

Tuesday 19 September 2017

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection - Imam
Mohammad Sohail Ashfaque, Blackhall
Mosque, Edinburgh

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivering
Social Security for Scotland's People

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ending
Homelessness Together

followed by Scottish Government Debate:
Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-
05970 Mary Fee: Tackling Homophobia in
Sport

Committee Meetings

9:30am Health and Sport Committee

10:00am Economy, Jobs and Fair Work
Committee

10:00am Environment, Climate Change and
Land Reform Committee

10:00am Justice Committee

11:45am Delegated Powers and Law Reform
Committee

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1. Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to the terrorist incident at Parsons Green in London. ([S5T-00678](#))

2. Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to concerns raised by Age Scotland that the country faces a crisis in the care sector, with some service users being left without food, water and essential medicines. ([S5T-00669](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivering Social Security for Scotland's People

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ending Homelessness Together

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All

[S5M-07740](#) Angela Constance: Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All—That the Parliament is committed to creating a fairer Scotland underpinned by respecting and implementing human rights; notes the achievements that Scotland has already made in giving practical effect to the human rights set out in UN and Council of Europe treaties, and International Labour Organization conventions; welcomes the appointment of the former Scottish Human Rights Commissioner, Professor Alan Miller, as chair of a new expert group that will provide independent advice and recommendations on how Scotland can continue to protect and enhance human rights, including economic, social, cultural and environmental rights; further welcomes the commitment that the Scottish Government will undertake a comprehensive audit of the most effective way to further embed the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into policy and legislation; acknowledges that embedding a human rights-based approach within Scotland's public services is fundamental to securing equality, dignity and rights and commends the rights-based approach to building a social security system that will be underpinned by dignity, respect and equality, and resolves to ensure that the human rights and equality of all of the people of Scotland are fully respected and protected, promoted and implemented.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-07740.3](#) Pauline McNeill: Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All—As an amendment to motion S5M-07740 in the name of Angela Constance (Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All), insert at end "; considers that human rights should be viewed as a broad-based principle and should also encompass workers' rights as well as the right to a family life, which should include the right to a decent warm home; believes that significant progress should be made in the current parliamentary session to improve the rights of disabled people in areas of education, employment

and public transport, and considers that this progress should be meaningful by ensuring that adequate and enforceable legislation is in place to advance these rights."

S5M-07740.1 John Finnie: Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All—As an amendment to motion S5M-07740 in the name of Angela Constance (Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All), insert at end "; notes the report of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) on its inquiry into violations of rights in the UK, which was issued on 6 October 2016, and its report on its concluding observations under its reporting cycle, which was issued on 29 August 2017; expresses grave concern that, in its October 2016 report, the UNCRPD found systematic violations of the rights of disabled people; acknowledges that one of only two positive findings in the August 2017 report concerned measures taken in Scotland; expresses concern at the absence of action and the dismissive attitude of the UK Government regarding the 85 recommendations made by the UNCRPD in August, and is resolved that dignity, equality, and human rights for all cannot be realised as long as disabled people continue to experience violations of their basic rights under the policies adopted by the UK Government."

S5M-07740.2 Mike Rumbles: Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All—As an amendment to motion S5M-07740 in the name of Angela Constance (Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All), insert at end "; recognises that there are areas where Scotland continues to fall short of international human rights standards, as highlighted repeatedly by bodies such as the Scottish Human Rights Commission; welcomes that the Scottish Government has now agreed to raise the age of criminal responsibility to the minimum standard set by the UN and that it will not oppose giving children equal protection from assault; considers, however, that issues, from the blanket ban on prisoner voting to the inadequacy of mental health treatment, continue to tarnish Scotland's reputation as a leader in human rights and equality, and urges the Scottish Government to rectify these immediately and ensure that international human rights agreements and legal obligations are enacted without reservation in future."

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

S5M-05970 Mary Fee: Tackling Homophobia in Sport—That the Parliament considers that there is a continuing existence of homophobia in Scottish sport; regrets that research by Stonewall Scotland states that 60% of sports fans had witnessed homophobic behaviour in the last five years, which is 9% higher than the rest of the UK; believes that it is important for sports personalities, coaches and sports clubs in the West Scotland region and across the country to challenge and oppose homophobia in all its forms to show that it has no place in Scottish sport; understands that there is a particular problem with homophobia in football, which is highlighted by the fact that there are no openly-gay, male professional footballers in the UK; commends the work of the Equality Network and its LGBT Sports Charter, which aims to set out the principles to make Scottish sport more inclusive, and welcomes the commitment of the SFA and sportscotland to tackle homophobia and LGBT discrimination in sport.

Committee Meetings

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

Health and Sport Committee 20th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Prescribed Days) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/207)
2. **NHS Governance:** The Committee will take evidence on staff governance from—
George Doherty, Director of Human Resources, NHS Tayside;
Jennifer Porteous, Director of Human Resources and Workforce Development, NHS Western Isles;
Elaine Mead, Chief Executive, NHS Highland;
Kenneth Small, Director of Human Resources, NHS Lanarkshire.
3. **Draft Budget 2018-19:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Andrew Strong, Assistant Director (Policy and Communications), Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE);
Aileen Bryson, Interim Director for Scotland, Royal Pharmaceutical Society;
Richard Meade, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Marie Curie;
Carolyn Lochhead, Public Affairs Manager, SAMH;

and then from—

Dr Andrew Fraser, Director of Public Health Science, Scottish Directors of Public Health;
Kim Atkinson, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Sports Association;
Sheila Duffy, Chief Executive, ASH Scotland;
Alison Douglas, Chief Executive, Alcohol Focus Scotland.

4. **NHS Governance (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Draft Budget 2018-19 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee 23rd 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 items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Economic Data:** The Committee will take evidence in a round table format from—
Margaret Cuthbert;
John McLaren, Scottish Trends;
Richard Marsh, Director, 4-Consulting;
Professor Catia Montagna, Chair in Economics, University of Aberdeen;
Professor Richard Murphy, Director, Tax Research UK.
3. **Economic Data:** The Committee will consider evidence heard at today's meeting.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider its approach to Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 23rd 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 items 3, 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Scottish Parliament:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Sir Paul Grice, Chief Executive, and Victoria Barby, Environmental Manager, Scottish Parliament.

3. **Scottish Parliament:** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
5. **Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a reporter paper.
6. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider its response to correspondence from the Scottish Government.
7. **Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Justice Committee 27th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Ronnie Conway, Co-ordinator, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers;
Brian Castle, Regional Co-ordinator Scotland, Motor Accident Solicitors Society;
Dave Moxham, Deputy General Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress;
Patrick McGuire, Partner, Thompsons Solicitors.
2. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting on 14 September 2017.
3. **Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will continue consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 25th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 11:45 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Colin Beattie will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
3. **Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills;
Ellen Birt, Bill Team Leader;
John Paterson, Divisional Solicitor, Scottish Government.
4. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

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

5. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Railway Closures \(Exclusion\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/280\);](#)
[Water Intended for Human Consumption \(Private Supplies\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/282\);](#)
[Charities Accounts \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/284\);](#)
[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Prescribed Police Stations\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/285\);](#)
[Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/287\);](#)
[National Health Service \(General Dental Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/289\).](#)
6. **Islands (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 13 September 2017

Wednesday 20 September 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Justice and the Law Officers

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by Scottish Labour Debate: Finance

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-06672 Linda Fabiani: Fighting for Tax Jobs, Fighting for Tax Justice

Thursday 21 September 2017

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-07369 Stuart McMillan: National Eye Health Week 2017 and the Threat to Vision Posed by Diabetic Retinopathy

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Preliminary Stage Debate: Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 26 September 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 27 September 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 28 September 2017

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

<http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm>

Finance and Constitution Committee

20 September 2017

21st Meeting, 2017

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

1. **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament Legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM (S5) 10 from—
Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe, Ian Davidson, Deputy Director, Constitution and UK Relations, and Gerald Byrne, Team Leader, Constitutional Policy, Scottish Government.
2. **Budget Process Review Group:** The Committee will take evidence on the Group's final Report from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Dr Angela O'Hagan, Lecturer, Glasgow Caledonian University.

Proposed future business

For more information, please contact the Clerks on 0131 348 5451 or

Finance.Constitution@parliament.scot

Education and Skills Committee

20 September 2017

23rd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Kenny Meechan, Solicitor and member of the Privacy Law Sub-Committee, The Law Society of Scotland;
Janys Scott, QC, Faculty of Advocates;
and then from—
Dr Alison McCallum, Director of Public Health and Health Policy, NHS Lothian;
Professor Hugo van Woerden, Director of Public Health, NHS Highland;
Valerie White, Consultant in Dental Public Health, NHS Dumfries and Galloway;
Jean Cowie, Principal Educator, NHS Education for Scotland;
Annette Holliday, Health Visitor and member of Unite;
Lorna Greene, Policy Officer, Royal College of Nursing Scotland.
2. **Review of evidence (in private)** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 27 September, the Committee expect to take evidence from Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill. For further information please contact Roz

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Thomson, the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are roz.thomson@parliament.scot on extension 85222.

