new travelling exhibition, which is touring East Dunbartonshire and Renfrewshire; notes that Lauren works in sculpture, writing and installation, creating assemblages that hybridize the material and psychological qualities of objects; recognises that the exhibition derives from a residency at the women's library, where the collection and archive served as a repository from which Lauren drew material and inspiration to make a new body of work for the Travelling Gallery, and wishes all involved every success with the exhibition.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Patrick Harvie*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*

***S5M-08359 Bill Kidd: PNND Member Jacinda Ardern to be Appointed Prime Minister of New Zealand**—That the Parliament welcomes the anticipated appointment of Jacinda Ardern MP

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as Prime Minister of New Zealand; recognises that Ms Ardern is a member of the international organisation of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND); acknowledges her ongoing commitment to the abolition of nuclear weapons, as illustrated by her active participation in PNND New Zealand events, including in youth debates on nuclear policy; considers this relevant, given New Zealand's recent signing of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; notes what it sees as the importance of Ms Ardern and her nation's commitment to abolition in the global sense, and urges the UK and the other nuclear weapons states to follow suit accordingly. **R**

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Sandra White*, Ivan McKee*, George Adam*, Clare Haughey*, Gail Ross*, David Torrance*, Ash Denham*, Rona Mackay*, Stewart Stevenson*, Jenny Gilruth*, John Mason*, Richard Lyle*, Bob Doris*, Stuart McMillan*

***S5M-08358 Neil Findlay: Marie Curie Fundraiser in Livingston—**That the Parliament commends the haulage company, Pollock (Scotrans) Ltd, for sponsoring the Livi Aid Live event, in which all funds are donated to Marie Curie; understands that the all-day event, which was held on 21 October 2017 at Livingston FC's stadium, featured performances from a variety of bands and artists and that the firm also offering the chance to name one of their vehicles to the person who submitted the highest donation via a silent auction, and encourages all staff at the business to keep up their fantastic charitable efforts.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Richard Lyle*, Stuart McMillan*

***S5M-08357 Neil Findlay: Tackling Poverty Event—**That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the success of West Lothian's Tackling Poverty Conference, which was attended by council officers, community planning partners and members of the public and aimed to raise awareness of the causes and impact of poverty; notes that it encouraged discussion about poverty and the strategies required to reduce this; acknowledges that, in the coming months, workshops, focus groups and awareness sessions will be held by community planning partners in an effort to address poverty and its what it sees as its cruel implications; considers that local government is in the frontline of the fight against poverty and inequality and that continued cuts to council budgets are impacting most on the poorest, and urges the Scottish Government to end the cuts to Scotland's councils and provide a fully-funded settlement to all local authorities.

***S5M-08356 Neil Findlay: Bield Care Home Closures—**That the Parliament expresses deep concern that Bield, one of Scotland's biggest Care providers, plans to close all of its residential care homes, including two in West Lothian, by July 2018; notes that its chief executive has stated that the reason for closing the care homes were attributed to challenges and financial difficulties, and believes that these closures highlight the wider challenges and crises that the social care sector is facing in Scotland today.

Supported by: Claudia Beamish*, Rachael Hamilton*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

***S5M-08355 Alex Rowley: Fife Council Calls for a Halt to the Roll-out of Universal Credit—**That the Parliament welcomes the motion that has been passed by Fife Council calling for the roll-out of universal credit to be halted; understands that the roll-out is due to start in Fife on 6 December 2017 and that the council has expressed its concern over what it believes is the impact that this will have on people and families, especially as the decision to introduce it prior to Christmas could mean that new claimants will not receive benefits until January; agrees with the council as it reaffirms opposition to both the approach taken to welfare reform by the UK Government and to the implementation of universal credit, in particular to the reported delay of six weeks before any payment is made to and the severe impact this will have on many people in Fife

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and across the country; commends the council on in its call to halt the roll-out; understands that, in doing so, it joins much of civic Scotland, including the Church of Scotland, Citizens Advice Scotland, the STUC, SCVO, the Poverty Alliance, the SFHA, housing associations and many more, and welcomes the move by the local authority to request its chief executive and executive director of finance and corporate services, in consultation with the co-leaders of the administration, to put in place enhanced arrangements that will aim to alleviate any hardship that arises from the roll-out over the Christmas period and for the longer term.

