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Business Bulletin

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Chamber Desk Arrangements during the October Recess

During the October recess from 08 to 19 October, the Chamber Desk will be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Monday to Thursday and 10.00 am to 3.30 pm on a Friday. Normal opening arrangements will resume on Monday 22 October.

Business Bulletins during October Recess

During the recess, Business Bulletins will be published once a week on each Monday. Motions that members wish to appear in a Monday edition of the Business Bulletin should be lodged by 2.30 pm the previous Friday.

Portfolio Questions 24 October and General Questions 25 October 2018

Members are advised that the deadline for submitting names for Portfolio Questions on 24 October and General Questions on 25 October is 12 noon on Monday 15 October. Members who are selected will be advised by email on that day. Members selected will have until 12 noon on Wednesday 17 October to submit their questions. The submitted questions will appear in the Business Bulletin on Monday 22 October 2018. The Portfolio will be Health and Sport.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11:40 am General Questions
12:00 pm First Minister's Questions
12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-14031
Elaine Smith: Challenge Poverty Week
2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Health and Care Update
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Women and Girls in Sport Week
followed by Scottish Government Motion: Scottish Fiscal Commission – Appointments
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee
9:00am Equalities and Human Rights Committee
9:00am Social Security Committee
10:00am Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee
1:00pm Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

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11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Tavish Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government whether an islands impact assessment was carried out when it removed the water and sewerage charges exemption for charitable bodies, such as public community halls. ([S5O-02439](#))
- 2. Sandra White:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Police Scotland regarding the reported list of flags that it could be a criminal offence to fly. ([S5O-02440](#))
- 3. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what efforts it is making to improve international transport connectivity. ([S5O-02441](#))
- 4. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve accessibility at railway stations. ([S5O-02442](#))
- 5. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last spoke to the UK immigration minister. ([S5O-02443](#))
- 6. Dean Lockhart:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of staff shortages on local fire services. ([S5O-02444](#))
- 7. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to provide flexibility for recipients of universal credit. ([S5O-02445](#))
- 8. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will ask NHS Ayrshire and Arran to review its policy on providing cataract operations. ([S5O-02446](#))
- 9. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is collaborating with third sector organisations and other partners to tackle food insecurity. ([S5O-02447](#))
- 10. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with local authorities in the Highlands and Islands in advance of setting council budgets for the coming year. ([S5O-02448](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Ruth Davidson:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02653](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02654](#))
- 3. Willie Rennie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02655](#))
- 4. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the First Minister what impact the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse in Scotland has had since its introduction in 2015. ([S5F-02679](#))
- 5. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking in response to reports that there has been the biggest rise in HIV infection in Scotland for three decades. ([S5F-02657](#))
- 6. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government is doing to ensure that all historic complaints of harassment within its workplace are properly investigated and dealt with. ([S5F-02662](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-14031 Elaine Smith: Challenge Poverty Week](#)—That the Parliament recognises Challenge Poverty Week 2018, which runs from 1 to 7 October; notes the activities and events across Scotland to mark the week, including at the Conforti Institute in Coatbridge, to highlight the realities of, as well as the possible solutions to, poverty; understands that one million people in Scotland are living in poverty; considers that it is not right that so many people in society are locked into this; believes that it restricts the choices that people can make; notes the view that the grip of poverty can be loosened by boosting incomes, reducing costs and ensuring that everyone can participate in society, and commends the work taking place every day in communities across Scotland to tackle poverty.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Health and Care Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Women and Girls in Sport Week

[S5M-14194 Joe FitzPatrick: Women and Girls in Sport Week](#)—That the Parliament agrees that increased participation in sport and physical health improves health and wellbeing, leads to improved self-esteem and, at the elite level, brings international success; recognises that, although physical activity levels among women and girls are increasing, everyone must work together to remove the barriers that some still face when it comes to getting involved in sport and physical activity; recognises the positive work that Active Schools is taking in increasing the participation of girls, and welcomes the work of the Women and Girls in Sport Advisory Board and the continued commitment to a dedicated Scottish Women and Girls in Sport Week.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-14194.1 Brian Whittle: Women and Girls in Sport Week](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-14194 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick (Women and Girls in Sport Week), insert at end "; recognises the inequality of access to sport and physical activity across demographics, which is especially significant to women and girls' participation, and considers that the goal must be equal access for all irrespective of background or personal circumstances."