Local Government and Communities Committee

20 September 2017

22nd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Building regulations and fire safety in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—

John Wood, Policy Manager, Communities Team, COSLA;
Michael Thain, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers;
Dave Aitken, and Alan McAulay, Local Authority Building Standards Scotland;
Raymond Barlow, Assistant Head of Planning and Building Standards, Glasgow City Council.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/273).

3. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee consider the evidence heard at agenda item 1.

4. **Homelessness:** The Committee will take evidence, in a roundtable format, from—
Saffron Rohan and Simone Smith;
Rhys Campbell, Thomas Lyon, Julie McCallagh and Emma Pearce.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 20 September, the Committee expects to take evidence on its inquiries into building regulations and fire safety in Scotland and into homelessness.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jane Williams, on 0131-348-5232 or LGCCCommittee@parliament.scot.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

20 September 2017

25th 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. **Islands (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Fergus Murray, Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation, Argyll and Bute Council;
Andrew Fraser, Head of Democratic Services, and Dr Audrey Sutton, Head of Connected Communities, North Ayrshire Council;

and then from—

Norman A MacDonald, Convener, and Malcolm Burr, Chief Executive, Comharile nan Eilean Siar;

Stuart Black, Director of Development and Strategic Transportation, Highlands Council.

3. **Proposed Aquaculture Inquiry:** The Committee will consider a proposal for commissioning external research to support its proposed aquaculture inquiry.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 27 September, the Committee will consider the Islands (Scotland) Bill and take oral evidence from Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity on Common Agricultural Policy Payments. The Committee will also consider a draft report on the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill.

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

Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill Committee 20 September 2017 2nd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 11:00 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Preliminary Stage from-

Caroline Docherty WS, Deputy Keeper of the Signet and Chairman of the Trustees, and Simon A Mackintosh WS, Collector, Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund; Christine O'Neill, Partner (Chairman), Brodies LLP.

2. **Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider any issues for its Preliminary Stage report arising from the evidence heard at item 1.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 4 October, the Committee will consider, in private, issues for its Preliminary Stage report.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston, on 0131 348 6234 or private.bills@parliament.scot.

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee 21 September 2017 21st Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Article 50 withdrawal negotiations:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Mark Hanniffy, Consul General of Ireland to Scotland.
2. **Article 50 withdrawal negotiations: EU citizens' rights:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Professor Sionaidh Douglas-Scott, Anniversary Chair in Law, co-director, Centre for Law and Society in a Global Context, Queen Mary School of Law, University of London; Dr Tobias Lock, Senior Lecturer in EU Law and Co-Director Europa Institute, University of Edinburgh;

Dr Rebecca Zahn, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Strathclyde.

3. **Article 50 withdrawal negotiations (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

21 September 2017

21st Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **NHS workforce planning:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Richard Robinson, Audit Manager, and Nichola Williams, Auditor, Audit Scotland.
3. **NHS Workforce planning:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Richard Robinson, Audit Manager, and Nichola Williams, Auditor, Audit Scotland.

Proposed future business

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

Public Petitions Committee

21 September 2017

16th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to consider its work programme and a note from the clerk on the general data protection regulations in private at a future meeting.
2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
[PE1659](#) by Bill Tait on Local authority complaints body;
[PE1660](#) by Bill Tait on Scottish Legal Complaints Commission review;
[PE1661](#) by Melanie Collins on Reform of regulation of the legal profession in Scotland;
[PE1663](#) by Leslie Wallace on Driven grouse shooting study;
[PE1665](#) by Mark McCabe on Common law of blasphemy;
[PE1666](#) by Ian Davidson on Scottish Parliament electoral cycle;
[PE1667](#) by W Hunter Watson on Review of mental health and incapacity legislation;
and
[PE1669](#) by Bill Welsh on Independent vaccine safety commission.

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

[PE1463](#) by Sandra Whyte, Marian Dyer and Lorraine Cleaver on Effective thyroid and adrenal testing, diagnosis and treatment;

[PE1548](#) by Beth Morrison on National guidance on restraint and seclusion in schools;

[PE1595](#) by Alexander Taylor on Moratorium on shared space schemes;

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

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

[PE1610](#) by Matt Halliday on Upgrade the A75;

[PE1619](#) by Stuart Knox on Diabetes Continuous Glucose Monitoring Sensors;

[PE1640](#) by Eileen Bryant on Action against irresponsible dog breeding;

[PE1642](#) by Norma Austin Hart on Sale and marketing of energy drinks to under sixteens;

[PE1644](#) by Katherine Perlo on behalf of Ethical Voice for Animals on Country sports tourism funding; and

[PE1645](#) by James Ward on Review of legal aid in Scotland.

Proposed future business

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

Social Security Committee

21 September 2017

17th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Universal Credit (Claims and Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017
(SSI 2017/227)

2. **Social Security (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

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

Peter Kelly, Director, The Poverty Alliance;

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

Jessica Burns, Regional Tribunal Judge, Social Security and Child Support;

and then from—

Jatin Haria, Executive Director, Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights (CRER);

Chris Oswald, Head of Policy, Equality and Human Rights Commission;

Emma Ritch, Executive Director, Engender;

Judith Robertson, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission.

3. **Social Security (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 28 September, the Committee will 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.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee

21 September 2017

21st 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—
Talat Yaqoob, Chair, Women 50:50;
Suzanne Conlin, Board Member, Scottish Women's Convention;
Lindsey Millen, Policy Manager, Close the Gap;
and then from—
Rory McPherson, Chair of Law Society of Scotland Equalities and Law Committee, Law Society of Scotland;
Prof. Susan Deacon, Chair, Institute of Directors;
Prof. Muriel Robison, Guest Lecturer, School of Law, University of Glasgow.
- 2. Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee by emailing equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

21 September 2017

16th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 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. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take future consideration of a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland, and its own draft report on the complaint, in private at future meetings.
- 3. Complaint:** The Committee will consider a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
- 4. Commission on Parliamentary Reform (in private):** The Committee will consider a note by the clerk.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 28 September, the Committee expects to continue its consideration of a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Dougie Wands, on 0131 348 6924 or at SPPACCommittee@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.

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Motions for Debate

***[S5M-07750](#) Alex Rowley: Finance**—That the Parliament believes that income tax should be increased to allow greater investment in public services.

***[S5M-07740](#) Angela Constance: Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All**—That the Parliament is committed to creating a fairer Scotland underpinned by respecting and implementing human rights; notes the achievements that Scotland has already made in giving practical effect to the human rights set out in UN and Council of Europe treaties, and International Labour Organization conventions; welcomes the appointment of the former Scottish Human Rights Commissioner, Professor Alan Miller, as chair of a new expert group that will provide independent advice and recommendations on how Scotland can continue to protect and enhance human rights, including economic, social, cultural and environmental rights; further welcomes the commitment that the Scottish Government will undertake a comprehensive audit of the most effective way to further embed the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into policy and legislation; acknowledges that embedding a human rights-based approach within Scotland's public services is fundamental to securing equality, dignity and rights and commends the rights-based approach to building a social security system that will be underpinned by dignity, respect and equality, and resolves to ensure that the human rights and equality of all of the people of Scotland are fully respected and protected, promoted and implemented.

Supported by: Mark McDonald*, Jeane Freeman*

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All), insert at end "; recognises that there are areas where Scotland continues to fall short of international human rights standards, as highlighted repeatedly by bodies such as the Scottish Human Rights Commission; welcomes that the Scottish Government has now agreed to raise the age of criminal responsibility to the minimum standard set by the UN and that it will not oppose giving children equal protection from assault; considers, however, that issues, from the blanket ban on prisoner voting to the inadequacy of mental health treatment, continue to tarnish Scotland's reputation as a leader in human rights and equality, and urges the Scottish Government to rectify these immediately and ensure that international human rights agreements and legal obligations are enacted without reservation in future."