Supported by: Iain Gray*, Claire Baker*, Graeme Dey*, Richard Lyle*, Elaine Smith*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

***S5M-08353 Clare Adamson: One Special Day**—That the Parliament notes that Friday 29 September marked the launch of the #OneSpecialDay campaign by the video gamers' disability charity, Special Effect; acknowledges that the campaign saw over 50 games industry companies donate their profits for the day to help provide specially-adapted equipment that allows severely physically-disabled people enjoy such games; commends the charity on its work across the UK, providing face-to-face assessment and customised technology to people who are unable to play video games using traditional joysticks; understands that the charity set a target of £100,000 for the campaign, but has raised over £300,000, thanks to the generosity of everyone who got involved; commends Special Effect and the games-industry partners who helped with the campaign, and wishes them all the very best.

Supported by: Clare Haughey*, Stewart Stevenson*, Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*, Alex Rowley*, Colin Beattie*, Joan McAlpine*, Richard Lochhead*, Richard Lyle*, James Dornan*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Ash Denham*

***S5M-08351 Clare Adamson: Motherwell FC**—That the Parliament congratulates Motherwell FC on reaching the final of the Betfred Cup, after defeating Rangers 2-0; acknowledges that, en route, Motherweall has also beaten Queens Park, Greenock Morton, Edinburgh City, Berwick Rangers, Ross County and Aberdeen to reach this stage; understands that the players have been performing well in the league, reaching fourth position, with five wins out of their opening nine games; recognises that these achievements come one year after it was announced that Motherwell had transitioned to a fan-ownership model, following the takeover of the club by the Well Society and Les Hutchison in October 2016; understands that this model has helped ensure stability and cement the strong bonds between the club and the community; congratulates all of the squad and backroom staff on their hard work, and wishes them the very best for the final.

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***S5M-08350 Clare Haughey: Voluntary Health Scotland's Work with the Cross-Party Group on Health Inequalities**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the continued effort of the members of the Cross-Party Group on Health Inequalities to raise awareness of and to address the impact of health inequalities across the country; recognises the group's partnership working with Voluntary Health Scotland to tackle the issue, and acknowledges what it sees as the value of a cross-party approach to preventing, reducing and mitigating health inequalities, in particular where the root causes might be poverty, deprivation or discrimination, especially for people who find services hard to access or engage with. **R**

***S5M-08349 Alexander Stewart: RSPB Scotland Hibernating Event near Alloa**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Clackmannanshire families can discover more about the

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area's hibernating creatures at RSPB Scotland's Black Devon Wetlands, which is situated on the edge of Alloa and in the heart of the inner Forth and is made up of a mix of wetland habitats; believes that it is a perfect place to see wildfowl and waders, and notes the event being held on 28 October 2017 from noon, Happy Hibernators, which has been designed to educate and allow the public to find out why some animals want to sleep all winter and will offer opportunities for young people and adults alike to build small habitats and abodes for amphibians to hibernate in.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Liz Smith*, Alison Harris*, Margaret Mitchell*, Jeremy Balfour*, Edward Mountain*, Jamie Greene*, Maurice Corry*, Peter Chapman*, Tom Mason*, Claire Baker*, Alex Rowley*, Annie Wells*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Richard Lyle*, Donald Cameron*, Finlay Carson*, Liam Kerr*, Stuart McMillan*, Gordon Lindhurst*

***S5M-08348 Neil Findlay: West Lothian Council to Launch Green Project**—That the Parliament is encouraged to learn that West Lothian Council has been awarded £20,000 by the Central Scotland Green Network Development Fund to pay for a commission to study ways to improve the Livingston North Blue/Green Network; recognises that this will focus on five connecting corridors, covering approximately 8km, and will aim to develop the quality of greenways, and understands that the project has the potential to achieve great benefits for people and wildlife.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, Alex Rowley*, Stuart McMillan*

***S5M-08347 Neil Findlay: Emma Stevenson is 100**—That the Parliament congratulates Emma Stevenson, who is from Bathgate, on her 100th birthday; notes that she moved to the town at the end of the First World War following the death of her father and has spent her life caring for others; acknowledges that she lives at Crofthead Nursing Home and continues to enjoy day trips, and wishes Emma many happy returns.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Gail Ross*, Colin Beattie*, Richard Lyle*, Kenneth Gibson*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Gordon Lindhurst*