[S5M-14194.2 Anas Sarwar: Women and Girls in Sport Week](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-14194 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick (Women and Girls in Sport Week), insert at end "; notes the continued disparity in participation rates between boys and girls, as outlined in the most recent Scottish Health Survey, as well as the ongoing link between deprivation and low participation rates, and raises concern regarding the Scottish Government's limited success in making progress on this issue; recognises the importance of having inspirational role models that are representative of all backgrounds to encourage more people to get involved in sport; congratulates the Scotland women's national football team on qualifying for the World Cup finals in 2019, and warmly welcomes the Scottish Government's support for the team as it prepares for the tournament."

followed by Scottish Government Motion: Scottish Fiscal Commission – Appointments

[S5M-14208](#) Derek Mackay: Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission—That the Parliament agrees the recommendation of the Finance and Constitution Committee that the Scottish Government nominations to the Scottish Fiscal Commission be approved.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-14211](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee 25th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Article 50 negotiations:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Anand Menon, Director, UK in a Changing Europe.
2. **Transient Visitor Levy:** The Committee will take evidence from
Fiona Campbell, Chief Executive, Association of Scotland's Self-Caterers;
Marc Crothall, Chief Executive, Scottish Tourism Alliance;
Peter Irvine MBE, Author and Founder of Unique Events;
William Macleod, Executive Director - Scotland, UK Hospitality.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 25th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Maree Todd, Minister for Children and Young People, Paul Beaton, Bill Team Leader, Tom McNamara, Head of Youth Justice and Children's Hearings, and Liz Blair, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.
2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2019-20:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2019-20 from—
Councillor Jennifer Layden, City Convenor for Equalities and Human Rights, and Louise MacKenzie, Group Manager for Strategic Policy and Planning, Glasgow City Council;
Rosemary Mackinnon, Principal Policy Officer for Equality, Highland Council;
Audrey Cameron, Development Officer for Equalities, and Liz Fergus, Youthwork Manager, North Lanarkshire Council.
3. **Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.
4. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2019-20 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.

Social Security Committee 19th 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 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] from—

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Dorothy Ogle, Best Start Grant Policy Team Lead, and Colin Brown, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move—

S5M-14101—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on—

the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions to the Social Security Chamber) Regulations 2018 [draft];

the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft];

the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/273);

the Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Social Security Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/274);

the Social Security Appeals (Expenses and Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/275);

the Scottish Tribunals (Eligibility for Appointment) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/276)

from—

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Naeem Bhatti, Head of Complaints, Re-Determinations and Appeals Policy, Colin Brown, Solicitor, and Susan Robb, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move—

S5M-14156—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions to the Social Security Chamber) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

S5M-14157—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/273);

the Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Social Security Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/274);

the Social Security Appeals (Expenses and Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/275);

the Scottish Tribunals (Eligibility for Appointment) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/276).

7. **Pre-Budget scrutiny:** The Committee will consider a paper by the Clerk.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 22nd Meeting, 2018

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 and 4 in private.
2. **Scotland's colleges 2018:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Scotland's colleges 2018" from—
Paul Johnston, Director-General, Education, Communities and Justice, and Aileen McKechnie, Director for Advanced Learning and Science, Scottish Government;
Dr John Kemp, Interim Chief Executive, Scottish Funding Council;
Andy Witty, Director of Sector Policy, Colleges Scotland.
3. **Scotland's colleges 2018:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Senior Manager, and Mark McCabe, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing 10th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence from—
James Gray, Chief Financial Officer, and Martin Low, Acting Director of ICT, Police Scotland;
Kenneth Hogg, Interim Chief Officer, Scottish Police Authority.
2. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Sub-Committee will decide whether its consideration of a draft report to the Justice Committee on its pre-budget scrutiny and whether consideration of its work programme should be taken in private at future meetings.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 3 October 2018

Tuesday 23 October 2018

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Response to Recommendations on Financial Redress for Survivors of Child Abuse in Care

followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS performance

followed by Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee Debate: Making Scotland a Screen Leader, Report Examining the Scottish Screen Sector

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Committee Announcements

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-11786 Jenny Gilruth: Fife Out-of-hours Closure

Wednesday 24 October 2018

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-13681 Angela Constance: Support for Families of Loved Ones Killed Abroad

Thursday 25 October 2018

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-14162 Jamie Halcro Johnston: Regulation of Electricians as a Profession

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Update on Primary 1 national standardised assessments

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followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's inaugural Contribution to Development report

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 30 October 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

followed by Committee Announcements

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 31 October 2018

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 1 November 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

2:30 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

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5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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.

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Motions for Debate

***S5M-14208 Derek Mackay: Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission**—That the Parliament agrees the recommendation of the Finance and Constitution Committee that the Scottish Government nominations to the Scottish Fiscal Commission be approved.

Supported by: Jamie Hepburn*, Ivan McKee*, Kate Forbes*

S5M-14194 Joe FitzPatrick: Women and Girls in Sport Week—That the Parliament agrees that increased participation in sport and physical health improves health and wellbeing, leads to improved self-esteem and, at the elite level, brings international success; recognises that, although physical activity levels among women and girls are increasing, everyone must work together to remove the barriers that some still face when it comes to getting involved in sport and physical activity; recognises the positive work that Active Schools is taking in increasing the participation of girls, and welcomes the work of the Women and Girls in Sport Advisory Board and the continued commitment to a dedicated Scottish Women and Girls in Sport Week.

