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Business Bulletin

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11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- **1. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to tackle sectarian-related crime. (S50-01877)
- **2. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to ensure that disabled people are not disadvantaged by the ban on plastic straws. (S50-01878)
- **3. Stewart Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many community asset transfers there have been since the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 came into force, and how this compares with previous numbers. (S5O-01879)
- **4. Linda Fabiani:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Scottish Fuel Poverty Strategic Working Group regarding Cold Weather Payments. (<u>\$50-01880</u>)
- **5. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has invested in the Schools for the Future programme since 2011. (S5O-01881)
- **6. Gordon Lindhurst:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce antisocial behaviour. (\$50-01882)
- **7. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports social landlords in providing affordable housing that is allocated according to need. (<u>S5O-01883</u>)
- **8. Willie Coffey:** To ask Scottish Government when it last met East Ayrshire Council and what matters were discussed. (\$\sumsymbol{50}\)-01884)
- **9. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the resilience of the transport network to adverse winter weather. (S50-01885)
- **10. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is regarding building a bridge between Scotland and Northern Ireland. (<u>\$50-01886</u>)

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Ruth Davidson: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S5F-02134)
- 2. Richard Leonard: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S5F-02135)
- 3. Willie Rennie: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S5F-02136)
- **4. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the First Minister what the outcome was of her meeting with the Prime Minister. (S5F-02154)
- **5. Annie Wells:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to comments by Samaritans Scotland that the draft suicide prevention plan is "very disappointing". (\$5F-02137)
- **6. Claudia Beamish:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking regarding the transparency of land ownership in Scotland, in light of the recent investigation by *The Sunday Post.* (S5F-02147)

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12:45 pm Members' Business: S5M-10471 Ivan McKee: Driverless Cars Bringing Transformative Change to Scotland

<u>S5M-10471</u> Ivan McKee: Driverless Cars Bringing Transformative Change to Scotland—That the Parliament notes reports that automated transport, including driverless cars, will be on the roads in the UK in 2021 and will be commonplace in Scotland by 2030; considers that this development will represent more than a simple transport revolution, with significant and fundamental implications for society, the economy, jobs, transport policy, environment and energy policy, space planning, safety and privacy, and notes the belief that steps must be taken now to explore all of the opportunities and challenges that these developments will bring so that people in the Glasgow Provan constituency and across Scotland can fully benefit from being at the forefront of what it sees as the coming transformative change.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

<u>S5M-10993</u> Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill, debate on the groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2: 50 minutes.

2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Update on South of Scotland Partnership

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill

<u>\$5M-10790</u> James Kelly: Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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Committee Meetings

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

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee 7th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- 2. **Article 50 Negotiations: the UK's future trade policy:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Peter Ungphakorn, former Senior Information Officer, World Trade Organisation Secretariat;

Dr Gracia Marin Duran, Senior Lecturer in International Economic Law, UCL Faculty of Laws, University College London;

Dr Matias Margulis, Senior Lecturer in Political Economy, University of Stirling; Liz Murray, Head of Scottish Campaigns, Global Justice Now.

3. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Michael Russell, Minister for UK negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe, Luke McBratney, Policy Officer, Constitution and UK Policy, Ian Davidson, Head of Constitution and UK Relations, and Ian Mitchell, Deputy Director External Affairs, Scottish Government.

- 4. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- 5. **Article 50 Negotiations: the UK's future trade policy (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 8th Meeting, 2018

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider issues relating to the Billregarding the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights by taking evidence from—

Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe, Alison Coull, Legal Directorate, Graham Fisher, Head of Branch 1, Constitutional and Civil Law Division, Legal Directorate, Duncan Isles, Head of Human Rights Policy, and Luke McBratney, Policy Officer, Constitution and UK Relations Division, Scottish Government.

3. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence received.

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4. **Human Rights training (in private):** The Committee will undertake human rights training with Kavita Chetty, Head ofStrategy and Legal and Chloë Trew, Participation Coordinator, Scottish HumanRights Commission.

Public Petitions Committee 3rd Meeting, 2018

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

- Consideration of a new petition: The Committee will consider <u>PE1683</u>by Jennifer Edmonstone on Support for families with multiple births and will take evidence from— Jennifer Edmonstone, Helen Peck, Scottish Coordinator, Twins and Multiple Births Association.
- 2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—

<u>PE1408</u> by Andrea MacArthur on Updating of Pernicious Anaemia-VitaminB12 Deficiency understanding & treatment;

<u>PE1545</u> by Ann Maxwell on behalf of Muir Maxwell Trust on Residential care provision for the severely learning disabled;

<u>PE1596</u> by Paul Anderson, James McDermott, Chris Daly on In Care Survivors Service Scotland;

<u>PE1603</u> by Mairi Campbell-Jack and Douglas Beattie on behalf of Quaker in Scotland & Forces Watch on Ensuring greater scrutiny, guidance and consultation on armed forces visits to schools in Scotland;

PE1616 by John S Shaw on Parking Legislation;

PE1631 by Maureen McVey on Child Welfare Hearings;

PE1646 by Caroline Hayes on Drinking water supplies in Scotland;

<u>PE1668</u> by Anne Glennie on Improving literacy standards in schools through research-informed reading instruction;

<u>PE1670</u> by James Cassidy on Reform the Scottish electoral system to make it democratic and accountable; and

<u>PE1671</u> by Lisa Harvey and Andrea Goddard on behalf of Let's Get MAD For Wildlife on Sale and use of glue traps.

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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 5th Meeting, 2018

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- 2. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee will consider an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Islamophobia, and take evidence from—
 Anas Sarwar, Convener of the proposed CPG on Islamophobia.
- 3. **Cross-Party Group approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Islamophobia.
- 4. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence from James Dornan MSP.

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5. **Sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct (in private):** The Committee will consider a note by the clerk.

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing 4th Meeting, 2018

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Sub-Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. **Durham Constabulary's reports on Police Scotland's Counter Corruption Unit:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence from—
 - Deputy Chief Constable Rose Fitzpatrick CBE QPM, Duncan Campbell, Interim Head of Legal Services, and Superintendent Andy McDowall, Professional Standards Department, Police Scotland.
- 3. **Work programme:** The Sub-Committee will consider its work programme.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 9th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 1.45 pm in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 2 in private.
- 2. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 14 March 2018

Tuesday 20 March 2018

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Members' Business — S5M-08629 Peter Chapman: Holodomor Remembrance Day 2017

Wednesday 21 March 2018

1:15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:15 pm Members' Business — S5M-10173 Fulton MacGregor: UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

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6:00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 22 March 2018

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S5M-10188 Johann Lamont: Down's Syndrome Awareness Week

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Building Greater Fairness in the Workplace

followed by Business Motions

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Tuesday 27 March 2018

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 28 March 2018

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance and the Constitution;

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 March 2018

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

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The future business of the Parliament has not yet been agreed to.