***S5M-07740.1 John Finnie: Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All**—As an amendment to motion S5M-07740 in the name of Angela Constance (Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All), insert at end "; notes the report of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) on its inquiry into violations of rights in the UK, which was issued on 6 October 2016, and its report on its concluding observations under its reporting cycle, which was issued on 29 August 2017; expresses grave concern that, in its October 2016 report, the UNCRPD found systematic violations of the rights of disabled people; acknowledges that one of only two positive findings in the August 2017 report concerned measures taken in Scotland; expresses concern at the absence of action and the dismissive attitude of the UK Government regarding the 85 recommendations made by the UNCRPD in August, and is resolved that dignity, equality, and human rights for all cannot be realised as long as disabled people continue to experience violations of their basic rights under the policies adopted by the UK Government."

Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

***S5M-07735 Alexander Stewart: Brain Tumour Awareness in Scotland**—That the Parliament understands that brain tumours are the biggest cancer killer of children and adults under the age of 40 in Scotland, reducing life expectancy by 20 years on average; believes that this is the highest of any cancer, but that the treatment for and understanding of brain tumours are 20 years behind those relating to more common cancers; notes that brain tumours often cause side effects that have a severe impact on quality of life; understands that 37% of patients with brain tumours in Scotland went straight to hospital for diagnosis, compared to 9% of all cancer patients in 2016, according to the Scottish Cancer Patient Experience Survey; notes the experience of Mark Richardson from Dunfermline who died suddenly of an undiagnosed brain tumour in May 2016 aged just 32; believes that there are myriad forms and over 130 different brain tumour types; further believes that some symptoms of brain tumour can mimic other equally serious conditions that often render early diagnosis and treatment more difficult in some cases; understands that brain tumour charities are working hard to fund pioneering research, raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of brain tumours, and provide support to those affected; commends the success of national campaigns, which it considers have contributed to a reduction in the average diagnosis times for childhood brain tumours from 9.1 to 6.5 weeks since 2011; believes that national campaigns are a basis on which to develop further awareness, and notes the encouragement of fundraising initiatives with the focus of delivering better outcomes for brain tumour patients.

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***[S5M-07724](#) Lewis Macdonald: Workforce Concerns Regarding Helicopter Safety in the North Sea**—That the Parliament understands that the Civil Aviation Authority has lifted the ban on the use of Superpuma H225LP and AS332L2 helicopters in the UK despite continuing concerns over the safety of these helicopters among offshore workers; further understands that Airbus, the manufacturer of Superpuma helicopters, has carried out a survey of North Sea workers and aircrew in order to establish their attitudes towards helicopter safety; notes the finding that 62% of respondents would be unlikely to fly in a Superpuma helicopter, given a choice; further notes that 44% of respondents were unaware of work done to improve safety since the Superpuma crash in April 2016, including increased monitoring and inspection measures and more regular replacement of gearbox components; recognises that Unite the Union has launched a petition opposing the reintroduction of the Superpuma helicopters, signed by thousands of offshore workers in the North East Scotland parliamentary region and across the country, who remain concerned about their safety and reputation, and notes calls for flights in these Superpuma helicopters to not resume.

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Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S5M-07753](#) Neil Findlay: Late Payments by Contractors on Scottish Futures Trust Project**—That the Parliament is very concerned at reports that main contractors working on the delivery of Scottish Futures Trust projects for the Scottish Government, councils, and other public bodies, including those across the Lothian region, are withholding payments to sub-contractors in breach of the payment guidelines set out in statute in April 2016; believes that only around one third of public sector contracting bodies are meeting new public sector procurement rules to ensure prompt payment through the entire supply chain, and notes calls on both the Scottish Government and the Scottish Futures Trust to take immediate action to ensure that payments are made on time and that no business suffers or jobs are lost as a result of late payment.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S5M-07757](#) Claudia Beamish: Whitmuir Farm Nominated for RSPB Nature of Scotland Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Whitmuir Farm on making the shortlist for the RSPB Nature of Scotland Awards in the Food and Farming category; recognises the commitment that it has made to modelling sustainable food production through its work with the local community; acknowledges the success of its educational 2000m² programme, which saw two local schools produce 2.5 tonnes of veg for use in their canteens in 2016, and commends its aspiration to turn its whole 130-acre site into a living learning space.

Supported by: David Stewart*

***[S5M-07756](#) Sandra White: Glasgow's Mini-Holland Cycle Plans Boosted by Scottish Government Funding**—That the Parliament acknowledges the awarding of £22.5 million in Scottish Government grant funding, which is being delivered by Transport Scotland through Sustrans Scotland, for active travel and cycling infrastructure projects across the country; welcomes news of funding from this for Glasgow's Woodside Mini-Holland project, which takes inspiration from infrastructure in the Netherlands; understands that this project will create an integrated cycle route from the city's Charing Cross to Possil Road, connect to the Sauchiehall Street "Avenue" cycleway, which is currently being delivered, and expand the cycle network into

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the city centre, Great Western Road, Maryhill, Garscube Road and the Forth and Clyde Canal; believes that this will encourage more commuters to travel to work by bike; welcomes this investment from the government, and considers that it will support the Glasgow economy, improve health and massively improve cycling provision.

***S5M-07755 Alexander Burnett: Ballogie Estate Enterprises—**That the Parliament congratulates Aberdeenshire-based business, Ballogie Estate Enterprises, on being named as a leader in people management, after being shortlisted for Excellence in Social Responsibility in the annual Investors in People Awards.

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***S5M-07754 Alexander Stewart: Carnegie Oak Nominated for Scotland's Tree of the Year Award—**That the Parliament welcomes the news that an oak planted by Dunfermline's most famous son has been nominated for Scotland's Tree of the Year award; understands that it was planted in 1904 by the famous industrialist and philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie, and can be found in Pittencrieff Park; believes that, as a boy, Carnegie lived close to the Glen and that, after emigrating to the United States in 1848, he went on to become one of the richest men in the world and, following his retirement from business, began to distribute his wealth among causes close to his heart, including libraries, universities and the Peace Palace at The Hague; notes that, of all his gifts, he described giving Pittencrieff Glen to the people of Dunfermline as "the most soul-satisfying public gift I ever made, or ever can make"; further notes that the competition, which is run by the Woodland Trust, celebrates the country's best-loved trees and, following public nominations earlier in 2017, a panel of judges have chosen the six finalists now going to the public vote; acknowledges that joining the Carnegie Oak are the Beaully Sycamore, the Big Tree in Orkney, David McCabe's Spruce in Crieff, the Greenock Cut Oak in Inverclyde and the Old Holly Bush in Castle Fraser in Aberdeenshire, and recognises that, supported by players of the People's Postcode Lottery, the shortlisted trees are also in with a chance of winning a £1,000 care package, which can be used to arrange an expert health check, provide information boards or educational materials or hold a celebratory event.

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***S5M-07752 Pauline McNeill: Parkhead Housing Association—**That the Parliament congratulates the board and staff at Parkhead Housing Association in the east end of Glasgow on its 40th anniversary; recognises the significant contribution that it has made to the regeneration of the area and the quality of life of local residents over the last 40 years, and looks forward, with them, to the next 40 with confidence, renewed optimism and enthusiasm.

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***S5M-07751 Liz Smith: Mark Beaumont—**That the Parliament celebrates the success of the Scottish cyclist, Mark Beaumont, on completing his record-breaking around the world in 80 days cycle a day ahead of schedule; recognises that he has travelled over 17,000 miles across four continents, cycling 16 hours a day with as little as five hours sleep per night; acknowledges that this is the second time that Mark has broken the world record for circumnavigating the globe by bicycle, and congratulates him and his team on their achievement.

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***[S5M-07749](#) Graeme Dey: Carnoustie's Citizens of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates the winners of Carnoustie Citizen and Junior Citizen of the Year awards, Richard Nicoll and Ethan Torrie; understands that Richard, who recently returned from the Special Olympics in Sheffield with well-deserved gold, silver and bronze medals, was named citizen of the year in recognition of his work in the community; acknowledges that this includes helping out with fundraising and visiting older people at the Kinloch Centre; notes that the junior citizen of the year, Ethan, volunteers for the Food is Free project, at which he works hard in all weathers, shovelling manure and compost, and doing any other jobs that need done, showing kindness to all, and appreciates the example set, and sacrifices made, by people such as Richard and Ethan, who work hard in their communities for the benefit of others.