Supported by: Clare Haughey, Jeane Freeman

***S5M-14194.3 Alison Johnstone: Women and Girls in Sport Week**—As an amendment to motion S5M-14194 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick (Women and Girls in Sport Week), after "face" insert ", including socioeconomic disadvantage and lack of female coaches, particularly in performance-level sport,". R

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S5M-14213 Margaret Mitchell: Dress for Success Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the work done by Dress for Success Scotland, which is an organisation that aims to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing interview coaching, clothing and one-to-one support to those who are entering the workplace for the first time or re-entering the workplace following, for example, a period of homelessness or time in prison; notes that the organisation was founded in the United States and has affiliates in countries around the world, including the one in Strathclyde Business Park in central Scotland; commends the Scottish social enterprise for offering long-lasting solutions to enable women to break the cycle of poverty, such as through personal development courses; understands that anyone can support the organisation by donating women's clothes, jewellery, accessories and toiletries, or by volunteering their time; believes the Dress for Success Scotland project could be extended to help men with similar backgrounds to the women, and who are also seeking to enter the workplace, and wishes all those involved future success in helping women throughout central Scotland into work.

Supported by: Annie Wells*, Liz Smith*, Edward Mountain*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Tom Mason*, Peter Chapman*, Jamie Greene*, Maurice Corry*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Bill Bowman*, Donald Cameron*, Kenneth Gibson*

***S5M-14212 Dean Lockhart: Success for the Stirling Festival, Animating Our Streets**—That the Parliament recognises the success of the festival, Animating Our Streets, which took place on the streets of Stirling on 21-22 September 2018; recognises that the event, which was a collaboration between Go Forth Stirling and the city's business community, focused on a series of interactive cube art installations that were placed around the city centre streets, which young photographers from the area were invited to capture, and featured outdoor musical performances by artists from the city; congratulates the social entrepreneur, Jane Meikle Bland, and the street artist, Mia McGregor, who ran the initiative to promote Stirling; hopes that this will encourage future such events to take place in the city, and wishes everyone involved with this popular event success in bringing it back in 2019 and beyond.

Supported by: Margaret Mitchell*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Maurice Corry*, Jamie Greene*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Bowman*, Donald Cameron*, Liz Smith*, Tom Mason*, Peter Chapman*, Kenneth Gibson*

***S5M-14211 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

***S5M-14210 Jamie Halcro Johnston: Congratulating the John Rae Society**—That the Parliament congratulates the John Rae Society on completing its final purchase of the Hall of Clestrain in Orphir, Orkney, the birthplace and former home of the explorer, John Rae; understands that the John Rae Society is a charitable organisation that was set up to spread awareness of Rae's achievements, which include discovering the final link of the Northwest

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Passage in the Arctic; considers that John Rae has not been properly recognised for his discoveries; commends the effort made by all members and volunteers to preserve and promote this important piece of Orkney's cultural heritage and to promote Rae's achievements, and wishes the John Rae Society all the best in its efforts to restore the Hall of Clestrain, and in its future endeavours.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Maurice Corry*, Jamie Greene*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Margaret Mitchell*, Alexander Stewart*, Edward Mountain*, Annie Wells*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liam McArthur* R, Kenneth Gibson*

***S5M-14209 Monica Lennon: Show Racism the Red Card's Wear Red Day**—That the Parliament recognises 5 October 2018 as Wear Red Day, a national day of action held by the UK's anti-racism educational charity, Show Racism The Red Card (SRTRC); notes that schools, businesses and individuals are encouraged to wear red and donate to help facilitate the delivery of anti-racism education for young people throughout Scotland and the UK; commends SRTRC for its approach to education and engaging young people through the utilisation of role models, such as high-profile footballers, to help spread its anti-racism message; agrees that there is no place in Scottish society for racism, and urges people across central Scotland and beyond to proudly wear red on 5 October and show support for SRTRC and the positive work that it does to contribute to educating young people and wider society.

Supported by: Neil Findlay*, Annie Wells*, Claire Baker*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Willie Rennie*, John Finnie*, Iain Gray*, Angela Constance*, Sandra White*, Alexander Stewart*, Edward Mountain*, Fulton MacGregor*, Andy Wightman*, Elaine Smith*, Stuart McMillan*

***S5M-14207 Stewart Stevenson: Well Road Play Park**—That the Parliament congratulates the Return of Well Road Play Park group in Buckie on its successful campaign to raise funding to provide a play park in the Well Road area of the town; notes that the group, comprising of mums in the area, has, in little over a year, exceeded its target of £60,000; further notes that the official opening is scheduled for 27 October 2018, and commends the proactive, community-driven campaign, which will enable many children to enjoy access to a fantastic play area in the heart of the community.

***S5M-14206 Jackie Baillie: Amazon and Fair Pay**—That the Parliament notes that Amazon has agreed to pay its staff at least £9.50 per hour; welcomes this, but believes that these workers have endured years of low pay and unacceptable working conditions; considers that this decision to increase the hourly pay rate followed continued pressure by Scottish Labour on the need to ensure that public grants are only given to businesses that operate fair work policies; welcomes what it sees as the Scottish Government's acknowledgement of these concerns, and considers that Amazon should both recognise trade unions and pay its fair share of tax.