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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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Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

*S5M-11021 Anas Sarwar: Govanhill Baths Community Trust—That the Parliament recognises the Govanhill Baths Community Trust as what it considers an excellent example of community empowerment; acknowledges the work that the trust has done in regenerating the Govanhill community and its local built environment; understands that the project is owned by 580 local people as a cooperative community benefit society and has a footfall of over 20,000 people, even before what it sees as the exciting plans for refurbishment; believes that it is a shining light in a community that is blighted by poverty and deprivation, and notes the calls for the Govanhill Baths to be celebrated and financially supported as an inspirational campaign and a community "doing it for themselves" in the face of adversity.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*S5M-11036 Linda Fabiani: East Kilbride, Celebrating the University of the Third Age—That the Parliament notes that the University of the Third Age (U3A) is celebrating 10 years in East Kilbride; recognises the work of U3A East Kilbride chapter and the Third Age Trust in creating spaces in which retired and semi-retired people sharing similar interests can cultivate skills across a variety of subjects; acknowledges the work of its volunteers in providing its 136 members with educational, creative and learning opportunities, and wishes continued success for U3A and its East Kilbride chapter.

Supported by: Sandra White*, Kenneth Gibson*, Ash Denham*, Ruth Maguire*, Joan McAlpine*, Richard Lochhead*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*

*S5M-11035 Monica Lennon: The Bloody Big Brunch Event to Eradicate Period

Poverty—That the Parliament congratulates the organisers on the success of the Bloody Big Brunch, which was held at The Wee Guys Café in Glasgow on 10 March 2018 to raise awareness of, and break the stigma around, period poverty by asking attendees to donate sanitary products in return for a Bloody Mary drink; notes that around 1,000 packs of products were donated, which were passed on to the Trussell Trust; understands that this will allow around 500 women able to manage their period for approximately one month; expresses concern that evidence suggests that one-in-five women and girls have experienced period poverty, and have had to adopt alternative

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means, including using old socks or tissues, or have relied on foodbanks to provide the vital products to help manage their period safely and with dignity, and urges the Scottish Government to work with period poverty campaigners across the country to eradicate period poverty and ensure menstrual justice for all.

*S5M-11034 George Adam: First for West College Scotland—That the Parliament congratulates West College Scotland on, it understands, becoming the first in the UK to take the Stand Alone Pledge to support estranged students; notes that the Stand Alone charity exists to support the 20% of people of all ages across the UK who become estranged from or disowned by their family or a key family member at some point; recognises that research by the charity suggests that estranged students are three times more likely to drop out of education due to the pressure, stress and isolation that they can face, and commends Stand Alone, West College Scotland and all other "champion institutions" for coming together to promote greater awareness and continuously develop support for estranged students to help enable them to achieve their potential in education.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Ivan McKee*, James Dornan*, Graeme Dey*, Clare Haughey*, Ruth Maguire*, Bill Kidd*, Ash Denham*, Sandra White*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Joan McAlpine*

*S5M-11032 Bruce Crawford: Duke's Weekender, Aberfoyle—That the Parliament welcomes the inaugural Duke's Weekender cycling festival, which will be held in September 2018 in Aberfoyle; supports its mission to create a family-focussed festival of cycling that will bring people to Aberfoyle and its surrounding areas and allow them to share a passion for cycling and enjoy the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park; acknowledges that it will support the Multiple Sclerosis Society; commends its organisers, Stu Thomson, Rob Friel and Frazer Coupland, on their work with community groups, organisations and businesses to promote and regenerate Aberfoyle, and wishes the event well for this year and the future.

Supported by: Ash Denham*, Ruth Maguire*, Joan McAlpine*, Ivan McKee*, Rona Mackay*

*S5M-11031 Bob Doris: Parkview Primary School Seeks to Boost Resilience—That the Parliament commends staff at Parkview Primary School for its plans to show the movie, *Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope*, at an event on 19 March 2018; understands that the movie outlines how childhood experiences serve to shape us all and provides insights into how to best overcome the detrimental effects of negative or adverse childhood experiences; appreciates the efforts of all involved in sharing ideas to work together to improve the lives of children and families; encourages as many people as possible to attend and support both the movie and its underlying message of perseverance and resilience in the face of adversity, and welcomes that the film will be followed by a discussion with a variety of community-based organisations on how they can work together to develop resilience.

Supported by: Ash Denham*, Bill Kidd*, Joan McAlpine*

*S5M-11029 Maurice Corry: Ross Anderson from Old Kilpatrick Competes in The Voice UK—That the Parliament congratulates Ross Anderson, who is from Old Kilpatrick, on his success on the TV show, *The Voice UK*; applauds him on choosing to be coached by Jennifer Hudson; believes that working with Jennifer offers him an incredible opportunity to develop his talents; thanks the people of Old Kilpatrick on the support that they have given; congratulates Ross on his progress so far, and wishes him the best of luck for the remainder of the competition.

*S5M-11028 David Torrance: Casino Night Raises Funds for the Brain Tumour Charity—That the Parliament praises the Scottish Gas Network on raising over £9,000 for the

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Brain Tumour Charity at a recent casino night, which was attended by around 300 people; appreciates that it was organised in honour of Richard "Tetley" Smart, from Buckhaven, who was diagnosed with a tumour in 2017; welcomes the charity's work in funding research and raising awareness; thanks the event organisers and attendees for their compassion and generosity, and encourages continued support for Richard's family and others living with brain tumours.

Supported by: James Dornan*, Clare Haughey*, Ruth Maguire*, Bill Kidd*, Ash Denham*, Joan McAlpine*, Richard Lochhead*

*S5M-11027 Michelle Ballantyne: Scottish Grocer Awards Success for East Lothian's Ferhan Ashiq—That the Parliament congratulates Ferhan Ashiq, of Day-Today Ashiqs in Prestonpans, on winning the Entrepreneur Award at the Scottish Grocer Awards 2018, which were held in Glasgow recently; recognises that the event, described as the biggest awards programme of its type in the country, is held to recognise and celebrate the very best of Scottish convenience retailing; understands that the Entrepreneur Award was decided by a panel of experts who considered who represented the entrepreneurial spirit in Scottish retailing, and that Mr Ashiq came out on top; notes that he is a central part of his community, having become a Prestonpans Community Councillor in 2015, as well as chairing the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership and the Cockenzie Forum, and wishes him all the best business success in the future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tom Mason*, Margaret Mitchell*, Edward Mountain*, Ruth Maguire*, Alexander Stewart*, Murdo Fraser*, Donald Cameron*

*S5M-11026 Maurice Corry: Gary Robb and Gayle Swan Shave their Heads to Raise Money for Beatson—That the Parliament congratulates Gary Robb and Gayle Swan on raising £2,000 for the Beatson Cancer Charity by shaving their heads in honour of their friend, Stacy McLaughlin, who was diagnosed with cancer in May 2017; recognises that these fundraising efforts add to the £1,500 that Stacy has already raised ahead of her upcoming charity ball at the Marriott Hotel in April 2018, and will greatly contribute to the charity's mission; thanks Gary and Gayle on their efforts on behalf of Stacy and the charity; further thanks Stacy for dedicating much of her time to her fundraising efforts, and encourages the public to attend the charity ball, which will cost £65 per ticket and will include a three-course meal, drinks, music and an auction.