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***[S5M-07748](#) David Torrance: A Million Hands**—That the Parliament welcomes the celebration of the community impact campaign, A Million Hands, which will take place during Scout Community Month in October 2017; understands the national project, which is led by the Scout Association and supported by several charity partners, including Alzheimer's Scotland and Leonard Cheshire Disability, was launched in October 2015 with the aim of improving communities by engaging half a million young people in social action projects by 2018; notes that, since its launch, almost 250,000 scouting members have pledged their support to the campaign and have taken action to support four social issues that have been chosen by young people, which are dementia, disability, mental wellbeing and access to clean water and sanitation; commends the significant contribution from scouting members and the positive impact of this campaign to communities across Scotland, and wishes the association success in achieving its million-hands target. **R**

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***[S5M-07747](#) Miles Briggs: Loanhead's Healthy Nibbles Receives Investment Boost**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the Loanhead-based business, Healthy Nibbles, which is a vending machine company that offers healthy snacks, has secured a six-figure investment boost from private investors as it looks to launch its own branded product and expand; is aware that the founder, Sara Roberts, launched the business in 2014 after becoming frustrated with the lack of healthy snack options for people on the go; notes that the investment will create new employment opportunities as the firm looks to introduce its own raw chocolate trail mix and break into the hospitality sector; understands that Healthy Nibbles, which started out with just three vending machines, will have around 90 placed in business premises by the end of 2017, and wishes Sara and her team every success as they seek to grow the business.

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***[S5M-07746](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Kids Innerleithen Youth Theatre Presented with Robert Noble Trophy**—That the Parliament congratulates Kids Innerleithen Youth Theatre, which has been awarded the Robert Noble Trophy by the Creative Peebles Festival committee; acknowledges that the theatre was set up just 18 months ago with the aim of teaching and encouraging young people from across the district to take up music, drama, dance and stagecraft; understands that the Robert Noble Trophy was first given to the Peebles Arts Festival in 1985 and is awarded annually to an individual or organisation who has notably and successfully encouraged

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young people in Tweeddale to engage with and participate in the arts, and wishes Kids Innerleithen Youth Theatre further success as it continues to grow.

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***S5M-07745 Emma Harper: Stranraer Oyster Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates Stranraer Development Trust, Romano Petrucci and the entire team involved in making the first Stranraer Oyster Festival a success; notes that the festival took place between 15 and 17 September 2017 and will be an annual event; understands that it was the first of its kind in Scotland and included appearances from the chef, John Henry, and the comedian, Hardeep Singh Kohli; acknowledges that Loch Ryan Oysters are sent around the world but that the connection with Stranraer is not always recognized; considers that the festival provides the opportunity to make this connection, increase visitor numbers to the town and support the local economy; wishes festival organisers continued success in 2018 and beyond, and encourages visitors and residents in Stranraer to attend the festival in 2018 to sample the wide variety of world-class local produce.

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***S5M-07744 Gordon Lindhurst: SERA Delivers Vital Fire and Rescue Services to Serbia**—That the Parliament commends the work of volunteers from the Edinburgh-based fire and rescue charity, the Scottish Emergency Rescue Association (SERA), which recently embarked on a 1,500-mile round trip to deliver vital equipment and training to firefighters in Serbia; understands that Gary Bennett from Barnton in Edinburgh, led the 13-strong team, which delivered four refurbished fire engines and an ambulance to the country; notes that the team was made up of both retired and serving fire fighters, as well as mechanics, IT specialists and a police officer, all of whom also delivered vital training to fill skills gaps; notes the good work that it considers SERA has done and continues to do, including the delivery of 41 fire engines and nine ambulances across 10 different trips by the end of 2017, with an estimated 4,500 lives saved as a result; recognises that the achievements of the volunteer group on this particular project will be documented in a programme airing on BBC ALBA at 9pm on 18 September 2017, entitled *Stornoway to Serbia: Putting out the Fire*; wishes SERA continued success in providing lifeline equipment and skills training across the world, and thanks it for all that it does.

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***S5M-07743 Michelle Ballantyne: Kingsknowe Hotel**—That the Parliament congratulates the Kingsknowe Hotel in Galashiels, which won Best Hotel Restaurant in South East Scotland at the Food Awards Scotland 2017 ceremony on 14 August 2017; notes that the hotel has recently undergone extensive renovations, including the new Stables Restaurant; commends the staff on their hard work and high quality of service, and wishes the Kingsknowe Hotel continued success in the future.

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***S5M-07742 Christine Grahame: Animals are not Freight**—That the Parliament believes that the export of live animals for slaughter or fattening can entail considerable suffering; notes that the export of sheep for slaughter on the continent involves lengthy journeys; further notes that around

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3,000 calves were exported from Scotland in 2016 on extremely long journeys to Spain, where the legislation allows calves over two weeks of age to be reared without bedding, which would be illegal in Scotland, and urges the Scottish Government to support moves to end the export of live animals for slaughter or fattening.

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***S5M-07741 Iain Gray: Guide Dogs Week 2017**—That the Parliament notes that Guide Dogs Week 2017 will take place from 7 to 15 October with the theme, Move it for Money, in which Guide Dogs UK will encourage the public to do something that they love to raise vital funds to train dogs in order to help people with sight loss continue to have an active life; notes that a Forfar Fun Day will also take place on 30 September at Guide Dog Scotland's training centre, understands that there are around 5,000 active guide dog owners in the UK and that Guide Dogs UK is responsible for around 8,000 dogs at any one time; believes that it costs £56,800 to support a guide dog from birth to retirement, and thanks the Guide Dog Scotland staff, volunteers and guide dog puppy walkers on the work that they do throughout the year to help and support the charity's work in training, supporting and caring for guide dogs.

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***S5M-07739 Alison Johnstone: Lorraine Watson Becomes First Woman to Referee an SPFL Game**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Lorraine Watson has become the first woman to referee an SPFL game, having taken charge of Edinburgh City's 1-0 win over Berwick Rangers on 9 September 2017; notes that this follows previous involvement officiating at the Women's under-19 European Championships, and as an assistant referee for a Rangers v Berwick Rangers match in 2013; understands that Lorraine hopes her progression into the senior set-up in Scottish football will inspire more young women to take up refereeing, saying that "the more it happens the more normal it will become", and believes that as more girls and young women are able to grasp these opportunities, the benefits will be seen through greater representation for women in Scottish football, and also through improved attitudes towards women more generally, as gender stereotypes become increasingly untenable in modern Scottish society.

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***S5M-07738 Alison Johnstone: Marine Conservation Society's 24th Great British Beach Clean**—That the Parliament welcomes the Marine Conservation Society's 24th Great British Beach Clean; notes that events take place across the UK on 16-17 September 2017 with those in Lothian including a clean-up of Gullane, Cramond, Prestonpans and Fisherrow beaches, Portobello North/Seafield and Wardie Bay beaches and Gosford Bay; believes that these events will see thousands of volunteers head down to their local beach to clean it and survey all the different types of litter that they find; understands that Scotland experienced a record-breaking year in 2016, with over 120 beaches cleaned and surveyed by over 1,700 volunteers; recognises that organisers this year are aiming for 150 data sets to come in from across Scotland, with volunteers busy getting all of their events organised, and wishes all involved this year every success in this important work.

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***[S5M-07737](#) John Scott: Flooding in Prestwick**—That the Parliament notes the long standing issue of flooding across several residential areas of Prestwick; understands that these problems have been faced by local homeowners over many years; notes that Prestwick has been identified in SEPA's National Flood Risk Assessment as having a significant flood risk; believes that the flooding endured by local residents requires to be addressed, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that measures to deal with external sewer flooding in Prestwick is included in future investment programmes.

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***[S5M-07736](#) Kenneth Gibson: Independence Referendum in Kurdistan**—That the Parliament recognises the right of all peoples to self-determination, which is embedded in Article 1 of the Charter of the United Nations and which will be exercised by the Kurdish people of Iraq in their upcoming independence referendum on 25 September 2017; understands that, while this referendum is non-binding, it is a symbolic step for Kurdistan in Iraq and its plans for determining the direction of its statehood, which is of particular importance for the disputed territories now under de facto Kurdish control since its liberation from Islamic State, in part thanks to what it sees as the bravery of the Kurdish People's Protection Units; considers that calls for an independent Kurdish state have been amplified since the end of the First World War, when colonial powers divided up the Middle East after the collapse of the multi-ethnic Ottoman Empire, without regard for local ethnic or religious sensibilities, leaving Kurdish-populated territory split between Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria; notes with concern that the Iraqi Parliament has rejected the vote aimed at creating a Kurdish state in Iraq's northern territory and has authorised Iraq's Prime Minister to take any measures necessary to preserve Iraq's existing borders, and believes that, while some members of the international community fear the vote could spark a new conflict between Iraq's minority Kurdish population and Baghdad, so might the denial of a referendum, the Kurdish people, who suffered atrocities such as at Halabja under Iraqi rule, have the right to hold a referendum and decide on their own future.