***S5M-14205 Gordon MacDonald: Prospect Community Housing to Make a Stand Against Domestic Abuse**—That the Parliament welcomes Prospect Community Housing's pledge to join the Make a Stand campaign; understands that the campaign was launched in June 2018 as part of Alison Inman's presidential appeal to tackle domestic abuse and seeks to ensure that housing organisations support people experiencing domestic abuse; understands that millions of people experience domestic abuse every year and that two women are killed by their partner or ex-partner every week; recognises that the campaign has been developed by the Chartered Institute of Housing, Women's Aid and the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance, and was launched in partnership between housing organisations and Women's Aid; appreciates that the Make a Stand

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pledge is four focused, but easily deliverable, commitments to provide support for victims of domestic abuse, which are embedding a policy to support residents who are affected by domestic abuse, making information about national and local domestic abuse support services available on the website and in other appropriate places so that they are easily accessible for residents and staff, putting in place an HR policy to support members of staff who may be experiencing domestic abuse, and appointing a champion at a senior level in the organisation to own the activity that is being done to support people experiencing domestic abuse; notes that Scotland's 24-hour Domestic Abuse and Forced Marriage Helpline, 0800 027 1234, is available to anyone who is fearful of their partner or is worried about someone they know, and encourages all housing organisations to sign the Make a Stand pledge and take action to support victims of domestic abuse.

Supported by: Emma Harper*, Joan McAlpine*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Bob Doris*, Sandra White*, David Torrance*, Angela Constance*

***S5M-14204 Mark McDonald: Aberdeen Airport Changing Places Accreditation**—That the Parliament congratulates Aberdeen International Airport on achieving Changing Places accreditation for its adult changing facility; understands that the facility, which is located in the departure lounge, is equipped with an adjustable hoist and changing bed; notes that the Changing Places Consortium has campaigned since 2006 to create a network of toilets that can be used by people for whom a standard accessible toilet is not appropriate; commends the work of all involved in the terminal redevelopment for installing such a facility in Aberdeen, and hopes that it will afford a more enjoyable and dignified travelling experience for all who require to use it.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Tom Mason*

***S5M-14203 Michelle Ballantyne: dressCode**—That the Parliament commends Toni Scullion from Gorebridge for launching her new charitable project, dressCode, a modern lunch club for schoolgirls keen to learn and apply coding; notes that Toni, who teaches at St Kentigern's Academy in Blackburn, has helped three pupils form Turing's Testers, a cyber security team that has been placed highly in a number of Scottish and UK competitions, including the coveted Champion of Champions Award at 2017's Scottish Cyber Awards; recognises that Toni has also been named Cyber Security Teacher of the Year; understands that, at dressCode, participants explore game design, app design, web development and cyber security, while an interactive website and syllabus will help girls from around Scotland to get involved and learn important practical skills, with potential for future events and collaborations, and wishes Toni and dressCode all the best in the future.

Supported by: Maurice Corry*, Jamie Greene*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Tom Mason*, Peter Chapman*, Margaret Mitchell*, Murdo Fraser*, Alison Harris*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Bowman*, Angela Constance*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*

***S5M-14202 Claudia Beamish: Climate Week 2018**—That the Parliament celebrates Climate Week 2018, which runs from 1 to 5 October; recognises what it sees as the inspiring efforts of organisations, communities, businesses and individuals in the transition to a zero-carbon society and the forward-thinking events taking place across the country to showcase the work that is being carried out to tackle climate change; commends the climate literacy course, which has been developed by the Royal Scottish Geographical Society and the University of Stirling, with backing from the Scottish Government; agrees that the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill is an opportunity for Members to secure Scotland's position as a global climate leader; understands that the country has a responsibility to deliver climate action in line with the Paris Agreement; recognises the need for Scotland to take responsibility for its historic

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emissions; believes that now is the time for real ambition and that Scotland should aim to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 at the latest; considers that robust interim targets are vital to ensure that the job of tackling climate change is not pushed onto the shoulders of future generations; believes that a statutory, long-term Just Transition Commission will be essential to safeguard communities and jobs; celebrates what it sees as the progress that Scotland has made so far in reducing emissions, and, for the sake of everyone on the frontline of climate change around the world, for a beautiful planet and for future generations, calls on the Scottish and other governments to be bold in their approach to climate change.

Supported by: Mary Fee*, Pauline McNeill*, Monica Lennon*, Mark Ruskell*, Andy Wightman*, Iain Gray*, Johann Lamont*

***S5M-14201 Angus MacDonald: Falkirk Council Receives Funding for Electric Vehicle Studies**—That the Parliament welcomes the funding given to 10 local authorities across Scotland, including Falkirk Council, which will be used to study the uptake in electric vehicles; understands that these studies will seek to develop a pipeline of potential future infrastructure developments across the country in order to support the move to electric vehicles; notes that the funding is provided by the Scottish Government and delivered by the Energy Savings Trust as part of the Switched on Towns and Cities programme; commends the Scottish Government's intention to deliver 20 electric towns by 2025, further reducing Scotland's emissions in towns and cities and building on what it considers the track record of success in reducing carbon emissions on the journey to a 90% reduction by 2050; understands that Scotland is outperforming the rest of the UK in terms of reducing carbon emissions; encourages everyone to play their part in this by using alternative travel methods for short journeys, and looks forward to seeing the results of these studies by April 2019.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Bill Kidd*, Emma Harper*, Mark Ruskell*, Sandra White*, Bruce Crawford*, John Mason*, David Torrance*, Angela Constance*