*S5M-11025 Michelle Ballantyne: North Berwick Gymnast's Championship Success—That the Parliament congratulates the North Berwick gymnast, Poppy Cunningham, on her successes at the recent Scottish National Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Perth; understands that Poppy, aged 11, took the gold in the 12- and 13-year-olds beam, outperforming her rivals in the qualifying and finals, and securing the bronze medal in the 12- and 13-year-olds floor competition, and wishes her all the best with her gymnastics.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Tom Mason*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liz Smith*, Alexander Stewart*, Margaret Mitchell*, Ruth Maguire*, Bill Bowman*, Kenneth Gibson*, Murdo Fraser*, Bill Kidd*, Donald Cameron*

*S5M-11024 Michelle Ballantyne: Peebles High School One Step Closer to Netball Champions—That the Parliament congratulates Peebles S1 and S3 teams from Peebles High School on their victories in the recent Scottish Schools' Netball Cup quarter finals; understands that Peebles S2 and Peebles Seniors A teams will soon play their quarter finals against Glasgow St Ninian's and Perth Academy respectively, and wishes all the teams the best in their upcoming matches.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tom Mason*, Margaret Mitchell*, Ruth Maguire*, Edward Mountain*, Alexander Stewart*, Murdo Fraser*, Bill Kidd*, Donald Cameron*

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*S5M-11023 Finlay Carson: Funding Award for Isle Futures—That the Parliament welcomes the funding award of £105,015 for Isle Futures from the Big Lottery Fund; recognises that this will help to enhance the redeveloped St Ninian's Hall in the Isle of Whithorn and enable it to provide more classes, events and activities for local people, and welcomes the news that more older people will be able to enjoy activities as a result of more transport being provided.

Supported by: Tom Mason*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Ruth Maguire*, Liz Smith*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Edward Mountain*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Bowman*, Murdo Fraser*, Bill Kidd*, Donald Cameron*

*S5M-11022 Michelle Ballantyne: Penicuik Golfer, Josh Graham—That the Parliament congratulates Josh Graham, who is a former Penicuik High School pupil, on being part of a group of 10 young East Lothian-based golfers who will be taking part in the Winternational event at Pinehurst, California; understands that the players will fly the flag for the East Lothian Junior League by competing against others from schools from across the United States; notes that the event, which has been held for 24 years, has given world class golfers, such as Dustin Johnston, Webb Simpson and Jason Dufner, a platform into the sport, and wishes Josh and his team mates all the best at the tournament and with their golfing careers.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, Margaret Mitchell*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Tom Mason*, Ruth Maguire*, Bill Bowman*, Murdo Fraser*, Bill Kidd*, Donald Cameron*

*S5M-11020 Liz Smith: Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/37)—That the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommends that the Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/37) be annulled.

*S5M-11019 Ross Greer: Continuing Solidarity with University Staff on Strike—That the Parliament expresses solidarity with university staff on strike over proposals that would, it considers, severely undermine the value of their pensions; understands that the recent draft proposal reached following negotiations between the University and College Union (UCU) and Universities UK (UUK) was rejected outright by UCU members and branches; considers that this proposal would have still seen university staff pensions reduced while contribution rates would be increased, have only been ensured for a three-year transitional period, and involved lecturers and teachers being encouraged to reschedule classes missed during strike action, despite having pay deducted for those work days missed; expresses concern and disappointment at the management of select universities that have reportedly threatened to deduct further pay for lecturers and teachers who do not reschedule classes missed due to strike action; believes there is widespread support from students for this industrial action, including through peaceful sit-ins at over a dozen campuses, such as Dundee, Aberdeen and Stirling, and calls on university management to secure the long-term value of staff pensions.

Supported by: Iain Gray*, Patrick Harvie*, Pauline McNeill*

*S5M-11018 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Russian-backed Media Outlets—That the Parliament notes reports that the Russian-made nerve agent, Novichok, was used in the attempted murder of Sergei and Yulia Skripal in Salisbury on 4 March 2018; understands that exposure to this chemical could affect many UK citizens in the months to come; condemns this barbaric act; notes that the UK Government is treating this as the unlawful release of a chemical weapon on UK soil and has responded with a range of measures against Russian state interests in the UK; condemns what it sees as the response of Russian state-backed media outlets, such as Russia Today, which it believes have attempted to deflect or deny the suggestion of Russian involvement; understands

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that these outlets are recognised as agents of Russia by international authorities and institutions; believes that, consequently, they should be considered no longer fit and proper to hold a broadcasting license in the UK; calls on Ofcom to expedite a review of all Russian state-backed media companies with a view to suspending their broadcasting licenses, and urges all groups and people in Scottish public life, including MSPs, to refuse invitations from these outlets for interview and to immediately end any commercial relationships that they might have with them.

*S5M-11017 Finlay Carson: Welcoming Cancer Innovation Challenge Funding—That the Parliament congratulates the latest projects to win up to £35,000 each from the Cancer Innovation Challenge to demonstrate the feasibility of tools to improve diagnosis, treatment and overall cancer care using insights gained from existing NHS Scotland data; notes that the three winners, two of which are based in Scotland, are Canon Medical Research Europe's project to use machine learning to assess mesothelioma patients' response to treatment, Jayex Technology's project to improve and standardise national data on haematological cancers to improve future clinical decision making, and Sharpe Analytics' data-driven prognosis tool for renal cancers; understands that the projects now have three months to develop their innovations before the next phase of the challenge, when two projects will be selected to receive up to £125,000 to develop prototypes over a six-month period; appreciates that the Cancer Innovation Challenge aims to inspire novel data and tech innovations to help Scotland become a world leader in cancer care, and wishes the three projects the best of luck for the next stage.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Margaret Mitchell*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tom Mason*, David Stewart*, Jamie Greene*, Maurice Corry*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Ruth Maguire*, Bill Bowman*, Pauline McNeill*, Murdo Fraser*, Richard Lochhead*

*S5M-11016 Clare Adamson: Scottish Women's Rugby Team—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Women's Rugby team on its 15-12 win against Ireland in Dublin in the 2018 Women's 6 Nations; acknowledges that this is the team's first away win in 12 years; recognises the dedication, commitment and determination of the squad, which is made up of predominantly amateur players; commends the part played by the head coach, Shade Munro, in the team's continued improvement, and wishes the players well in their last game of the championship on 18 March in Padua, Italy.

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*S5M-11015 Pauline McNeill: Remembering Stephen Hawking—That the Parliament recognises the work of theoretical physicist, Stephen Hawking who has died, aged 76; understands that, among his many achievements, he developed the theory that is known as "Hawking Radiation", which has very deep implications for mathematical physics as it suggests that there is an unexpected link between gravity and quantum theory and predicts that black holes are not completely black, but glow with specific kinds of radiation; acknowledges that he overcame great personal adversity when he was diagnosed with MND at the age of 21 while he was a Cambridge undergraduate, with doctors giving him only a few years to live; notes that, in 1988 he published *A Brief History of Time: From the Big Bang to Black Holes*, which sold over 10 million copies, and acknowledges his words, "Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the Universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up."

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Colin Beattie*, Andy Wightman*, Mairi Gougeon*, Claire Baker*, Christina McKelvie*, Bob Doris*, Jenny Marra*, Patrick Harvie*, Lewis Macdonald*, Liam McArthur*, Maurice Golden*, Elaine Smith*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Kenneth Gibson*, Fulton MacGregor*, Alison Johnstone*, James Kelly*, Bill Kidd*

*S5M-11014 David Torrance: Premier Linktown Local, Kirkcaldy—That the Parliament congratulates the Premier Linktown Local in Kirkcaldy on its success at the Scottish Grocer Awards 2018; believes that the store proved itself invaluable to the community during the recent bad weather, by helping to ensure that everyone had access to essential products and personally delivering items to people who were housebound, and wishes its staff and management all the best.