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***[S5M-07734](#) Bruce Crawford: Bumper Year for Bloody Scotland Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates the success of the annual Bloody Scotland festival held in Stirling, which it understands has celebrated its most successful year yet; celebrates a boom in registered ticket sales of 30% from 2016; notes that the festival has entertained an audience of nearly 8,500 people in 2017; acknowledges the cultural importance of events such as this, to which people travel from all over the world; recognises the many benefits that festivals such as Bloody Scotland can bring to the tourism industry and the crucial role that they play in attracting visitors to Scotland and Stirling, and commends all participants on their outstanding achievement.

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***[S5M-07733](#) Patrick Harvie: Funding for Barrowland Park Extended until 2018**—That the Parliament welcomes the provision of £6,000 in maintenance funding to Barrowland Park, enabling it to remain open until 2018; notes that the park was established as part of Glasgow City Council's Stalled Spaces initiative as part of the 2014 Commonwealth Games, and that the park is home to the Barrowlands Album Pathway, a brightly coloured walkway listing more than 2,000 bands that have played at the famous Barrowlands Ballroom, including Sonic Youth, The Smiths and The Kinks, and was created by the former Turner Prize nominee, Jim Lambie; further notes that prior to its transformation into community greenspace, the space located between the

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Gallowgate, London Road and Moir Street had lain derelict for some time; understands that the Fans of Barrowland Park has organised clean-ups for the space and are campaigning for it to be made a permanent greenspace in the east end of Glasgow, and supports the Fans of Barrowland Park's call for clarity from Glasgow City Council regarding what areas the maintenance funding covers, for the council not to consider any development proposals during the period of extended maintenance funding and for the park to be ultimately retained as greenspace for community use so that the necessary repairs can be made to the Barrowlands Album Pathway to secure its long-term future on the cultural map of the east end of Glasgow.

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***S5M-07732 Alexander Stewart: Ceilidh in Alva for Home-Start Clackmannanshire and Strathcarron Hospice**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that vital funds will be raised for two charities at a ceilidh in Alva; understands that the retired Police Inspector, Donald Cowan, is organising the event to aid Home-Start Clackmannanshire and Strathcarron Hospice; understands that the ceilidh is to be held on 22 September 2017 at the town's Cochrane Hall; encourages people to come along and donate, and wishes everyone involved the very best of luck with the event.

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***S5M-07731 Christina McKelvie: Never Too Late To Tell**—That the Parliament notes the launch of the new NHS Lanarkshire training animation, *Never too late to tell*, which is aimed at tackling and treating childhood sexual abuse (CSA); believes that the animation, produced in partnership with Media Co-op, depicts the impact, manipulation and subsequent long-term effects of CSA; notes that the animation is for professionals working with a service user where CSA is a feature; pays heartfelt tribute to all the survivors of CSA who bravely shared their experiences to inform the production of the animation, and thanks the hard work of everyone within the NHS Lanarkshire Gender Based Violence service and those at Media Co-Op in their efforts to support adult survivors of CSA.

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***S5M-07730 Gail Ross: The Seer**—That the Parliament congratulates the composer, Lauren MacColl, and her commissioners, Feis Rois, on the recent launch of *The Seer*; notes that this new piece of music is inspired by the life and prophecies of the renowned highland prophet, The Brahan Seer, and gives new generations an opportunity to learn of his prophecies and life through the medium of music and song; notes that the project was also supported by Creative Scotland, and wishes all involved every success with the composition.

***S5M-07729 Gail Ross: Inverewe Adventure Film Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates the staff and surrounding community at Inverewe Gardens in Poolewe on organising another Adventure Film Festival; understands that this is now the second year of the successful film festival, which will include contributions from pacific rowers Emma Mitchell and Isabel Burnham, who were part of a coxless crew female team that rowed the Pacific from San Francisco to Cairns; understands that the festival includes over 28 adventure films, live music and locally-sourced food in addition to guest speakers, which will also include contributions from local adventurers, Cory Jones and Mandy Rush, who recently completed the pacific Crest trail from Mexico to Canada, and wishes the festival every success over the weekend.

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***S5M-07728 Gail Ross: Marine Protection Supported by Open Water Swim**—That the Parliament congratulates Norman Todd and Colin MacLeod on their plans to swim from Achiltibuie to Ullapool to raise funds for the Living Seas Project; understands that the project is instrumental in keeping the seas and beaches in Wester Ross clean and accessible to all; notes that the swimmers intend to swim 14 miles in water that will be around 11 degrees Celsius; notes that this area has recently been shortlisted for its snorkel trails by the RSPB Nature of Scotland Awards, and wishes both swimmers the very best of luck for their endeavour on 7 October 2017.

***S5M-07727 Gail Ross: Eileen the Zip Witch**—That the Parliament congratulates Eileen Gale from Tongue, Sutherland, on her recent successful traverse of the Golden Eagle zip line in Durness, for which she raised over £1,000 for a local care home; notes that Eileen completed the zip line crossing dressed as a witch, including a broomstick; further notes that the line is 745 feet long and is suspended 95 feet above the Ceannabeine beach, and recognises that this is a amazing achievement for the grandmother to accomplish.

***S5M-07726 Gail Ross: Kinlochbervie Remember Victoria Cross Hero**—That the Parliament recognises the dedicated work and research carried out by the pupils of Kinlochbervie High School in remembering the late Robert McBeth, the only recipient of the Victoria Cross in the county of Sutherland; notes that the students have worked to produce a document that details the Lieutenant Corporal's life; understands that the students have created excellent working relationships with the Vancouver Police Department in British Columbia in Canada, where Robert McBeth was employed after his heroic actions in the Battle of Cambrai in 1917, and congratulates all who were instrumental in the construction of a memorial stone to remember the life of this brave Sutherland man.

***S5M-07725 Clare Haughey: Maternal Mental Health Scotland's Change Agents**—That the Parliament congratulates the members of the Maternal Mental Health Scotland's Change Agents on it winning the Maternal Mental Health Alliance's Anti-Stigma Award in recognition of its work in raising awareness of perinatal mental health; notes that, in three years, the group has grown from three to 30 women across the country who work to remove any fears that new and expectant mothers might have regarding asking for help; understands that it has been involved with the revised Ready Steady Baby pack, which is given to every new mother in Scotland, has worked with the Scottish Government to ensure that a leaflet on perinatal mental health is included in every baby box and has developed an interactive map that shows where parents can access help and support, and recognises the positive impact that the group has had on the lives of parents across Scotland. **R**

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***S5M-07723 Liam McArthur: Celebrating Myra Stockton, a Lifetime in Guiding**—That the Parliament congratulates Myra Stockton, who lives in Sanday, Orkney, on hanging up her lanyard on 10 September 2017 after 43-years of service to Girlguiding; understands that her first adult appointment was when she was 18 at Bantaskine School in Falkirk, where the pack's crowning achievement was winning the County Toadstool, which was presented at a Brownie Revels held in Calander Park; notes that Myra became a young District Commissioner for Falkirk Division before moving to Sanday in 1974, where she took on responsibility for the island's pack and organized visits by the Brownies from Stronsay and Hoy; notes that Myra later became the Orkney County trainer in the late 1970s, travelling as far north as Brae in Shetland and south as far as Brora to carry out training; recognises that Myra also represented guiding and the County in two royal engagements, meeting the Duchess of Gloucester during a visit to Eday, and attending the Royal

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Garden Party at Holyrood; understands that, after serving as Unit Leader for 32 years, of which 26 were in Sanday, Myra received a Good Service Brooch before then becoming North Isles District Commissioner; she later received a 40-year badge from Sue Walker, Scottish Chief Guide in 2014 at the 100-year Big Brownie Birthday Celebrations; recognises that, in rounding off her guiding venture, Myra attended the National Scout and Guide Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey on 5 November 2016; thanks Myra for more than four decades of sterling service to the Girlguiding movement in Orkney and beyond, as well as her invaluable contribution to enhancing the lives of so many young people, and wishes her all the best for the future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Tavish Scott*, Maree Todd*, Bill Kidd*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

***S5M-07722 Graeme Dey: Marie McIntosh, Scotland's Female Stylist of the Year—**That the Parliament congratulates Marie McIntosh, who works at Ramminger's Dream Hair salon in Arbroath, on being named Scotland's female stylist of the year for the second successive year at the Scottish Hair and Beauty awards, and wishes Marie continued success.