***S5M-08346 Ross Greer: Douglas Academy Celebrates 50 Years**—That the Parliament congratulates Douglas Academy, which is in Milngavie, on its 50th anniversary; notes that the school, which has been at the centre of the community since 1967, will be celebrating with an anniversary ceilidh on 3 November 2017, which will feature former pupil Tom Harrold's band, It's No' Reel, and a cake from another former pupil, Alex Kidd, of For Cake's Sake UK; believes that the school has an exceptional record in providing high-quality education and has gained a reputation for debating, music and its connection with the area's community; wishes the debating team well as the only UK representative at the 2018 European Youth Parliament's Debating Finals in Lithuania; sends its best wishes to all who have been a part of the school's successes over the past 50 years, and wishes the school, and all connected with it, well.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*

***S5M-08345 Linda Fabiani: Worldskills Medallion of Excellence for East Kilbride's Betsy Crosbie**—That the Parliament notes that the final of WorldSkills, which is the world's largest vocational skills competition, took place in Abu Dhabi in October 2017; congratulates Betsy Crosbie from East Kilbride, who is a student at New College Lanarkshire, on taking part and attaining a coveted Medallion of Excellence; recognises that Betsy competed against the best students and apprentices of mechanical engineering/computer-aided design from across the world and was one of only two women taking part; notes that she has previously enjoyed success at WorldSkills UK 2016 and EuroSkills Gothenburg 2016, and wishes Betsy the very best for her future career.

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Supported by: Clare Haughey*, Joan McAlpine*, Stewart Stevenson*, Jenny Gilruth*, Colin Beattie*, Richard Lyle*, Sandra White*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*

***S5M-08344 Iain Gray: Aberlady Poppy Cascade**—That the Parliament congratulates the members of Aberlady Craft Group on their stunning Poppy Cascade outside Aberlady Kirk; understands that more than 6,000 knitted and crocheted poppies adorn the 40ft-long and 11ft-high artwork, which the group spent hundreds of hours making as a tribute to fallen soldiers ahead of Remembrance Day 2017 and to raise funds for poppyscotland, and commends the group and everyone else who has been involved in this remarkable project on their dedication and commitment to raising funds for this very important charity.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, Mark Griffin*, Stewart Stevenson*, Richard Lyle*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*

***S5M-08343 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Davidson's Mains and District Pipe Band**—That the Parliament congratulates the Davidson's Mains and District Pipe Band on releasing a version of Ed Sheeran's *Castle on the Hill* for charity; notes the band performed the song in the freestyle category of the Scottish School Championships; understands its success across social media led to the band recording the song; notes that it has released a video to accompany the song, which has been filmed against a backdrop of Edinburgh Castle; understands that it can be downloaded from iTunes and that a donation from the money raised will go to Cash for Kids, and commends Pipe Major Clare Miller and the rest of the band on such a fantastic achievement.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Elaine Smith* R, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Gordon Lindhurst*

S5M-08287 Mark Griffin: Opposition to Mossend Railhead Plans—That the Parliament expresses its disappointment that the Scottish Government has approved the plans of Peter D Stirling Ltd to expand Mossend Railhead freight terminal on what, it understands, is the last remaining area of greenbelt land in Bellshill; notes that North Lanarkshire Council rejected the proposals, a move it believes was supported by the Scottish Government-appointed planning reporter in 2015; further understands that Scottish ministers then intervened to grant the application and that the Court of Session upheld North Lanarkshire Council's appeal against that decision, citing Scottish ministers lack of "proper, adequate and intelligible" reasons for going against the view of the planning authority and the planning reporter; understands, with concern, that Scottish ministers subsequently installed a new reporter and that the plans have now been approved; considers that the plans will have a significant and detrimental environmental impact on the community of Bellshill, directly impacting 900 homes; notes what it sees as the high level of opposition from residents; considers, with deep concern, that local democratic decision-making has been ignored, and calls on Scottish ministers to reconsider their position on this matter.