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*S5M-11013 Maurice Corry: Donna Hicks, Helensburgh Charity Fundraiser—That the Parliament congratulates Donna Hicks on raising £4,189.49 for the Beatson Cancer Charity and Myeloma UK through her fundraiser, Matinee at the Musicals; acknowledges that Donna was diagnosed with myeloma in 2014 and has since raised funds for various cancer charities; thanks the Tower Digital Arts Centre in Helensburgh and the community for the support that they gave to event, and wishes Donna all the best, including with her future fundraising.

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*S5M-11012 Maurice Corry: Helensburgh Hockey Club's Record Win—That the Parliament congratulates Helensburgh Hockey Club on its recent record 12-0 victory against Uddingston; acknowledges that the success of the team over the season has put the players in a good position to win its division; notes that the club's previous record was a 12-1 win against Western, and wishes the team all the best for the remainder of the season.

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*S5M-11011 Clare Adamson: Clyde and Avon Valley Landscape Partnership Local Landscape Heroes Heritage Trail—That the Parliament congratulates Clyde and Avon Valley Landscape Partnership Heritage (CAVLP) staff on their recent award for the creation of the Local Landscape Heroes heritage trail, which leads from Strathclyde Park to Dalzell Estate notes that CAVLP received this award at the Phoenix Futures New Year's Honours ceremony, which takes place every year to recognise organisations that fight substance misuse by way of Recovery through Nature initiatives; understands that the trail, which was created in partnership with the charity, Phoenix Futures, celebrates the people and communities who have been inspired by and shaped the Clyde and Avon Valley landscapes over millennia, including the Romans, Celts and Covenanters; considers that the trail will serve as a symbol of the dedication of Phoenix Futures staff and service users who cleared many of the historic sites for the trail, and commends CAVLP's continued commitment to helping people overcome drug and alcohol problems through connection with the outdoors.

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*S5M-11010 Maurice Corry: Clydebank Man Helps Homeless during Blizzard—That the Parliament thanks Gary Robb, owner of Planet Fitness Scotland, for letting homeless people stay in the Dalmur facility overnight during a severe snow storm; recognises that Gary was able to help 20 people take shelter and acknowledges his efforts on social media to bring attention to protecting people who are homeless; thanks the wider Clydebank community for contributing to the cause by donating overnight supplies and food to the facility, and recognises the importance of communities coming together to help one another under such circumstances.

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*S5M-11009 Clare Adamson: North Lanarkshire Council Rockfest Battle of the Bands—That the Parliament congratulates the 10 schools that took part in the North Lanarkshire Council Rockfest Battle of the Bands final; applauds the winning band, Voltage, from Chryston High school, and the runners-up, the Villiments and Exit Stage Right from St Aidan's and Taylor high schools; appreciates that the event, which was sponsored by Martec Engineering, Engie, Securus Group, Reeltime Music, the Youth Music Initiative and Creative Scotland, saw each band perform a cover song and an original piece and gave them the opportunity to write, rehearse and perform in front of a live audience at Motherwell Concert Hall; commends the hard work of all who took part and wishes all who took part, and wishes them well in their endeavours.

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*S5M-11008 Alexander Stewart: Alloa Fundraiser Sets Up Charity—That the Parliament welcomes the news that a dedicated Clackmannanshire fundraiser has decided to set up his very own charity to help the less fortunate in Africa; acknowledges that Gary Drummond, who has been raising money for many years, both at home and further afield, is in the process of registering Drummond Charity Works Africa and is actively searching for additional volunteers; understands that Gary, who is from Alloa, has an interest in the medical field and has visited Ghana and Tanzania in previous years after raising funds to help people in need of surgery and medication, as well as infrastructure; understands that he is a cooper with Diageo and is also a member of Forth Valley First Responders, and wishes him the very best of luck in his future charity work.

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*S5M-11007 Richard Lochhead: Fochabers Ice Cream Parlour Scoops Award—That the Parliament congratulates the Fochabers Ice Cream Parlour on winning the best chocolate ice cream award in the UK National Ice Cream Competition; notes that this is the third time that the Moray shop has won the award; recognises that the business, which makes its own ice cream, also won medals and commendations for its ice cream cakes and flavours; commends the owner, Sheila Gray, for using as many local ingredients as she can, which helps to support the Moray economy, and wishes Sheila and her staff well for the future.

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*S5M-11006 Michelle Ballantyne: Women in Data Science—That the Parliament commends
The Data Lab on its upcoming Women in Data Science event on 21 March 2018, which will bring
together female data science professionals with young women and schoolgirls to raise awareness
of the opportunities that exist for exciting careers in this growing field; understands that the event

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forms part of DataFest18; notes that key speakers at the event will include Dr Hannah Fry, University College London, and Judy Logan, Stanford University, who is founder of the global Women in Data Science initiative, and that the aspiring data scientists will also be given a taste of what it is like to work for a major technology firm, and wishes all those involved well with inspiring the next generation of female data scientists. **R**

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*S5M-11005 Alexander Stewart: Chief Superintendent Gillian Imery QPM—That the Parliament congratulates Chief Superintendent Gillian Imery from Clackmannanshire, on being presented with the Queen's Police Medal (QPM) at Buckingham Palace in recognition of her 30 years of service; understands that Gillian, who grew up in the Hillfoots and attended Dollar Academy, was the first female to be posted as a detective sergeant in Edinburgh, where she later took up the role of divisional commander; acknowledges that she was Police Scotland's first head of public protection and divisional crime, where she progressed national standards of investigation into rape, FGM, forced marriage and honour-based violence; notes her leading role in other critical areas, including the management of registered sex offenders; welcomes Gillian's work in engaging with people who have had little contact with the authorities and her establishment of a consultancy group with third sector organisations to focus on minority issues; welcomes her appointment as the first female assistant inspector at HM Inspector and Constabulary in Scotland, and wishes Gillian the very best with her ongoing excellent work.

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*S5M-11004 Jeremy Balfour: Best Bib N Tucker—That the Parliament congratulates the Edinburgh-based charity, Best Bib N Tucker, on receiving £116,828 in lottery funding, which will help it to continue to provide a range of community activities centred around sewing, clothing and furniture upcycling; notes that it also plan to expand its activities to include photography, computer classes and other ideas requested by its members; acknowledges that, to support this expansion, it plans to relocate from the Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre to a shop-front location that will provide more space, increased flexibility of hours and greater commercial opportunities, and wishes it every success.

*S5M-11002 Richard Lochhead: Fochabers Scouts Brave the Cold—That the Parliament commends the Fochabers Scouts who recently slept rough for the night as part of a Zodiac challenge; understands that, armed with sleeping bags and cardboard boxes, they slept in the A96 underpass at Fochabers for a night in February 2018 with the Scout Hall being opened as a soup kitchen for supper and breakfast; notes that this followed an awareness raising session at which the troop heard about a girl who found herself homeless when she was 15; recognises that hearing a story about someone in their age group having few possessions, little security, limited personal safety and not knowing where her next bed would be had an impact on the group and inspired its members to undertake this challenge; congratulates the troop for carrying out such a difficult and thought provoking task, and wishes the Fochabers Scouts well with the remaining Zodiac challenges.

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*S5M-11001 Brian Whittle: Stephen Hawking—That the Parliament expresses its sadness at the death of Stephen Hawking; notes that the physicist, cosmologist and author, who was diagnosed with a form of MND when he was 22, was best known for his research about gravitation and black holes and his ambition to unite general relativity theory and quantum mechanics to create a so-called theory of everything; acknowledges his work throughout his life to popularise science, and to make it accessible to the wider public through books such as *A Brief History of Time* and by his appearances on television, including a number of times in *The Simpsons*; believes that his willingness to spread his passion for the science around the world has helped to inspire countless young people around the world to study science and take up careers in the field; offers its sincere condolences to his family, and hopes that his work will continue to inspire for generations to come.