Supported by: Emma Harper*, Bill Kidd*, Bob Doris*, Richard Lyle*, Stewart Stevenson*, Kenneth Gibson*, David Torrance*

***S5M-07721 Graeme Dey: Angus South Companies Success at the Scottish Gin Awards—**That the Parliament congratulates Arbikie and the Gin Bothy on their success at the Scottish Gin Awards; applauds Arbikie on being named the Scottish Gin Distillery of the Year; notes that it was also presented with a bronze medal for its Cask Aged Kirsty's Gin; welcomes the Gin Bothy being presented with a bronze medal for its Gin Bothy-Amaretto product, and wishes Arbikie and the Gin Bothy continued success.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Bob Doris*, Richard Lyle*, Stuart McMillan*, Stewart Stevenson*, Neil Findlay*, Kenneth Gibson*, David Torrance*

***S5M-07720 Liam Kerr: RNLI Committed to the Stonehaven Lifeboat Station—**That the Parliament welcomes the news that the RNLI has no plans to close Stonehaven Lifeboat Station; understands that RNLI Stonehaven's B class inshore lifeboat has been operating since 2014, supported by the all-weather lifeboats from Aberdeen and Montrose for offshore and bad weather work; notes that the station has just completed a two-year trial of a B-Class Atlantic 75 inshore lifeboat, which resulted in a very strong recommendation that the station be made a permanent RNLI base; acknowledges that this recommendation was approved by the trustees and that work is now underway to secure a permanent shore works solution to support the operation of a lifeboat; recognises that the station has also been earmarked to receive a new Atlantic 85 lifeboat in 2019; believes that this demonstrates the long-term commitment of the RNLI to Stonehaven; acknowledges that this lifesaving service is provided by volunteers; is immensely grateful for their selfless and courageous work; applauds the RNLI fundraisers and general public for their support, and acknowledges the wider safety and prevention work of the RNLI, in partnership with Water Safety Scotland, which aims to reduce the incidence of drowning and to encourage water, coastal and maritime users to enjoy their activity safely.

Supported by: Tavish Scott*, Maurice Corry*, Liz Smith*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Miles Briggs*, Tom Mason*, Alexander Stewart*, Murdo Fraser*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Margaret Mitchell*, Alison Harris*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Edward Mountain*, Kenneth Gibson*, Oliver Mundell*

***S5M-07719 Rona Mackay: Commemorating the Kirkintilloch Disaster—**That the Parliament commemorates the 80th anniversary of the Kirkintilloch Disaster; notes that, on 15 September 1937, 10 young men and boys from Achill Island on the west coast of Ireland died in a bothy fire on a Kirkintilloch potato farm; understands that their accommodation was described as "not fit for

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cattle"; believes that there are still problems unique to migrant workers in Scotland, and hopes that lessons can still be learned from the disaster when it comes to treatment and respect for all workers and EU nationals, particularly after Brexit.

Supported by: Emma Harper*, Bill Kidd*, Christine Grahame*, Richard Lyle*, Bob Doris*, Stewart Stevenson*, Clare Haughey*, Kenneth Gibson*, David Torrance*

***S5M-07718 Clare Adamson: Gas Safety Week 2017**—That the Parliament welcomes the seventh Gas Safety Week, which runs from 18 to 24 September 2017; understands that the campaign raises awareness of the dangers of poorly maintained gas appliances, which can cause gas leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide poisoning; notes that the awareness week is coordinated by Gas Safe Register; commends the efforts of all of the organisations involved, and hopes that it is a great success. **R**

Supported by: Bob Doris*, Ruth Maguire*, Bill Kidd*, John Mason*, Christine Grahame*, Richard Lyle*, Murdo Fraser*, Stewart Stevenson*, Kenneth Gibson*, Ben Macpherson*, Clare Haughey*, Graeme Dey*, David Torrance*

***S5M-07717 Stuart McMillan: Greenock Oak Nominated for Scotland's Tree of the Year 2017**—That the Parliament notes that the Greenock Cut Oak tree has been shortlisted as one of six finalists shortlisted to be named Scotland's Tree of the Year 2017 and win a £1,000 care package; acknowledges that this competition, which is organised by the Woodland Trust, closes on 8 October with the winner to be announced at the Parliament in December; notes that online voting commenced in September and encourages members of the public to participate; recognises that the oak, which stands close to the Greenock Cut Visitor Centre, is passed by thousands of people completing the Greenock Cut Trail, making it is the first tree that many Inverclyde school pupils are introduced to as they are led around the nature trail by the park rangers; appreciates that the award can be used to arrange an expert health check, provide interpretation or educational materials, or hold a celebratory event in honour of the tree, and believes that this is an opportunity to celebrate Inverclyde's rich natural heritage.

Supported by: Alison Harris*, David Torrance*, Richard Lyle*

***S5M-07716 Peter Chapman: Castle Fraser Hosts Longest Strip the Willow**—That the Parliament congratulates the staff and volunteers at the Castle Fraser 40th Anniversary Open Day on organising the longest ever strip the willow; notes that over 600 people joined in this dance into the record books, and wishes them every success in their plan to break the record of the largest strip the willow at its planned mini Highland Games in 2018.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tom Mason*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Bill Kidd*, Margaret Mitchell*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Oliver Mundell*, Liam Kerr*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-07715 Ruth Maguire: Applauding Scott Brown from Irvine (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Gail Ross*, Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, David Torrance*, Richard Lyle*, Ben Macpherson*, Bob Doris*

S5M-07714 Jeremy Balfour: Twins Secure Places at Top Universities (lodged on 14 September 2017)

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New Support: Liam Kerr*, Alison Harris*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-07713](#) Angus MacDonald: Falkirk Council Children's Services Receive Big Lottery Funding (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07712](#) Angus MacDonald: Falkirk and District Association for Mental Health Receives Big Lottery Funding (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*, David Torrance*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07711](#) Angus MacDonald: Falkirk Family Support CIC Receives Big Lottery Funding (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*, David Torrance*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07710](#) Jeremy Balfour: Coady Dorman Receives Local Hero Award (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Liam Kerr*, Ben Macpherson*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-07709](#) Clare Adamson: Ordination to the Priesthood of Father Seán Wyllie (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Elaine Smith*, Bill Kidd*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07707](#) Bob Doris: Pitstops Project and the School of Hard Knocks (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07706](#) Ivan McKee: Congratulations to Junction 12 (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07705](#) Gordon MacDonald: Father Tony Quilan's Diamond Jubilee (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07704](#) Angus MacDonald: Big Roman Week 2017 (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07703](#) Sandra White: New Lease of Life for the Friends of the River Kelvin's Ha'Penny House (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Clare Haughey*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07702](#) Ivan McKee: Welcoming the Hurricane of Hearts Campaign (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07701](#) Lewis Macdonald: Aberdeen Bus Driver Wins UK Award (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Jackie Baillie*

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[S5M-07700](#) John Mason: Reaching Out to the World (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*

[S5M-07699](#) Lewis Macdonald: Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Unit Awarded Global Honour (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-07698](#) Bruce Crawford: Sue Ryder Report, Don't Write Me Off (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Jackie Baillie*, Monica Lennon*, Ben Macpherson*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Peter Chapman*, George Adam*, Claudia Beamish*, Anas Sarwar*, Neil Findlay*, Elaine Smith*, David Stewart*, James Kelly*

[S5M-07697](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Top Pie Prize for East Lothian Butcher (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-07696](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Melrose Gymnast Holly Strikes Gold (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Alison Harris*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-07695](#) Clare Haughey: Recognising the Work of the Health Inequalities Cross-Party Group (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*

[S5M-07694](#) Donald Cameron: Record-breaking Mòd Returns to Lochaber (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-07693](#) Tom Arthur: European Guests to Help with Language Lessons (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Alison Johnstone*, Clare Haughey*, Richard Lyle*, Ben Macpherson*, Joan McAlpine*, Emma Harper*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*

[S5M-07692](#) Tom Arthur: Summit Success for Scott (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*, Richard Lyle*, Kenneth Gibson*, Alison Johnstone*, Stuart McMillan*, Clare Haughey*, Ben Macpherson*, Joan McAlpine*, Emma Harper*, Bill Kidd*

[S5M-07691](#) Tom Arthur: Celebrations for St John's Church in Barrhead (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Clare Haughey*, Bill Kidd*

[S5M-07690](#) Tom Arthur: Elderslie Golf Club Champions (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Emma Harper*, Clare Haughey*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*

[S5M-07689](#) Tom Arthur: Congratulations to Cochrane Castle Primary on Achieving Digital Schools Status (lodged on 14 September 2017)