***S5M-14200 Jackson Carlaw: Fantastic Scottish Opera Highlights Show in Eastwood**—That the Parliament commends Scottish Opera on its national tour, *Opera Highlights*, which opened at Eastwood Park Theatre in Giffnock on 20 September 2018; notes that this was the first of 17 venues prior to Christmas, which will be followed by a further 17 in the new year; commends the community-centred nature of the show, which it believes will enable thousands to enjoy performances in theatres, village halls and community centres across the country; congratulates Scottish Opera's head of music, Derek Clark, its opera highlights director, Daisy Evans, and everyone else involved with creating what it considers a cohesive and entertaining programme that showpieces highlights of world-renowned operas, including popular works such as Donizetti's *L'elisir d'amore*, Mozart's *Don Giovanni* and Strauss's *Die Fledermaus*; congratulates Scottish Opera and all concerned on the outstanding performance in Eastwood, and wishes the company every success with this and its other work.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tom Mason*, Peter Chapman*, Jamie Greene*, Maurice Corry*, Margaret Mitchell*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Alexander Stewart*, Liz Smith*, Alison Harris*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Bill Bowman*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Annie Wells*

***S5M-14199 Stewart Stevenson: Donna Strickland Awarded Nobel Prize**—That the Parliament recognises the achievements of Donna Strickland in the development of laser-based tools, and congratulates her on being awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics.

***S5M-14198 Claudia Beamish: BBC Documentary, Drowning in Plastic**—That the Parliament recognises the work carried out by the BBC in its documentary, *Drowning in Plastic*, which

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highlighted the damage caused to the world's oceans, and the huge danger to marine life, from plastic pollution; understands that Scotland is host to a multitude of species that are susceptible to the danger of plastics through ingestion, entanglement or suffocation; encourages the support of community litter picks and beach cleans; notes what it sees as the outstanding work that such activities do in removing plastics from the seas around the coast, and welcomes and encourages volunteer initiatives such as the Great Nurdle Hunt and the great British Beach Clean.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Rona Mackay*, Bill Kidd*, Alex Rowley*, Pauline McNeill*, Mark Ruskell*, Johann Lamont*

***S5M-14197 Ross Greer: Pay Rise for Amazon Workers—**That the Parliament congratulates Amazon workers and their trade unions on securing a pay rise to £9.50 per hour in the UK and \$15 in the US; notes that this pay rise comes after many months of sustained pressure on Amazon by trade unions, such as Unite and GMB, and others on both sides of the Atlantic, including the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Better than Zero Campaign; believes, however, that this pay rise is only a first step towards improving working conditions at Amazon; notes that an undercover investigation in 2016 found that workers in Amazon UK warehouses were subject to unrealistically high productivity targets, leading to workers not having sufficient time for breaks, meals or even the use of toilet facilities; expresses concern regarding a leaked Amazon training video that it believes suggests managers engage in anti-trade union activities, and calls on Amazon to recognise trade unions and take immediate action alongside those unions to address what it sees as poor working conditions in its warehouses.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Patrick Harvie*, Mark Ruskell*, Sandra White*

***S5M-14196 Jamie Halcro Johnston: Kyle Linklater, SECTT 2nd Stage Apprentice of the Year—**That the Parliament congratulates Kyle Linklater, who is an apprentice with Orkney firm E Fraser Electrical, on being named by the Scottish Electrical Charitable Training Trust (SECTT) as the 2nd Stage Apprentice of the Year; notes that this follows a competition that took the form of an all-day practical test and a written paper; understands that Kyle won a heat at Moray College prior to the final; commends him and E Fraser Electrical on this great result, and wishes Kyle and the business all the very best.

Supported by: Tom Mason*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Peter Chapman*, Jamie Greene*, Maurice Corry*, Margaret Mitchell*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Liz Smith*, Alison Harris*, Bill Kidd*, Bill Bowman*, David Torrance*, Angela Constance*, Annie Wells*

***S5M-14154 Jackie Baillie: Locals Win Big in 2018 Provost's Civic Award—**That the Parliament congratulates Dana Louise Dolan on winning the Arts and Culture category, Harry Crossan on being named Youth Champion, Dumbarton District MS Group on winning the Community/Volunteer Team Category, and Jim McLaren on winning both the Citizen of the Year and Community/Volunteer Individual category at the 2018 Provost's Civic Awards; recognises the incredible individual and collective achievements demonstrated by this group of award winners; praises in particular the quick thinking and skill of Harry Crossan, who put his life-saving training that he had learnt in school to use when he saved his sister's life, and recognises the achievements and efforts of all the award winners and runners-up.