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*S5M-11000 Liz Smith: Professor Stephen Hawking—That the Parliament pays tribute to Professor Stephen Hawking, who has died at his home in Cambridge; recognises his role as a renowned international physicist and ambassador of science; celebrates the extraordinary contribution that he made to the intellectual life of this country, especially to people's understanding of the universe and the possibilities of the human mind, and believes that his legacy will inspire every future generation.

*S5M-10999 Liam Kerr: Rossie Young People's Trust Awards—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the Rossie Young People's Trust has been awarded two Scotland Excel Supplier Excellence Awards in the categories of innovation and workforce development; notes that the organisation was awarded a three-year contract with Scotland Excel in 2017 to continue to provide services to its commissioning local authorities; recognises that the trust provides critical care, education, health and specialist psychological services to children who have multiple and complex needs and often pose a risk to themselves and others; acknowledges that the Scotland Excel Supplier Excellence Awards play a significant role in recognising good practice and innovation as they are the only awards programme dedicated to the role of suppliers in public procurement; thanks the awards organisers for their dedication to local suppliers in services; congratulates Rossie Young People's Trust on its distinction, and wishes everyone involved all the very best for the future.

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*S5M-10997 Clare Adamson: Motherwell North Parish Church National Lottery

Success—That the Parliament congratulates the Motherwell North Parish Church on receiving £150,000 from the Big Lottery Fund Scotland; understands that this award will allow the organisation to continue running a wide range of services for local people and families, including a community café, parent and toddler group, women's group, children's athletics club, youth club, health and wellbeing group and a local community bookbug club; appreciates that the Big Lottery Fund Scotland focusses on distributing National Lottery Good Cause funding to help people and communities most in need throughout Scotland; commends Motherwell North Parish Church for its

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commitment to tailoring activities for local needs and requirements, and looks forward to its continued service to the community.

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*S5M-10996 Alexander Stewart: Peter Wilson of Cruise Forth Fife Shortlisted for 2018 Scottish Thistle Awards—That the Parliament congratulates Peter Wilson of Cruise Forth Fife on being shortlisted for the Tourism and Hospitality Hero Award at the 2018 Scottish Thistle Awards, which are due to take place on 15 March 2018 in Edinburgh; notes that these awards are a celebration of the very best of Scottish tourism and is led by a panel of industry experts from several organisations including VisitScotland, Aberdeen City and Shire Tourism Awards, Highlands & Islands Tourism Awards, the Hospitality Industry Trust Scotland, Scotland Food and Drink, Scottish Tourism Alliance, the Scottish Licensed Trade Association, sportscotland and Wild Scotland, and wishes Peter and all the finalists the very best of luck in their respective categories.

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*S5M-10995 Liam McArthur: Scottish Horticulture and Local Communities

Flourishing—That the Parliament notes that the Royal Caledonian Horticulture Society (The Caley) held its annual awards evening and AGM at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh on 6 March 2018; congratulates Orphir resident, Caroline Critchlow, on receiving her certificate, which is in recognition of her success as a horticultural columnist and her dedication to creating horticultural events for communities in, and visitors to, Orkney, including the Orkney Garden Trail and the Orkney Garden Festival, which is now in its second year; further congratulates Finstown resident, Jockie Wood, on receiving his certificate, which recognises his longevity of service nurturing the Firth Park community garden in Finstown through funding applications, planting and also his ongoing work in tending and managing the garden; notes that Jockie's own garden, which is part of the Orkney Garden Trail, is open to visitors; sends its best wishes to all budding, amateur and professional horticulturalists across Scotland as Spring approaches, and wishes The Caley well in this its 109th year. R

*S5M-10994 Alexander Stewart: The Wee Restaurant, North Queensferry, Shortlisted in Scottish Thistle Awards—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the Wee Restaurant in North Queensferry has been shortlisted for Best Restaurant Experience at the 2018 Scottish Thistle Awards in Edinburgh; notes that the awards are a celebration of the very best of Scottish tourism and is led by a panel of industry experts from VisitScotland, Aberdeen City and Shire Tourism Awards, Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards, the Hospitality Industry Trust Scotland, Scotland Food and Drink, Scottish Tourism Alliance, the Scottish Licensed Trade Association, sportscotland and Wild Scotland, and wishes the Wee Restaurant and all the finalists the very best of luck in their respective categories.

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*S5M-10981 Gordon Lindhurst: Balerno Music Festival—That the Parliament recognises the value of the Balerno Music Festival to south west Edinburgh; understands that 2017 saw the festival's 10th edition and that planning is well underway for 2018; notes that it has grown from being a single weekend event to covering three weekends each autumn; recognises the level

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of planning and organisation that is required by all of the volunteers involved, from the festival committee itself to its partners, including Balerno and Juniper Green parish churches and the Pentland Singers; echoes calls for volunteers to join the committee in helping to organise this year's and future festivals, irrespective of experience, and notes that anyone interested can contact the festival's chair, Fiona Gilroy, through its contact page at balernomusicfestival.org.uk/contact-us-2/.

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*S5M-10973 Liam McArthur: The Orcadian Bookshop Shortlisted for the British Book Awards Independent Bookshop of the Year—That the Parliament welcomes the excellence in customer service and quality of independent local businesses, as well as the articulation of the human condition through literature, which it considers is demonstrated by Scotland's five independent bookshops shortlisted for the British Book Awards Independent Bookshop of the Year; recognises that The Orcadian Bookshop in Kirkwall is one of these finalists, which is part of Orkney Media Group Ltd and has, since opening in 1999, not simply sold books but acted as a point for publication that promotes and champions the great Orkney Islands; notes that 2018's finalists were selected for increasing revenues year-on-year, bucking the national trend for book sales, which are down overall 2.6% to 189.8 million books across the UK and Ireland in 2017; further notes that one of Scotland's five shortlisted bookshops will be up for the final award in London on 14 May, and sends its best well wishes to that finalist, all bookshops on the shortlist, and Scotland's wider independent bookselling and literature sectors.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

<u>S5M-10992</u> Ruth Davidson: Scottish Building Society 170th Anniversary (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*

S5M-10991 Bill Kidd: Politics of Language (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*, Jenny Gilruth*

S5M-10990 Gordon Lindhurst: A Community Plan for Balerno (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Peter Chapman*, Liz Smith*, Miles Briggs*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Jeremy Balfour*, Maurice Corry*, Jamie Greene*, Tom Mason*, Bill Bowman*, Ruth Maguire*, Alison Harris*, Margaret Mitchell*, Dean Lockhart*, Donald Cameron*, Ash Denham*, Edward Mountain*

<u>S5M-10989</u> Christine Grahame: Support your Local Thistle Nominee (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Ivan McKee*, Jenny Gilruth*, Clare Haughey*, Rachael Hamilton* **R**, Bill Kidd*

S5M-10986 Jackie Baillie: Jagtar Singh Johal (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Rona Mackay*, Anas Sarwar*

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<u>S5M-10985</u> Brian Whittle: Ochiltree Community Hub (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Bill Bowman*, Dean Lockhart*, Donald Cameron*

<u>S5M-10984</u> Iain Gray: Entrepreneur of the Year Award at Scottish Grocer Awards 2018 (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Ash Denham*, Richard Lochhead*