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New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07688](#) Tom Arthur: Morgan Spence Recognised for his Commitment to his Community (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07687](#) Tom Arthur: Inspectors Give Fordbank Primary a Glowing Report (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07686](#) Tom Arthur: Bob Duncanson from Johnstone, Guest of the Queen at the Opening of the Queensferry Crossing (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07685](#) Tom Arthur: The United Reform Church, Barrhead, Supporting Diabetes UK (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07684](#) Jeremy Balfour: Scottish Disability Sport (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Liam Kerr*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-07683](#) Clare Adamson: Congratulating Elim Befriending Service on Big Lottery Funding (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07682](#) Clare Adamson: Congratulating LAMH Recycle Ltd, Lanarkshire, on Awards for All Funding (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07681](#) Jeremy Balfour: The Junction – Young People, Health & Wellbeing (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-07680](#) Miles Briggs: Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea Wins the Edinburgh Award (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, John Scott*, Ben Macpherson*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-07679](#) Monica Lennon: Alcohol and Drug-Related Deaths (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Iain Gray*, Alex Rowley*, Daniel Johnson*, Mark Ruskell*, Liam McArthur*, Elaine Smith*, Andy Wightman*, Kate Forbes*, Willie Rennie*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Claudia Beamish*, Jeremy Balfour*, John Finnie*, Claire Baker*

[S5M-07678](#) Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh Airport Flights to Washington DC (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Ben Macpherson*, Oliver Mundell*

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[S5M-07676](#) Michelle Ballantyne: The Bridge Inn, Peebles, Pub of the Year (lodged on 13 September 2017)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-07674](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Recharge Awarded £97,716 (lodged on 13 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-07673](#) Kenneth Gibson: A New Sense of Place at TouchBase Ayrshire (lodged on 13 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07672](#) Sandra White: FemEng in Rwanda (lodged on 13 September 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Ben Macpherson*, Mary Fee*

[S5M-07671](#) Christina McKelvie: UK Government's Post-Brexit Immigration Policy (lodged on 13 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07670](#) Liam McArthur: Scotrenewables Powers Orkney Grid (lodged on 13 September 2017)

New Support: Patrick Harvie*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07668](#) Colin Beattie: Zero Waste Shops in Musselburgh Donate £1,000 to Hollies Day Centre (lodged on 13 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07666](#) Adam Tomkins: Extended Patient Consultation Times in Three Govan GP Practices (lodged on 13 September 2017)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-07664](#) Fulton MacGregor: 58th Anniversary of the Auchengeigh Colliery Disaster (lodged on 13 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07662](#) Rona Mackay: East Dunbartonshire, the Best Place for Women to Live (lodged on 13 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07659](#) Christine Grahame: Increased Penalties for Serious Animal Abuse (lodged on 13 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07656](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Edinburgh College Students to Compete at the SkillBuild National Finals (lodged on 13 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07654](#) Ruth Maguire: Congratulating Ayrshire College (lodged on 12 September 2017)

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New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07652](#) John Finnie: Save the Children, Gaza's Children Spend Eid in the Dark (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07651](#) Jenny Gilruth: Graeme Brown Raising Funds for MND Scotland (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07650](#) Jenny Gilruth: Joan Hutton Retires from Glenwood Health Centre, Glenrothes (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07649](#) Christina McKelvie: University of the West of Scotland and NHS Lanarkshire Strategic Partnership (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07646](#) Clare Adamson: National Video Games Day 2017 (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07645](#) Miles Briggs: TalkTime Edinburgh's Counselling Service for Young People (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07644](#) Angus MacDonald: 10th Year of the Bo'ness Revival (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07642](#) Ash Denham: Basque Country Children of the Spanish Civil War (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07640](#) Ivan McKee: Congratulating Scottish Weightlifters on Commonwealth Youth Championship Success (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07638](#) Neil Bibby: Children in Need (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07637](#) Neil Bibby: Renfrewshire Young Carers Project (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07636](#) Neil Bibby: ACCORD Hospice (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

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[S5M-07634](#) Joan McAlpine: Mrs Green's Tea Lounge, Dumfries, Best in the UK (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07633](#) James Dornan: Paul Little and the City of Glasgow College (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07632](#) Brian Whittle: The Jenny MacLachlan Centre, Carlisle, Encouraging Intergenerational Interaction (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07631](#) James Dornan: Congratulations to the Which? Campaign to Call Time On Nuisance Calls In Scotland (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07626](#) Liam Kerr: Cycling Scotland's Pedal for Scotland 2017 (lodged on 12 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-07624](#) Kenneth Gibson: Spain Must Respect Catalonia's Democratic Right to Hold an Independence Referendum (lodged on 11 September 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Gordon MacDonald*, Emma Harper*, James Dornan*, Stuart McMillan*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-07584](#) Tom Arthur on behalf of the Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill Committee: Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill (lodged on 08 September 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*

[S5M-07542](#) Brian Whittle: The Economic Importance of the A77 (lodged on 07 September 2017)

New Support: John Scott*

[S5M-07532](#) Alexander Burnett: Aberdeenshire Receives Awards for All Funding (lodged on 06 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07524](#) Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Man Wins Inaugural Starman Night Triathlon (lodged on 06 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07522](#) Pauline McNeill: Rohingya Persecution (lodged on 06 September 2017)

New Support: Mark Griffin*, Rhoda Grant*, Liam McArthur*, Colin Smyth*, Johann Lamont*, Ben Macpherson*, Claudia Beamish*, Lewis Macdonald*, Daniel Johnson*, Alex Neil*, Jackie Baillie*, Claire Baker*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Mairi Gougeon*, Mark Ruskell*, David Torrance*

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[S5M-07513](#) Alison Harris: Pudsey Bear Weighs in with £42,637 (lodged on 06 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07512](#) John Scott: The Scottish International Airshow (lodged on 06 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07507](#) Patrick Harvie: Promoting Ethical Business, Protecting Workers' Rights (lodged on 05 September 2017)

New Support: Claudia Beamish*, Colin Smyth*, Mark Griffin*, James Kelly*, Johann Lamont*

[S5M-07498](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Elphinstone Summer Fair and Family Fun Day (lodged on 05 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07496](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Pig in the Park Hits the £26,000 Mark (lodged on 05 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07495](#) Annie Wells: MENSELF+ Secures Funding (lodged on 05 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07491](#) Edward Mountain: Inverness Airport (lodged on 05 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07486](#) Liam Kerr: Redeployment of Community Officers in Peterhead (lodged on 04 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07479](#) Alexander Stewart: Safe Drive Stay Alive Project (lodged on 04 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07478](#) Peter Chapman: Boost to Fraserburgh (lodged on 04 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07476](#) Maurice Corry: Helenburgh Advertiser's 60th Anniversary (lodged on 04 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07474](#) Miles Briggs: Napier University Receives Award for Armed Forces Support (lodged on 04 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07472](#) Alexander Burnett: Dean Sutherland, World Martial Arts Organisation 5 Nations Champion (lodged on 04 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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[S5M-07471](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Peebles Ice Cream Shop Scoops Top Awards (lodged on 04 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07468](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Galashiels Air Cadets Secure Major Medals Clutch (lodged on 04 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07466](#) Miles Briggs: Scottish SPCA's 10th Scottish Animal Week (lodged on 04 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07465](#) Edward Mountain: Alness Parkrun (lodged on 04 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07454](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Community Flash Mob Hits Peebles High Street (lodged on 01 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07453](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Former Special Forces Soldier Takes on the Pyrenees (lodged on 01 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07450](#) Peter Chapman: Former Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year Continues to Keep Giving (lodged on 01 September 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07371](#) Jamie Greene: UK National School Games (lodged on 30 August 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-07211](#) Jackson Carlaw: Isobel Mair School's New Head Boy and Girl (lodged on 30 August 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S5M-06672](#) Linda Fabiani: Fighting for Tax Jobs, Fighting for Tax Justice (lodged on 10 July 2017)

New Support: Monica Lennon*

[S5M-05970](#) Mary Fee: Tackling Homophobia in Sport (lodged on 02 June 2017)

New Support: Miles Briggs*

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Oral Questions

Topical Questions selected for answer on 19 September 2017

- Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to the terrorist incident at Parsons Green in London. ([S5T-00678](#))
- Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to concerns raised by Age Scotland that the country faces a crisis in the care sector, with some service users being left without food, water and essential medicines. ([S5T-00669](#))

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 21 September 2017

- Ruth Davidson:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01535](#))
- Alex Rowley:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01536](#))
- Patrick Harvie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01537](#))
- Willie Rennie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01538](#))
- Bruce Crawford:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the reported comments of the Secretary of State for Scotland that the UK Government does not plan to devolve all powers returning from the EU following Brexit. ([S5F-01556](#))
- Annie Wells:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that the electrification of the Glasgow-Edinburgh via Falkirk rail service is subject to further delay. ([S5F-01544](#))
- Mark Griffin:** To ask the First Minister what financial support the Scottish Government offers to parents of premature babies whose child is in hospital. ([S5F-01542](#))

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 27 September 2017

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 20 September 2017. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 21 September 2017.