Supported by: Margaret Mitchell, Elaine Smith, Graham Simpson, Neil Findlay, Alex Rowley*

***S5M-08287.1 Richard Lyle: Opposition to Mossend Railhead Plans**—As an amendment to motion S5M-08287 in the name of Mark Griffin MSP (Opposition to Mossend Railhead Plans), leave out from "expresses" to end and insert "welcomes the decision by the independent reporter appointed by the Scottish Ministers in respect of the Mossend Railhead Project that has been proposed by Peter D Stirling Ltd, which, it understands, would see an expansion of the Mossend Railhead freight terminal; notes with concern what it sees as the attempts by opposition parties, in particular the North Lanarkshire Labour Party, to cast doubt as to the impartiality of the decision-making process by the independent reporter; believes that the project will help deliver the ambitions for a cleaner and greener Scotland, particularly the goal to reduce carbon emissions;

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understands that the project could lead to a decrease in HGV use, with limited numbers being restricted to using what it sees as the excellent and newly re-opened M8 M73 M74 network, which contributes to creating a focus on the utilisation of the rail network at the site as a means of lower cost, efficient and sustainable alternatives to long-haul road transportation, and believes that the investment at the site will create around 4,000 construction and operational jobs at the heart of Bellshill and contribute to the economic growth of an area, which it believes is flourishing with innovation sites.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Alex Neil*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S5M-08341.3](#) Murdo Fraser: Unconventional Oil and Gas (lodged on 23 October 2017)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S5M-08340](#) Ruth Maguire: Springside Bowling Club (lodged on 23 October 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S5M-08339](#) Ruth Maguire: David McNamee from Irvine (lodged on 23 October 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S5M-08338](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Tempest Brewing Co's Success at the Scottish Beer Awards (lodged on 23 October 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-08337](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Peebles Nursing Home Re-opened (lodged on 23 October 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Annie Wells*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-08336](#) Angus MacDonald: Rediscovering the Antonine Wall Receives Heritage Lottery Funding (lodged on 23 October 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*

[S5M-08335](#) Jackson Carlaw: Mearns Kirk Helping Hands (lodged on 20 October 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Annie Wells*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-08333](#) Jackson Carlaw: Success of Giffnock Scouts Jumble Sale (lodged on 20 October 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Annie Wells*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-08332](#) George Adam: 140 Years of St Mirren (lodged on 20 October 2017)

New Support: Bob Doris*

[S5M-08330](#) Alexander Burnett: World Polio Day 2017 (lodged on 20 October 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*, Annie Wells*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-08329](#) Bill Bowman: Mackays' Expansion (lodged on 20 October 2017)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Alison Harris*, Annie Wells*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-08328](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Newtongrange Girls' Brigade Celebrates 100 Years (lodged on 20 October 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Annie Wells*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-08325](#) Lewis Macdonald: Polish Bilingual Day (lodged on 20 October 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee*, Alex Rowley*

[S5M-08324](#) Peter Chapman: Care Homes Staff Participate in Cycle Challenge (lodged on 20 October 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Annie Wells*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-08316](#) Alex Rowley: Pause the Roll-out of Universal Credit (lodged on 19 October 2017)

New Support: Bob Doris*

[S5M-08312](#) Edward Mountain: Migdale Hospital and Lawson Memorial Hospital (lodged on 19 October 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-08311](#) Annie Wells: Mental Health Figures Down (lodged on 19 October 2017)

New Support: John Mason*, Maree Todd*, Alison Harris*, Clare Haughey*

[S5M-08310](#) Edward Mountain: Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (lodged on 19 October 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Alex Rowley*

[S5M-08309](#) Edward Mountain: Caithness Voluntary Group (lodged on 19 October 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-08308](#) Annie Wells: Scotland's Jobless up 9,000 (lodged on 19 October 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-08307](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Save the Children's Country Market (lodged on 19 October 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-08306](#) Liam Kerr: Success for Infinity Partnership Limited at the British Accountancy Awards 2017 (lodged on 19 October 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-08303](#) Ivan McKee: Calling for Dialogue between Spanish and Catalan Governments (lodged on 19 October 2017)

New Support: John Mason*, Bob Doris*

[S5M-08302](#) Annie Wells: Potholes in Scotland Creating Potential Financial Black Hole (lodged on 19 October 2017)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Alison Harris*, Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-08301](#) **Johann Lamont: St Andrew's First Aid** (lodged on 19 October 2017)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-08300](#) **Jeremy Balfour: Dean and Cauvin Trust** (lodged on 19 October 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-08299](#) **Jeremy Balfour: Scottish Disability Sport** (lodged on 19 October 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-08286](#) **Bill Bowman: LAT_56** (lodged on 18 October 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-08284](#) **Clare Haughey: Cambuslang Firm Supports Scottish National Amputee Football Team** (lodged on 18 October 2017)