<u>S5M-10983</u> Brian Whittle: Kilmarnock Academy Legacy Project (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Bill Bowman*, Dean Lockhart*, Donald Cameron*

<u>S5M-10982</u> Bill Bowman: Angus Architect to Design Kenyan School (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

<u>S5M-10980</u> Gordon Lindhurst: Currie and Balerno Community Chest (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Liz Smith*, Alexander Stewart*, Peter Chapman*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Alison Harris*, Jeremy Balfour*, Maurice Corry*, Jamie Greene*, Tom Mason*, Bill Bowman*, Ruth Maguire*, Margaret Mitchell*, Donald Cameron*, Edward Mountain*

<u>\$5M-10979</u> Gordon Lindhurst: Coffee with a Cop in Currie (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Liz Smith*, Peter Chapman*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Jeremy Balfour*, Maurice Corry*, Jamie Greene*, Tom Mason*, Bill Kidd*, Bill Bowman*, Ruth Maguire*, Alison Harris*, Ash Denham*, Margaret Mitchell*, Dean Lockhart*, Donald Cameron*, Edward Mountain*

<u>S5M-10978</u> Michelle Ballantyne: Borders Athletes' Success at Scottish Indoor Championships (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst*, Donald Cameron*

<u>S5M-10977</u> Michelle Ballantyne: Scottish Borders Breweries in Aldi's Beer Festival (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

<u>S5M-10974</u> Monica Lennon: Break the Barriers, Menstrual Manifesto Launch (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: James Kelly*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Iain Gray*

<u>S5M-10972</u> David Stewart: Celebrating National Sprinkler Week (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Ash Denham*, Pauline McNeill*, Bill Kidd*

<u>S5M-10971</u> Ben Macpherson: Revamp for the Duncan Place Resource Centre (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Ivan McKee*, Jenny Gilruth*, Ash Denham*

<u>S5M-10970</u> Miles Briggs: Gail Boag is New Dean of Edinburgh Napier University's Business School (lodged on 13 March 2018)

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New Support: Dean Lockhart*

<u>S5M-10969</u> Jeremy Balfour: Crufts and Tease the Whippet (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*

<u>S5M-10968</u> Jeremy Balfour: Canal View Primary School Aims for Ultimate School Trip

(lodged on 13 March 2018) New Support: Dean Lockhart*

S5M-10967 Jeremy Balfour: Nari Kallyan Shango (NKS) 30th Anniversary (lodged on 13

March 2018)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*

<u>S5M-10966</u> Kenneth Gibson: How Polygamy Threatens Global Stability (lodged on 13 March

2018)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

<u>S5M-10965</u> Jackson Carlaw: Busby Hotel's Juliet Parry Shortlisted for Award (lodged on 13

March 2018)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst*, Dean Lockhart*

S5M-10963 Gordon MacDonald: Juniper Green Primary School's Sustainability Project

(lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>\$5M-10962.3</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: Procurement (lodged on 13 March 2018)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*

S5M-10961 Stuart McMillan: Maid of the Loch (lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10960 David Torrance: Shaun Sanaghan Shorlisted for Royal Scottish Academy Art

Award (lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10959 Emma Harper: Farmers Go Above and Beyond to Help (lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10958 Michelle Ballantyne: Priorsford Primary Success at Inter-schools Quiz (lodged

on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Dean Lockhart*, Donald Cameron*

S5M-10957 Michelle Ballantyne: Family Braves Beast from the East to Support Tweed

Valley Mountain Rescue (lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Dean Lockhart*, Donald Cameron*

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<u>S5M-10956</u> Michelle Ballantyne: Pets at Home Santa Paws Success (lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Dean Lockhart*, Donald Cameron*

<u>S5M-10955</u> Bill Bowman: Ben Hirst, Dundee Photographer (lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Dean Lockhart*, Donald Cameron*

<u>S5M-10954</u> Peter Chapman: ASCO, Fundraising for Kayleigh's Wee Stars and Other Good Causes (lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Dean Lockhart*

<u>S5M-10953</u> Donald Cameron: Outstanding Work by the Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team (lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*

<u>S5M-10952</u> Donald Cameron: Callum Carmichael Celebrating 45 Years of Service with Scottish Water (lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*

<u>S5M-10951</u> Tom Mason: World Junior Curling Championships, Aberdeen (lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Dean Lockhart*

<u>S5M-10950</u> Alexander Stewart: Sir Ken Dodd (lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Dean Lockhart*

S5M-10949 Miles Briggs: Improving Edinburgh's City Bypass (lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Dean Lockhart*

<u>S5M-10948</u> Fulton MacGregor: DW Fitness Coatbridge Fundraiser (lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10946</u> Gordon MacDonald: Website Celebrates 40 Years of Baberton Mains (lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10945</u> George Adam: UWS Student Retention (lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10944</u> Richard Lochhead: Celebrating Food for Thought (lodged on 12 March 2018)

New Support: Gail Ross*, Ivan McKee*

S5M-10943 Alexander Stewart: Garvock House Hotel, Wedding Venue of the Year (lodged on

09 March 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Dean Lockhart*

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<u>S5M-10942</u> Alexander Stewart: Crossford Primary School Pupils are Champions of the BIG Book Brains Quiz (lodged on 09 March 2018)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*

<u>S5M-10941</u> David Torrance: Kirkcaldy High School Success at Fife Public Speaking Competition (lodged on 09 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10940</u> David Torrance: 10th Annual Kirkcaldy and Central Fife Sports Council Awards

(lodged on 09 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10938</u> Peter Chapman: Fundraising for Prostate Cancer UK (lodged on 09 March 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris*

<u>\$5M-10936</u> Ruth Maguire: The Citizen Girl Initative (lodged on 09 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10935 Ross Greer: Lenzie Academy Awarded Bronze Rights Respecting Schools

Award (lodged on 09 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10934</u> Bruce Crawford: 10 Years of Sistema Big Noise (lodged on 09 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10933 Liam McArthur: Dementia Hub at Age Scotland (lodged on 09 March 2018)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

<u>S5M-10932</u> Gail Ross: Intergenerational Befriending Caithness (lodged on 09 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10931</u> Sandra White: Into the Woods Collective (lodged on 08 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10930 Mairi Gougeon: Montrose Bowling Club (lodged on 08 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10929</u> Mairi Gougeon: Young Mearns Musician, Lucy Crabb (lodged on 08 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>\$5M-10928</u> Mairi Gougeon: Brechin Rugby Football Club (lodged on 08 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10927</u> David Torrance: Burntisland Primary School Helps Those in Need During Winter

Storms (lodged on 09 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

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<u>S5M-10926</u> David Torrance: Eloise Jewellery Wins Fife Retail Business Award (lodged on 09 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10925</u> David Torrance: Pouts and Pinups Salon Wins Fife Retail Business Awards (lodged on 09 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10924 David Torrance: Burntisland Artist Receives Highly Commended Award (lodged

on 09 March 2018)
New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10923 David Torrance: Fife Pair Win Buchanan Cup (lodged on 09 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10922 David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Walking Festival (lodged on 09 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>\$5M-10918</u> Christina McKelvie: Lesley Millar Among the FSB List of Top 100 Women (lodged on 08 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10917</u> Bruce Crawford: Trossachs Search and Rescue Dog, Taz, Finalist in Friends for Life Award at Crufts 2018 (lodged on 08 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10916 Bruce Crawford: Stirling Women in FSB Top 100 (lodged on 08 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10914</u> Sandra White: Major Award from Beijing for the Glasgow Chinese School (lodged on 08 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*, Jackie Baillie*