***S5M-14153 Claudia Beamish: Solidarity with Environmental Protestors—**That the Parliament notes with concern the 16-month prison sentences by Preston Crown Court that have been imposed on the anti-fracking protesters, Rich Loizou, Richard Roberts and Simon Roscoe Blevins; understands that this is the first time since 1932 that environmental protesters have received a custodial sentence; recognises what it sees as the commitment and bravery of the three in

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standing up against those whom it believes are increasing the threat of climate change by continuing to try to develop onshore fracking sites, and believes that this move is causing worry and confusion for people in the South Scotland region, and across the country, who are campaigning against fracking or who are involved with other environmental groups or protests, particularly in light of Police Scotland's Annual Police Plan reportedly placing anti-fracking demonstrators in the "domestic extremists" category.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S5M-14195](#) Kenneth Gibson: Persecution of Human Rights Activists in Saudi Arabia (lodged on 02 October 2018)

New Support: Richard Lyle*, Mark McDonald*

[S5M-14193](#) Peter Chapman: North East Success in Third Annual Scottish Beer Awards (lodged on 02 October 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Alexander Stewart*, Tom Mason*, Jeremy Balfour*, Mark McDonald*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-14192](#) Alison Johnstone: Specialist Breastfeeding Support in Lothian (lodged on 02 October 2018)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Ross Greer*, Neil Findlay*, Miles Briggs*, Elaine Smith*

[S5M-14190](#) Bill Kidd: Kash Farooq from Scotstoun, British Bantamweight Champion (lodged on 02 October 2018)

New Support: Bruce Crawford*, Bob Doris*, Tom Mason*, Stuart McMillan*, Jenny Gilruth*, Mark McDonald*

[S5M-14189](#) Lewis Macdonald: Sue Ryder Virtual Reality Therapy Suite (lodged on 02 October 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason* R, Mark McDonald*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Smyth*, Maureen Watt*, Angela Constance*

[S5M-14179](#) Gil Paterson: Milngavie Music Club International Concert Series (lodged on 02 October 2018)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*, Bill Kidd*, Emma Harper*, Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*

[S5M-14177](#) Mary Fee: Baby Loss Awareness Week, 9 to 15 October 2018 (lodged on 02 October 2018)

New Support: Claudia Beamish*, Alex Rowley*, Mark McDonald*, Alison Johnstone*, Johann Lamont*, Angela Constance*

[S5M-14176](#) Alexander Stewart: Google Digital Garage Bus to be Hosted by the Coalfields Regeneration Trust (lodged on 02 October 2018)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S5M-14175](#) Neil Findlay: Fire Brigades Union's 100th Birthday (lodged on 02 October 2018)

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New Support: Alex Rowley*, Mark McDonald*, Angela Constance*

[S5M-14174](#) Alexander Stewart: New Gym for Autism in Alloa Receives Donation From Stirling Insulation Manufacturer (lodged on 02 October 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason*, Jeremy Balfour*

[S5M-14173](#) James Dornan: Merrylee Residents and Tenants Organisation Community Bursary Scheme (lodged on 02 October 2018)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Jenny Gilruth*, Johann Lamont*

[S5M-14172](#) Alexander Stewart: Ancre Somme Association Scotland Award from the Heritage Lottery Fund (lodged on 02 October 2018)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S5M-14171](#) Jenny Gilruth: Partnership Success for the National Women's Rugby Team (lodged on 01 October 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason*, Johann Lamont*

[S5M-14170](#) Bill Kidd: ANYiSO's New Office (lodged on 01 October 2018)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

[S5M-14169](#) Gordon MacDonald: Botanical Library to Aid Scotland's Gin Producers (lodged on 01 October 2018)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

[S5M-14166](#) Iain Gray: World Teachers' Day (lodged on 01 October 2018)

New Support: Bob Doris*, Alex Rowley*, Stuart McMillan*, Tavish Scott*, Johann Lamont*

[S5M-14162](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Regulation of Electricians as a Profession (lodged on 01 October 2018)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Liam McArthur*, James Kelly*

[S5M-14159](#) Maureen Watt: League Cup Semi-final Fixtures (lodged on 01 October 2018)

New Support: Lewis Macdonald*

[S5M-14158](#) Miles Briggs: Hospice Care Week 2018 (lodged on 01 October 2018)

New Support: Edward Mountain*

[S5M-14127](#) Monica Lennon: Celebrating World Tourism Day (lodged on 27 September 2018)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-14123](#) Monica Lennon: South Lanarkshire Care Homes Under Threat (lodged on 27 September 2018)

New Support: Mark Griffin*, Elaine Smith*

[S5M-14106](#) Sandra White: UN International Day of Older Persons (lodged on 26 September 2018)

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New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

[S5M-14102](#) Iain Gray: Celebrating the Boys' Brigade at 135 (lodged on 26 September 2018)

New Support: Johann Lamont*

[S5M-14097](#) Daniel Johnson: Report on Autistic Children's Experiences of School (lodged on 26 September 2018)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-14078](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Hillend Snowsport Centre Disrepair and Cancellation of Classes (lodged on 25 September 2018)

New Support: Kezia Dugdale*

[S5M-14031](#) Elaine Smith: Challenge Poverty Week (lodged on 20 September 2018)

New Support: Andy Wightman*

[S5M-13963](#) Mark Ruskell: Welfare of Farmed Salmon (lodged on 18 September 2018)

New Support: Mark McDonald*

[S5M-13882](#) Keith Brown: Home-Start Clackmannanshire Celebrates its 30th Birthday (lodged on 12 September 2018)

New Support: Mark McDonald*

[S5M-13878](#) Lewis Macdonald: Remembering Professor Jim Hutchison, Inventor of the MRI Machine (lodged on 12 September 2018)

New Support: Mark McDonald*

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Written Questions

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

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

Government initiated questions lodged on 03 October 2018

[S5W-19179](#) Gillian Martin: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans to bring forward a Female Genital Mutilation Bill.