Education and Skills

- Alexander Stewart
- Maree Todd
- Richard Lyle
- Jeremy Balfour
- Claudia Beamish
- Lewis Macdonald
- Gail Ross
- Kezia Dugdale
- Jamie Greene
- James Dornan
- Colin Smyth

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12. George Adam
13. Ross Greer
14. Miles Briggs
15. Kenneth Gibson
16. Jackie Baillie
17. Oliver Mundell
18. Gordon Lindhurst
19. Alexander Burnett
20. James Kelly

Members selected for General Questions on 28 September 2017

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 20 September 2017. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 21 September 2017.

1. David Stewart
2. Gillian Martin
3. Neil Findlay
4. Tom Arthur
5. Margaret Mitchell
6. Annie Wells
7. Anas Sarwar
8. Claire Baker
9. Jenny Gilruth
10. Stewart Stevenson

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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 18 September 2017

S5W-11329 Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in partnership with regional higher education institutes, beyond the allocation of funding to the Flexible Workforce Development Fund, to encourage up-skilling and re-skilling of the workforce in the Scottish Borders to prepare people for a changing workplace.

S5W-11330 Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in partnership with national higher education institutes, beyond the allocation of funding to the Flexible Workforce Development Fund, to encourage up-skilling and re-skilling of the workforce to prepare people for a changing workplace.

S5W-11331 Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage film and television production (a) in the south of Scotland and (b) nationally, in light of recent figures that reportedly show a record year of investment in the Scottish film industry.

S5W-11333 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what target it has set for the number of people to be trained via the sustainable procurement training framework, including what timescale it has set for this to be met.

S5W-11334 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-10992 by James Wolffe QC on 24 August 2017, for what reason the Crown Office decided against prosecuting the football supporters from the Netherlands who were accused of assault and vandalism in Glasgow in November 2015 in favour of them being prosecuted in the Netherlands.

S5W-11337 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government how many probation teachers have started in each August since 2007, broken down by subject, and how many it expects to start in August 2018.

S5W-11340 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how many a) consultant and (b) professional dermatologists are employed by each NHS board, also broken down by (i) how many positions have been vacant and (ii) the longest time each board has taken to fill a vacancy in the last 12 months.

S5W-11341 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards work in partnership to deliver dermatology care, and how this care is delivered.

S5W-11342 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, following the announcement in its Programme for Government, whether it plans to provide additional funding to (a) schools, (b) colleges and (c) universities for the provision of free sanitary products, and what it estimates the cost will be of providing free sanitary products in each.

S5W-11343 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, following the announcement in its Programme for Government, whether it will set out a timetable for its plans for the provision of free sanitary products in (a) schools, (b) colleges and (c) universities.

S5W-11344 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, following the announcement in its Programme for Government, what discussions it (a) has had and (b) plans to have with (i) schools, (ii) colleges and (iii) universities regarding the provision of free sanitary products.

S5W-11345 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers covert medication of care home residents to be compatible with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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S5W-11346 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the interpretation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities that was contained in the report presented by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to the UN's Human Rights Council in March 2017, in particular the view that "Guaranteeing informed consent is a fundamental feature of respecting an individual's autonomy, self-determination and human dignity" and "States should repeal legal frameworks allowing substitute decision makers to provide consent on behalf of persons with disabilities and introduce supported decision-making, ensuring its availability for those who request it."

S5W-11347 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it had with the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) prior to announcing its plan to phase out new petrol and diesel vehicles by 2032.

S5W-11348 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what impact its plan to phase out new petrol and diesel vehicles by 2032 will have on the country's energy supply.

S5W-11349 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government how many fish farms have been prosecuted in each of the last five years for releasing farmed fish, and how many were convicted.

S5W-11350 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what procedures are in place to alert the public to the potential dangers associated with consuming salmon or trout that have escaped from fish farms, and what plans it has to update the section on the website, aquaculture.scotland.gov.uk, which provides information about such escapes, regarding the safety of eating such fish, including whether they have been subject to pesticide or other chemical or pharmaceutical treatments.

S5W-11351 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what impact its plan to phase out new petrol and diesel vehicles by 2032 will have on how much the country's electricity (a) suppliers and (b) generators will pay in (i) Transmission Network Use of System and (ii) Balancing Services Use of System charges.

S5W-11353 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what research it has carried out or plans regarding the impact that escaped farmed Atlantic salmon might have on stocks of native wild salmon.

S5W-11354 Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is considering proposals to extend the Borders railway line towards Carlisle.

S5W-11355 Adam Tomkins: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the impact on Scotland of a report from the Institute for Jewish Policy Research, which has reportedly found that 30% of people in Great Britain hold anti-Semitic attitudes.

S5W-11356 Adam Tomkins: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase levels of domestic overnight tourism in Scotland, which reportedly dropped by 30% in the first quarter of 2017 compared with the same period in the previous year.

S5W-11357 Adam Tomkins: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the proposed closure of 58 Police Scotland buildings, including police stations, which was announced in November 2016.

S5W-11358 Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what consultation it has had with South Scotland MSPs regarding proposals to establish a South of Scotland Enterprise Agency.

S5W-11359 Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what consultation it has had with South Scotland MSPs regarding proposals to establish a South of Scotland Economic Partnership.

S5W-11360 Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what the (a) membership and (b) budget will be of the proposed South of Scotland Economic Partnership.

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S5W-11362 Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government who will appoint the chairperson of the South of Scotland Economic Partnership and when the appointment will be made.

S5W-11363 Gordon Lindhurst: To ask the Scottish Government what recent meetings it has held with cycle groups regarding the preferred new road layout proposed for the Sheriffhall Roundabout and what was discussed.

S5W-11364 Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how many incidents involving new psychoactive substances have been reported in Scotland's prison estate in each of the last three years, broken down by prison.

S5W-11365 Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government when it will carry out a review of procedures relating to prisoners' mail, in light of new ways of getting new psychoactive substances into Scotland's prisons.

S5W-11366 Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the misuse of new psychoactive substances in prisons.

S5W-11367 Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government what the membership is of the (a) Product Design, (b) Benefits and Support, (c) Information, Advice and Guidance and Financial Literacy, (d) Effective Administration and (e) Finance sub group to the Further and Higher Education Support Review,

and what (i) organisations and (ii) individuals have been invited on to these sub groups.

S5W-11368 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government where the (a) 5,500 core directorate, (b) 6,200 agency and (c) 3,600 non-ministerial department staff referred to in *Public Sector Employment Statistics for 2nd Quarter 2017* are located.

S5W-11371 Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase the number of apprenticeships in the Scottish Borders.

S5W-11372 Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government which areas in the Scottish Borders will next receive broadband improvements.

S5W-11373 Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on introducing initiatives that are similar to the North Coast 500 to other parts of the country. **R**

S5W-11374 Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what preventative action (a) Health Protection Scotland and (b) each NHS board has taken to warn of tick-related health conditions; what (i) posters, leaflet and other information have been issued and (ii) events have been organised on this topic (A) routinely and (B) since 1 September 2017, and what analysis it has carried out or plans of the effectiveness of this.

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Progress of Legislation

Bills

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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)), 20 September 2017

Stage 1 (evidence, Delegated Powers and Law Reform), 19 September 2017

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice)), 19 September 2017

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

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 21 September 2017

Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 19 September 2017

Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill (P)

Preliminary Stage (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 21 September 2017

Preliminary Stage Report (1st Report 2017), 8 September 2017

Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee), 19 September 2017

Lead committee - Rural Economy and Connectivity

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities and Human Rights)), 20 September 2017

Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 4 September 2017

Islands (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 20 September 2017

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform), 19 September 2017

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 5 September 2017

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

Preliminary Stage (evidence), 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)), 21 September 2017

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)), 19 September 2017

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

Preliminary Stage (evidence), 20 September 2017

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Lodged on 12 September 2017

Evidence, Finance and Constitution Committee, 20 September 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)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 26 September 2017

Lead committee to report by 18 September 2017

[Loch Carron Urgent Marine Conservation \(No. 2\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/205\)](#) (14 June 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Subject to annulment by 28 September 2017

Lead committee to report by 25 September 2017

[Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Prescribed Days\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/207\)](#) (16 June 2017) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 2 October 2017

Lead committee to report by 25 September 2017

[Building \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/214\)](#) (20 June 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

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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)

[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) (TBC)

[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)

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[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)

Other documents

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[Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Scotland\) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2018 \[draft\] \[Proposed Draft Order\] \(SG/2017/153\)](#) (11 September 2017) (Education and Skills)

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