<u>S5M-10913</u> Bruce Crawford: Celebrating the Efforts of Trossachs Search and Rescue (lodged on 08 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10911 George Adam: Success of Tommy McGrory's The Bungalow Musical (lodged on

08 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10910 George Adam: Three Paisley Organisations Nominated for Scotland's National

Youth Work Awards (lodged on 08 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10904</u> Bruce Crawford: Cononish Gold Mine, Tyndrum (lodged on 08 March 2018)

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New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10903 Edward Mountain: Norscot Joinery Wins Innovation of the Year Award (lodged

on 08 March 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris*

<u>\$5M-10902</u> Edward Mountain: Glen Ord Distillery (lodged on 08 March 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris*

S5M-10897 Ash Denham: Ali Speakman Demonstrates Community Spirit (lodged on 08

March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10894</u> Gordon MacDonald: Reading Force Author Visits Colinton Primary School

(lodged on 08 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10892</u> Ruth Maguire: Congratulating Corsehill Primary School in Kilwinning (lodged on

07 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>\$5M-10891</u> Ruth Maguire: Zac Murray of Irvine and Leon McNaughton of Kilbirnie (lodged on

08 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10888</u> Rona Mackay: Appreciation for the Parliament Barista, Kirsty Rafferty (lodged on

07 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10887 Stuart McMillan: Inverciyde Awards for All Scotland Funding (lodged on 07

March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>\$5M-10879</u> Ruth Maguire: Congratulating Shelley Main, Deputy Head Girl of Irvine Royal

Academy (lodged on 07 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10867 Christina McKelvie: Larkhall and District Volunteer Group (lodged on 07 March

2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10866 Christina McKelvie: Trust Jack Foundation (lodged on 07 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10865 Christina McKelvie: Milan Lunch and Social Club (lodged on 07 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

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<u>S5M-10864</u> Christina McKelvie: 112th Lanarkshire St Annes Beaver and Cub Group (lodged on 07 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10863</u> Christina McKelvie: Coming Together Scotland Big Lottery Funding (lodged on 07 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10861</u> Linda Fabiani: Spyquest, Another East Kilbride Success Story (lodged on 07 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10853</u> David Torrance: Congratulations to Mirren Foy (lodged on 06 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>\$5M-10849</u> Annie Wells: Congratulations to Medal Winner, Laura Muir (lodged on 06 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10848 Rona Mackay: Fairtrade School Uniforms (lodged on 06 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10845</u> Clare Adamson: Fifth Welsh Open for the Wishaw Wizard (lodged on 06 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10837</u> Richard Lyle: PlayPeace (lodged on 06 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10836 Richard Lyle: Lanarkshire Muslim Welfare Society (lodged on 06 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10835</u> Richard Lyle: Lanarkshire Ethnic Minority Action Group (lodged on 06 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10831</u> Gordon MacDonald: City of Edinburgh Staff Work to Keep City Moving (lodged on 06 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10825</u> Tom Arthur: St Anthony's Primary School Wins UK Literacy School of the Year (lodged on 06 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10821</u> Emma Harper: Royal Highland Education Trust Dumfries and Galloway Initiative (lodged on 06 March 2018)

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<u>S5M-10818</u> Gail Ross: National Apprenticeship Week in Caithness, Sutherland and Ross (lodged on 05 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>\$5M-10816</u> Ash Denham: Charmaine Laurie, Lothian Bus Hero (lodged on 05 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>\$5M-10809</u> Fulton MacGregor: Praise for Care Home Staff (lodged on 05 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>\$5M-10808</u> Fulton MacGregor: Kirkshaws Neighborhood Centre (lodged on 05 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>\$5M-10807</u> Fulton MacGregor: Lottery Award for Our Zone Quality Childcare (lodged on 05)

March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>\$5M-10806</u> Fulton MacGregor: Baby Loss Retreat, Coatbridge (lodged on 05 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>\$5M-10805</u> Fulton MacGregor: Community Champion, Alistair Doyle (lodged on 05 March

2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10804</u> Fulton MacGregor: Coatbridge Boutique Owner Reaches Final of National

Industry Award (lodged on 05 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>\$5M-10803</u> Fulton MacGregor: Chryston High School Rock Band Wins Rockfest Battle of

the Bands (lodged on 05 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10802 Fulton MacGregor: National Cycling Award for Chryston High School (lodged on

05 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10792 Kenneth Gibson: Largs' First Comic Con Event (lodged on 05 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10787 Jenny Gilruth: Life in Limbo Campaign (lodged on 02 March 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Ivan McKee*, Gordon MacDonald*, Mike Rumbles*

S5M-10786 Gillian Martin: Karenza Williams Receives Funding to Tour with Aberdeenshire

Youth Orchestra (lodged on 02 March 2018)

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New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10772 Jenny Gilruth: Fundraising Efforts by Specsavers, Glenrothes (lodged on 02

March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10769 Willie Coffey: Young Person of the Year Award, Rory McKinna (lodged on 01

March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee* R

<u>\$5M-10768</u> Emma Harper: Carluke Development Trust (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10759 Brian Whittle: Team GB Success at Pyeongchang Olympic Games (lodged on 01

March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10758 Stuart McMillan: Generous Amazon Staff in Gourock Donate to Calum's Cabin

(lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10757</u> Jenny Gilruth: MeganM Fit, Fife's Best (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10756</u> Jenny Gilruth: The Lemon Tree Café, Fife's Best (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

<u>S5M-10754</u> Ben Macpherson: Film Industry Attracted to Scotland (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10753 Joan McAlpine: Here's to a Good Year on the Nith (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10752 Stuart McMillan: Scottish Winners at the RYA Sailability Awards (lodged on 01

March 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

S5M-10675 John Mason: Billy Graham (lodged on 27 February 2018)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst*

<u>S5M-10550</u> Rhoda Grant: Campaign for Focus Ultrasound Device (lodged on 20 February

2018)

New Support: Kezia Dugdale*

S5M-10402 Tom Arthur: Eliminating Hepatitis C in Scotland: A Call to Action (lodged on 09

February 2018)

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New Support: Jackie Baillie*

S5M-10364 Monica Lennon: Incinerators, Public Health and Planning in Scotland (lodged on 07 February 2018)

New Support: Richard Leonard*, Patrick Harvie*, Ross Greer*, Mark Ruskell*

<u>\$5M-10297</u> Neil Bibby: Reconsider RAH Children's Ward Closure (lodged on 05 February

2018)

New Support: Claire Baker*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 21 March 2018