New Support: Gail Ross*, Sandra White*, David Torrance*

[S5M-08282](#) **Finlay Carson: Food Train Celebrates 22 Years** (lodged on 18 October 2017)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-08281](#) **Tom Mason: Befriend a Child, Aberdeen** (lodged on 18 October 2017)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-08260](#) **Bill Bowman: Arbroath Relay for Life's Catwalk for a Cure Fashion Show for Cancer Research UK** (lodged on 16 October 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*

[S5M-08259](#) **Bill Bowman: Thorntons, Large Scottish Employer of the Year** (lodged on 16 October 2017)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-08232](#) **Monica Lennon: Befriending Week 2017** (lodged on 12 October 2017)

New Support: Elaine Smith*

[S5M-08166](#) **Gil Paterson: Asbestos Campaigners' 25 Years** (lodged on 09 October 2017)

New Support: Bob Doris*

[S5M-08165](#) **Gil Paterson: 60 Years of Devotion to Boys' Brigade** (lodged on 09 October 2017)

New Support: Bob Doris*

[S5M-08012](#) **Alexander Stewart: Over £250,000 Raised for Macmillan by Pupils at Alva Academy** (lodged on 29 September 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

[S5M-08011](#) **Rhoda Grant: Record-breaking HebCelt 2016** (lodged on 29 September 2017)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Colin Beattie*

[S5M-07724](#) Lewis Macdonald: Workforce Concerns Regarding Helicopter Safety in the North Sea (lodged on 18 September 2017)

New Support: Anas Sarwar*

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Questions Ceistean				

Written Questions

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

Government Initiated Questions are initiated by the Scottish Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

Government initiated questions lodged on 24 October 2017

S5W-12172 Richard Lyle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the review of the Environmental Co-operation Action Fund. R

Written questions lodged on 24 October 2017

S5W-12126 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to help ensure that there is minimal disruption to transport over winter 2017-18.

S5W-12127 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what preparations have taken place to help ensure that rail services face minimal disruption over winter 2017-18; how many snow ploughs it has invested in to help clear tracks; what resources has ScotRail has determined that it requires to ensure that services can continue to operate over the period, and what (a) funding and (b) support it has provided to the operator to do so.

S5W-12128 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many trains were (a) delayed and (b) cancelled in each of that the last two quarters.

S5W-12129 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many trains were (a) delayed and (b) cancelled in 2016-17 due to ice, and what steps it is taking to help reduce this in 2017-18.

S5W-12130 Jamie Greene: To Ask the Scottish Government how many carriages ScotRail has; how many will operate in winter 2017-18; how it will ensure that they all have adequate heating, and whether it has concerns that some might not.

S5W-12133 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how much was spent clearing rail tracks of debris in the calendar year, 2016, and what the estimate is for 2017.

S5W-12134 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many bridge closures to high-sided vehicles there have been in each of the last two quarters.

S5W-12135 Jamie Greene: How many bus services were (a) delayed and (b) cancelled in winter 2016-17 due to road conditions.

S5W-12136 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many collisions there were on trunk roads in (a) the last quarter and (b) winter 2016-17.

S5W-12138 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what preparations it has made to be ready for heavy snowfall on roads over winter 2017-18, including what resources it has allocated to deal with this.

S5W-12139 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent on road grit each winter since 2006-07, and how much it plans to spend in winter 2017-18.

S5W-12140 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many snow ploughs were required to clear trunk roads in winter 2016-17, and how many are available for 2017-18.

S5W-12143 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many flights from each airport were cancelled in winter 2016-17 because of the weather; how many runways were closed; what

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the economic impact was, and what action it is taking to help ensure that the airports are runways remain operational in winter 2017-18.

S5W-12146 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many ferries were (a) delayed and (b) cancelled in each of the last two quarters.

S5W-12147 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many ferries were (a) delayed and (b) cancelled in winter 2016-17 due to weather conditions, and what steps it is taking to help reduce this in 2017-18.

S5W-12148 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what precautions it has taken to deal with flooding during winter 2017-18; what funding it has made available to deal with the consequences, and what assessment it has made of (a) local authorities' and (b) the trunk road and motorway network's capability to deal with this, including what funding it has made available.

S5W-12152 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to deal with fuel shortages during winter 2017-18, and whether it plans to stockpile resources in rural and remote areas.

S5W-12154 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how much has been allocated under the Bellwin scheme to each local authority in each of the last five years to deal with flooding.