Written questions lodged on 03 October 2018

[S5W-19165](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, further to its news release of 29 July 2018, *£2 million more for breastfeeding support*, how much each NHS board will receive, broken down by timescale.

[S5W-19166](#) Peter Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government what was discussed at the Ministerial Forum (EU negotiations) on 17 September 2018; what conclusions were, or agreement was, reached; whether it will make a statement on these; what dates have been set for future meetings of the forum, and who will attend on its behalf.

[S5W-19167](#) Anas Sarwar: To ask the Scottish Government whether a decision has been made regarding the cystic fibrosis drug, Orkambi, which was being considered for assessment under the new ultra-orphan medicine pathway that took effect on 1 October 2018.

[S5W-19168](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on the social and demographic profile of residential customers of Scottish Water.

[S5W-19169](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how many residential customers have received single person discounts from Scottish Water in each of the last 10 years.

[S5W-19170](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what the total value of discounts given to residential customers of Scottish Water has been in each of the last 10 years.

[S5W-19171](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government when its review of Scottish Water discounts will (a) conclude and (b) be published.

[S5W-19172](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to remove discounts for residential customers of Scottish Water.

[S5W-19173](#) Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-17470 by Humza Yousaf on 25 July 2018, by what date the findings of the independent deliverability assessment will be published.

[S5W-19174](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government who the members are of the board of Caledonian Assets Maritime Ltd (CMAL), also broken down by the date (a) of their appointment and (b) that their appointment is scheduled to cease.

[S5W-19175](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what professional external interests have been declared by (a) the chair, (b) each member of the board of and (c) each senior executive staff member of Caledonian Assets Maritime Ltd (CMAL), including interests that have ceased in the last five years.

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[S5W-19176 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to bring together Ferguson Marine and Caledonian Assets Maritime Ltd (CMAL) to resolve the issues relating to the current ferry contract.

[S5W-19177 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what governance arrangements apply to Caledonian Assets Maritime Ltd (CMAL).

[S5W-19178 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government how often ministers meet Caledonian Assets Maritime Ltd (CMAL), and when they (a) last met and (b) will next meet.

[S5W-19180 Mark McDonald](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to promote and encourage the everyday use of the Scots language.

[S5W-19181 Mark McDonald](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that patients with terminal illnesses are able to realise their wishes in respect of where they spend their final days.

[S5W-19182 Mark McDonald](#): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review the care and support provided to terminally ill patients by (a) NHS boards, (b) local authorities and (c) health and social care partnerships in order to ensure best practice.

[S5W-19183 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding how many patients have had feeding tubes fitted in each year since 2007, broken down by NHS board.

[S5W-19184 Michelle Ballantyne](#): To ask the Scottish Government which local authorities (a) have introduced or (b) plan to introduce a dyslexia policy for (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools.

[S5W-19185 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether its awarding of grants or funding to organisations is subject to a gender or equalities review of the recipient's policies and governance processes.

[S5W-19186 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to reflect the EU's key principles of procurement policy, which are reflected in the Scottish Public Finance Manual, and the principle of equal treatment and non-discrimination in its awarding of grants or funding to organisations after the UK leaves the EU.

[S5W-19187 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether the Fair Work Action Plan will specifically cover equality and non-discrimination implications for awarding public finance or grants to organisations.

[S5W-19188 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on continuing or ceasing funding to organisations that, subsequent to being awarded funding, are found by an employment tribunal to have discriminated against, harassed or victimised an employee due to their gender.

[S5W-19197 Dean Lockhart](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the A811 should be designated as a trunk road.

[S5W-19198 Dean Lockhart](#): To ask the Scottish Government what minimum building standards and requirements must be met for all proposed developments in the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.

[S5W-19199 Dean Lockhart](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has carried out of the condition of the A811 between Stirling and Balloch.

[S5W-19200 Michelle Ballantyne](#): To ask the Scottish Government where the 400 staff recruited initially by Social Security Scotland will be based, broken down by (a) Parliamentary region and (b) local authority area.