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

- **1. Tom Arthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how many households in the Renfrewshire South constituency have been assisted by the Scottish Welfare Fund since 2013. (\$50-01907)
- 2. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to people in Inverclyde in receipt of universal credit to assist them to have greater control over their household budget. (S50-01908)
- **3. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle loneliness and social isolation in the South Scotland region. (S50-01909)
- **4. Bruce Crawford:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the impact of universal credit in areas where it has been introduced. (S50-01910)
- **5. Jackson Carlaw:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the need to promote gender equality. (S50-01911)
- **6. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it offers to people from lower income backgrounds to tackle inequality. (S50-01912)
- **7. Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that people do not lose universal credit because of the starter rate of income tax. (\$50-01913)
- **8. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to mark the UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. (S50-01914)
- **9. Stewart Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle period poverty. (S50-01915)
- **10. Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what its policy is regarding empty homes in the private sector. (S50-01916)
- **11. Andy Wightman:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to incorporate the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights into Scots law. (S50-01917)
- **12. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Gypsy/Traveller ministerial working group last met. (S50-01918)
- **13. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the recent roll-out of universal credit and the impact that this has had on vulnerable people in Scotland. (S50-01919)
- **14. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government how the Scottish social security system will support people seeking to appeal decisions. (S50-01920)
- **15. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions have taken place regarding the recent publication of the *Housing Statistics for Scotland Quarterly Update*. (S50-01921)
- **16. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the cold-spell heating assistance regulations will maintain eligibility for people who currently receive Cold Weather Payments. (<u>S50-01922</u>)

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- **17. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to reduce the factors that impact on child poverty. **(S50-01923)**
- **18. David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the cold-spell heating assistance process will rely on postcode to weather station mapping or localised forecasts to determine eligibility. (S50-01924)
- **19. Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government, to avoid serial applications by developers, what provisions there are in the Planning (Scotland) Bill to ensure that communities have an equal right of appeal in planning decisions. **(S50-01925)**
- **20.** Christina McKelvie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its housing policy as it relates to homeless non-UK EU nationals in Scotland. (S50-01926)

General Questions selected for answer on 22 March 2018

- **1. Johann Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that Glasgow City Council has increased charges for childcare. (S50-01927)
- **2. Jenny Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of problem drug users are receiving treatment. (S50-01928)
- **3. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the provision of more direct rail services between Ayrshire and Edinburgh. (\$50-01929)
- **4. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to extend concessionary travel for all 16- to 18-year-olds. (\$\frac{550-01930}{}\)
- **5. Ash Denham:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support mental health in the workplace. (\$50-01931)
- **6. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many businesses' non-domestic rates bill increased as a result of the 2017 revaluation. (\$50-01932)
- 7. Alex Rowley: [Not Lodged]
- **8. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to local authorities responsible for the maintenance of strategic park and ride facilities. (S50-01934)
- **9. John Finnie:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact on Scotland has been of bus deregulation since it was introduced in 1986. (\$50-01935)
- **10. Margaret Mitchell:** To ask the Scottish Government how many solicitors are taking part in the police station duty scheme, and which bar associations and societies have withdrawn from it. (\$50-01936)

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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 14 March 2018

<u>S5W-15239</u> **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-14938 by Jamie Hepburn on 12 March 2018, what the new mix of subcontractors is in the (a) Tayside and (b) West Lots.

<u>S5W-15259</u> Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the practice adopted in Europe, what consideration it has given to using pure rock salt instead of a mix of grit and rocksalt during hazardous icy road conditions, which is understood to minimise issues caused by excess grit.

<u>S5W-15260</u> **Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the Scottish Government how many enterprises there are in Scotland, and what percentage is account-managed by Scottish Enterprise.

<u>\$5W-15263</u> **Alison Johnstone**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its discussions with COSLA regarding a nationwide minimum school clothing grant.

<u>\$5W-15264</u> **Alison Johnstone:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to the report, *Findings from 2017 School Clothing Grants Survey*, by the Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland, One Parent Families Scotland and The Poverty Truth Commission.

<u>\$5W-15265</u> **Alison Johnstone:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to reported concerns that school uniform policies that require families to purchase branded, rather than generic, items can have a negative impact on their affordability.

<u>\$5W-15266</u> **Alison Johnstone:** To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it is giving to local authorities to provide automatic awards of school clothing grants to eligible families.

<u>\$5W-15267</u> **Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on formally recognising Diabulimia as a medical condition.

<u>S5W-15268</u> **Tavish Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that parents are paying for counselling to help pupils cope with exam stress.

<u>S5W-15269</u> **Tavish Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government what counselling support it offers to pupils who are undertaking exams.

<u>S5W-15270</u> **Tavish Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that specialist teacher numbers have fallen by 16% in five years, in light of the number of pupils with additional support needs rising by 55% since 2012.

<u>S5W-15271</u> **Tavish Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government how many schools have adopted alternative models of teaching under the curriculum for excellence, and what its position is on this figure.

<u>S5W-15272</u> **Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many times the (a) A77 south of the Whitletts Roundabout and (b) A75 between Stranraer and Gretna has been closed, including closures in one direction, in each of the last five years, broken down by (i) reason for and (ii) duration of the closure.

<u>\$5W-15274</u> **Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the pilot scheme of increasing HGV speed limits from 40mph to 50mph on sections of the A9, and what plans it has to expand this trial to include (a) the A77, (b) the A75 and (c) other routes.

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<u>S5W-15276</u> Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress being made by the Scottish Funding Council on producing guidance for universities and colleges to support them in developing and publishing their BSL plans by October 2018.

<u>S5W-15277</u> **Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-12701 by Humza Yousaf on 23 November 2017, in light of the objection period for the proposed return to a 70mph speed limit being closed more than two years ago, whether it is possible to provide an estimate of when Transport Scotland's review will deliver a recommendation, and what its position is on the time taken by this review.

<u>S5W-15278</u> **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-13733 by Aileen Campbell on 18 January 2018, when it will publish the findings of the welfare advice service facilitator.

<u>S5W-15279</u> **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-13733 by Aileen Campbell on 18 January 2018, how much funding has been made available for a welfare advice service facilitator in 2018-19.

<u>\$5W-15280</u> **David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government how many radioactive isotope materials were used in (a) 2015, (b) 2016 and (c) 2017, broken down by NHS Board.

<u>\$5W-15281</u> **Peter Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government by what date the remaining 5% of 2016 Less Favoured Areas Support Scheme (LFASS) money will be delivered to claimants. **R**

<u>\$5W-15282</u> **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-13766 by Jeane Freeman on 25 January 2018, when its position statement on the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) will be published.

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Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 14 March 2018 and is subject to the negative procedure—

National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/94) laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

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Proposals for Members' Bills

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

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

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

Final Proposal for Member's Bills

Monica Lennon: Proposed Sanitary Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill Bill—A proposal for a Bill to ensure free access to sanitary products, including in schools, colleges and universities (lodged 7 March 2018)

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

Supported by: Iain Gray, Jackie Baillie, Neil Bibby, Andy Wightman, Neil Findlay

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill

Introduced, 13 March 2018

Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill (G)

Passed, 21 February 2018

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Education and Skills)), 6 December 2017

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

Stage 2 completed, 6 March 2018

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

Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 20 March 2018

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Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities and Human Rights)), 1 March 2018

Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report (Local Government and Communities Committee) published, 1 February 2018

Islands (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee), 21 March 2018

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 15 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam @parliament.scot)

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 6 March 2018

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 13 March 2018

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

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 15 March 2018

Planning (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government and Communities)), 14 March 2018

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

Consideration Stage (Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee), 7 March 2018

Prescription (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 6 March 2018

Scottish Crown Estate Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)), 13 March 2018

Social Security (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 1 March 2018

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

UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

Stage 2 (Finance and Constitution Committee), 14 March 2018
Evidence (Equalities and Human Rights Committee), 15 March 2018
Evidence (Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee), 15 March 2018
Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 21 March 2018

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Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/31313.aspx

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

Lodged on 12 September 2017

Debate, meeting of the Parliament, 23 January 2018

Interim Report - Finance and Constitution Committee (1st Report, 2018)

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