S5W-12158 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of Transport Scotland's response time to major disruptions on the Glasgow-Falkirk-Edinburgh railway service.

S5W-12160 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what consultation it had with VisitScotland prior to the announcement to close Tourist Information centres in the south west.

S5W-12161 Ruth Maguire: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the findings of Dogs Trust's report, *Puppy Smuggling: A Tragedy Ignored*, whether it will make it a requirement for animal health resources to be available at ports to record the age of dogs entering the country.

S5W-12163 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made with the aim in *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People*, to "at least halve the disability employment gap", and whether it will consider setting targets.

S5W-12164 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made in implementing the actions recommended in *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People*.

S5W-12165 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what progress its is making on its commitment as part of the Developing the Young Workforce implementation plan to deliver (a) a "new work experience model for young disabled people introduced and improved approach to careers services for young disabled people implemented [in 2016-17]" and (b) the "Introduction of supported work placement programme for young disabled people [in 2017-18]"

S5W-12166 Bill Bowman: To ask the Scottish Government what the average time between application and receipt of common agricultural policy (CAP) payments has been in each of the last five years.

S5W-12167 Bill Bowman: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of applicants have experienced a delay in receiving common agricultural policy (CAP) payments in each local authority area in each of the last five years.

S5W-12168 Andy Wightman: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to develop future district heating projects for the (a) owner-occupied sector, (b) social-rented sector and (c) private-rented sector.

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[S5W-12169](#) Andy Wightman: To ask the Scottish Government how it will facilitate the charging of electric vehicles for people who live in tenement properties.

[S5W-12170](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the survey by the Federation of Small Businesses, which reported that 88% of 275 island firms said that they faced challenges that mainland businesses do not, what actions it will take to support such businesses.

[S5W-12171](#) Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to update signage on the M74 to highlight visitor attractions in Dumfries and Galloway.

[S5W-12173](#) Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on using electronic signage on motorway and trunk roads to highlight visitor attractions.

[S5W-12175](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what impact its recently-announced campaign to recruit up to 11,000 people to work in child care will have on social care sector recruitment; what discussions the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport and the health ministers have had with other ministerial colleagues about any such impact; whether it will launch a similar campaign to recruit in the social care sector and, if not, what plans to address the reported shortages in that sector.

[S5W-12179](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the cost of building houses in rural areas compared with urban areas.

[S5W-12180](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that the Regulation of Energy Efficiency in Private Sector Homes (REEPS) will not disproportionately disadvantage rural homeowners.

[S5W-12181](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to concerns regarding energy performance certificates because of the principal energy efficiency ratings are based on running costs.

[S5W-12182](#) Margaret Mitchell: To ask the Scottish Government what preparations and police training it has introduced prior to the commencement of Part 1 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016.

[S5W-12183](#) Bill Bowman: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has made of devolving the administration of Air Departure Tax to local authorities, and whether it has discussed this with The Highland Council.

[S5W-12185](#) Mike Rumbles: To ask the Scottish Government what work it has commissioned or analysed on the feasibility and costs of constructing road tunnels between islands.

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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

John Finnie: Proposed Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to give children equal protection from assault by prohibiting the physical punishment of children by parents and others caring for or in charge of children (lodged 24 October 2017)

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

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Progress of Legislation

Bills

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 29 June 2017

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

Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education and Skills)), 25 October 2017

Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 October 2017

Lead committee - Justice

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

Passed, 21 September 2017

Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 28 September 2017

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill (P)

Preliminary Stage completed, 21 September 2017

Amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

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Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee) published, 6 October 2017

Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities and Human Rights)), 26 October 2017

Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 4 September 2017

Islands (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 25 October 2017

Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice)), 24 October 2017

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

Preliminary Stage, 27 September 2017

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

Stage 2 completed, 28 June 2017

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

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Social Security (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Social Security)), 26 October 2017

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

Stage 1 completed, 5 October 2017

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

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

Preliminary Stage, 4 October 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>

European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-10

Lodged on 12 September 2017

Evidence, lead committee (Finance and Constitution), 25 October 2017

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

Affirmative instruments

Lead committee to report by 29 October 2017

[International Organisations \(Immunities and Privileges\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2017 \[draft\]](#) (31 August 2017) (Justice)

[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \[draft\]](#) (4 September 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)

Lead committee to report by 8 November 2017

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Specification of Devolved Tax\) \(Wild Fisheries\) Order 2017 \[draft\]](#) (14 September 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Insolvency Functions\) Order 2017 \[draft\]](#) (14 September 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)