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Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 3 October 2018

Planning (Scotland) Bill – Stage 2

After section 14

Graham Simpson

324 After section 14, insert—

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Determination of applications: biodiversity effects

- (1) The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 37 (determination of applications: general considerations), in subsection (1)(a), after “27B(2)” insert “, 37A”.
- (3) After section 37 insert—

“37A Determination of applications: biodiversity effects

- (1) Where it appears to a planning authority that a development that is the subject of an application for planning permission may have an effect on biodiversity in the area to which the application relates, the authority must consider the possible biodiversity effects.
- (2) Having considered the possible biodiversity effects, a planning authority may grant planning permission only where they are satisfied that the applicant has taken in the design of the development, or proposes to take in the course of the development, sufficient measures to ensure net positive effects on biodiversity would be likely to result from the development.”.>

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New Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn on 3 October 2018—

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2018 [draft]

Progress of Legislation

Bills

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (evidence, Equalities and Human Rights)), 4 October 2018

Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 2 October 2018

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

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

Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 6 September 2018

Lead committee - Equalities and Human Rights

Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)), 25 September 2018

Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 14 June 2018

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Lead committee - Economy, Energy and Fair Work

Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government and Communities)), 26 September 2018

Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (evidence, Health and Sport Committee)), 2 October 2018

Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health and Sport Committee)), 2 October 2018

Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill (P)

Introduced, 25 June 2018

Committee - Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill

Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 26 June 2018

Planning (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 4) (Local Government and Communities Committee), 24 October 2018

Any further amendments to Part 3 of the Bill (sections 12-20) to be considered on Day 4 - should be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot) by 12 noon on Thursday 4 October.

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

Consideration Stage (Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee), 26 September 2018

Prescription (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 25 September 2018

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

Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 21 September 2018

Scottish Crown Estate Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 18 September 2018

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

Transport (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (evidence, Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 3 October 2018

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

Passed, 21 March 2018

The Bill has been referred to the Supreme Court under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland.

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Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice Committee)), 26 June 2018

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>

Crime (Overseas Production Orders) Bill

Lodged on 7 September 2018

Holocaust (Return of Cultural Objects) (Amendment) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-15

Lodged on 15 March 2018

Motion agreed by the Parliament, 8 May 2018

Ivory Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-16

Lodged on 6 June 2018

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 4 September 2018

Offensive Weapons Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-17

Lodged on 3 September 2018

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 2 October 2018

Parking (Code of Practice) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-13

Lodged on 5 March 2018

Motion agreed by the Parliament, 5 June 2018

Trade Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-12

Lodged on 20 December 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 2 October 2018

Finance and Constitution Committee, 3 October 2018

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

Affirmative instruments

Lead committee to report by 4 November 2018

[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (10 September 2018)

(Economy, Energy and Fair Work)

Lead committee to report by 5 November 2018

[Early Years Assistance \(Best Start Grants\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) (11 September 2018) (Social Security)

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Lead committee to report by 7 November 2018

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Chambers\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) (13 September 2018) (Social Security)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Allocation of Functions to the Social Security Chamber\) Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) (13 September 2018) (Social Security)

Lead committee to report by 13 November 2018

[Common Financial Tool \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) (19 September 2018) (Economy, Energy and Fair Work)

Lead committee to report by 20 November 2018

[Assigned Colleges \(University of the Highlands and Islands\) Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (26 September 2018) (Education and Skills)

Lead committee to report by 21 November 2018

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2018 Amendment Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) (27 September 2018) (Finance and Constitution)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 4 October 2018

Lead committee to report by 1 October 2018

[Tuberculosis \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Revocation Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/202\)](#) (22 June 2018) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 26 October 2018

Lead committee to report by 22 October 2018

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/211\)](#) (28 June 2018) (Social Security)

[National Health Service \(General Ophthalmic Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/212\)](#) (28 June 2018) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 27 October 2018

Lead committee to report by 22 October 2018

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/215\)](#) (29 June 2018) (Justice)

[Firemen's Pension Scheme \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/216\)](#) (29 June 2018) (Justice)

[Regulation of Investigatory Powers \(Prescription of Offices, etc. and Specification of Public Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/218\)](#) (29 June 2018) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 28 October 2018

Lead committee to report by 22 October 2018

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[Scottish Administration \(Offices\) Order 2018 \(SI 2018/781\)](#) (4 July 2018) (Justice)

[CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme \(Revocation and Savings\) Order 2018 \(SI 2018/841\)](#) (18 July 2018) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Scalpay Island, Isle of Skye, Scallops Several Fishery Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/245\)](#) (1 August 2018) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Licensing \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/256\)](#) (27 August 2018) (Justice)

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Kevin Stewart has identified an error in his contribution and provided the following correction.

Kevin Stewart:

At col 8, paragraph 3—

Original text—

I am aware of the concerns that have been expressed about the Highland Council's proposals to close a number of public toilets, and I discussed that with the council leader on 15 June. At that meeting, I made it clear that, although it is for the council to take decisions on its services, the council should engage with local communities before taking any decisions and should consider the potential longer-term impact on tourism in the area, rather than just short-term financial savings.

Corrected text—

I am aware of the concerns that have been expressed about the Highland Council's proposals to close a number of public toilets, and that this was discussed with the council leader on 15 June. At that meeting, Ms Hyslop made it clear that, although it is for the council to take decisions on its services, the council should engage with local communities before taking any decisions and should consider the potential longer-term impact on tourism in the area, rather than just short-term financial savings.

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