[Private Residential Tenancies \(Statutory Terms\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (14 September 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Private Residential Tenancies \(Information for Tenants\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (14 September 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Private Housing \(Tenancies\) \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (14 September 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Lead committee to report by 13 November 2017

[Land Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Supplemental Provision\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (19 September 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Land Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Supplementary, Consequential, Transitory and Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (19 September 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Amendment of Specified Authorities\) Order 2017 \[draft\]](#) (19 September 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

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Lead committee to report by 16 November 2017

[Legal Aid \(Scotland\) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (22 September 2017) (Justice)

Lead committee to report by 20 November 2017

[Telecommunications Restriction Orders \(Custodial Institutions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (26 September 2017) (Justice)

Lead committee to report by 22 November 2017

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2017 Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (28 September 2017) (Finance and Constitution)

Lead committee to report by 30 November 2017

[Fishing Vessels and Fish Farming \(Miscellaneous Revocations\) \(Scotland\) Scheme 2017 \[draft\]](#) (6 October 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Pollution Prevention and Control \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (6 October 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and land Reform)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 27 October 2017

Lead committee to report by 23 October 2017

[Energy Performance of Buildings \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/225\)](#) (29 June 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Universal Credit \(Claims and Payments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/227\)](#) (29 June 2017) (Social Security)

Subject to annulment by 28 October 2017

Lead committee to report by 23 October 2017

[National Health Service \(Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/231\)](#) (30 June 2017) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 29 October 2017

Lead committee to report by 23 October 2017

[Homeless Persons \(Unsuitable Accommodation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/273\)](#) (31 August 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Scottish Tribunals \(Eligibility for Appointment\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/274\)](#) (1 September 2017) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 1 November 2017

Lead committee to report by 30 October 2017

[Railway Closures \(Exclusion\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/280\)](#) (7 September 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Public Water Supplies \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/281\)](#) (7 September 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

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[Water Intended for Human Consumption \(Private Supplies\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/282\)](#) (7 September 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Teachers' Superannuation and Pension Scheme \(Additional Voluntary Contributions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/283\)](#) (7 September 2017) (Education and Skills)

Subject to annulment by 2 November 2017

Lead committee to report by 30 October 2017

[Charities Accounts \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/284\)](#) (8 September 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Prescribed Police Stations\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/285\)](#) (8 September 2017) (Justice)

[M8/M73/M74 Motorways \(30mph, 40mph and 50mph Speed Limit\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/286\)](#) (8 September 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/287\)](#) (8 September 2017) (Health and Sport)

[Individual Learning Account \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/288\)](#) (8 September 2017) (Education and Skills)

Subject to annulment by 5 November 2017

Lead committee to report by 30 October 2017

[National Health Service \(General Dental Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/289\)](#) (11 September 2017) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 8 November 2017

Lead committee to report by 6 November 2017

[Notice to Local Authorities \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/295\)](#) (14 September 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Private Residential Tenancies \(Information for Determining Rents and Fees for Copies of Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/296\)](#) (14 September 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Private Residential Tenancies \(Prescribed Notices and Forms\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/297\)](#) (14 September 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 13 November 2017

Lead committee to report by 6 November 2017

[Agricultural Holdings \(Modern Limited Duration Tenancies and Consequential etc. Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/300\)](#) (14 September 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Title Conditions \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Rural Housing Bodies\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/301\)](#) (19 September 2017) (Justice)

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Subject to annulment by 15 November 2017

Lead committee to report by 13 November 2017

[Functions of Health Boards \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/304\)](#) (21 September 2017) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 16 November 2017

Lead committee to report by 13 November 2017

[Civil Legal Aid \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/310\)](#) (22 September 2017) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 22 November 2017

Lead committee to report by 20 November 2017

[Common Agricultural Policy \(Direct Payments etc.\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2017](#) (28 September 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 27 November 2017

Lead committee to report by 20 November 2017

[Public and Private Water Supplies \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/321\)](#) (3 October 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Subject to annulment by 30 November 2017

Lead committee to report by 27 November 2017

[Sea Fishing \(Miscellaneous Revocations\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/323\)](#) (6 October 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Sea Fishing \(Miscellaneous Revocations\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/324\)](#) (6 October 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Prohibition of Fishing with Multiple Trawls \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/325\)](#) (6 October 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

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