

Thursday 31 January 2019

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

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11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-14877
Iain Gray: The Royal Society of Edinburgh's
Tapping all our Talents 2018 Progress Report
of Women in STEM

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland)
(No.3) Bill

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Committee

9:45am Culture, Tourism, Europe and
External Affairs Committee

10:00am Standards, Procedures and Public
Appointments Committee

1:00pm Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

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11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to make ferry travel more accessible. ([S5O-02839](#))
- 2. Tavish Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made on tendering the Northern Isles Ferry Services contract. ([S5O-02840](#))
- 3. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government how commuters' views inform ScotRail timetabling changes. ([S5O-02841](#))
- 4. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last discussed congestion on the M8 between the St James Interchange and Glasgow city centre with Transport Scotland. ([S5O-02842](#))
- 5. Johann Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government when work will begin on the Glasgow Airport access project, and how it will ensure that it is delivered as outlined in the business case. ([S5O-02843](#))
- 6. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will conclude procurement of the R100 programme, and whether it expects to meet the target of 100% superfast broadband coverage by 2021. ([S5O-02844](#))
- 7. James Kelly:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of ScotRail's performance in the Glasgow region. ([S5O-02845](#))
- 8. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what contact it has had with the Home Office regarding the recently reported case of Mozaffar Saberi and Rezvan Habibimarand. ([S5O-02846](#))
- 9. Bruce Crawford:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the justice secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the impact of Brexit on matters within his portfolio. ([S5O-02847](#))
- 10. Gil Paterson:** To ask the Scottish Government what the justice secretary's position is on what the implications of a no deal Brexit could be for policing in Scotland. ([S5O-02848](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Jackson Carlaw:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03013](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03014](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03015](#))
- 4. Willie Rennie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03016](#))
- 5. Gail Ross:** To ask the First Minister what support the Scottish Government provides to mountain rescue services. ([S5F-03036](#))
- 6. Brian Whittle:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to address the risk of young people being exposed to harmful content on social media. ([S5F-03017](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-14877](#) **Iain Gray: The Royal Society of Edinburgh's Tapping all our Talents 2018**

Progress Report of Women in STEM—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of The Royal Society of Edinburgh's (RSE) report, *Tapping all our Talents 2018: A progress review of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics in Scotland*; notes that this is a follow-up to the RSE's 2012 report into gender equality in STEM; considers that STEM education is vital for the future of workforces, the economy and society in East Lothian and across Scotland; notes with concern the significant gender gap within STEM school education that is outlined in the report; further notes with concern that the proportion of women studying most STEM subjects across colleges and universities has seen, according to the report, "at best, incremental improvement, and, at worst, further decline"; welcomes the key recommendations of the report, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to give these issues serious consideration.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill

[S5M-15625](#) **Derek Mackay: Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S5M-15625.1](#) **Murdo Fraser: Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill**—As an amendment to motion S5M-15625 in the name of Derek Mackay (Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill), insert at end ", but, in so doing, regrets that the income tax gap between Scotland and the rest of the UK will widen as a result."

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Committee Meetings

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

Social Security Committee 4th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Appointments to the Poverty and Inequality Commission (in private):** The Committee will receive a briefing from—
 Shirley Laing, Chair of Poverty and Inequality Commission selection panel and Deputy Director, Social Justice and Regeneration Division, Scottish Government;
 Ian Bruce, Public Appointments Manager, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland;
 Bill Scott, Chair of the Poverty and Inequality Commission.
Not before 10.00 am
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
3. **Draft Social Security Charter:** The Committee will take evidence on the draft Social Security Charter from—
 Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Stephen O'Neill, Social Security Policy Team Leader, and Julie Guy, Principal Social Researcher, Scottish Government;
 Chris Boyland, Strategy, Policy and Corporate Assurance, Social Security Scotland.
4. **Draft Social Security Charter:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move—
 S5M-15598—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Scottish Social Security Charter [draft] be approved.
5. **Future Work:** The Committee will consider a paper by the Clerk to inform its next inquiry.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 3rd Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).
3. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee 4th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposal—

The Creative Europe Programme and Europe for Citizens Programme Revocation (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

2. **Article 50 Negotiations:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Tony Connelly, Europe Editor, RTE News / Irish TV & Radio;

Dr Katy Hayward, Reader, Social Divisions and Conflict, Queens University Belfast.

3. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider evidence heard on Article 50 Negotiations.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 2nd Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Sexual harassment and sexist behaviour (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the recommendations in the report from the Joint Working Group on sexual harassment and sexist behaviour.

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing 2nd Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Sub-Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Police Scotland's priorities and draft budget for 2019-20:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence from—
Chief Constable Iain Livingstone, Police Scotland.
3. **Work programme:** The Sub-Committee will consider its work programme.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 30 January 2019

Tuesday 5 February 2019

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Publication of Scotland's Forestry Strategy 2019-2029

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution – Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Members' Business — S5M-15410 Emma Harper: World Cancer Day 2019

Wednesday 6 February 2019

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Response to the Latest EU Exit Vote in Westminster

followed by Portfolio Questions

followed by Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee Debate: Inquiry into Salmon farming in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Members' Business — S5M-15106 Jeremy Balfour: The Scottish Powerchair Football Association

Thursday 7 February 2019

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-15230 Willie Coffey: Congratulations to Kilmarnock FC on its 150th Anniversary

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution - Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 February 2019

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Preliminary Stage Debate: Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Rate Resolution

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 20 February 2019

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 21 February 2019

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 Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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.

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Motions for Debate

[S5M-15625](#) Derek Mackay: Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill.

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Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

***[S5M-15647](#) Lewis Macdonald: Aberdeen Hydrogen Buses Hit the Million-mile Mark**—That the Parliament recognises that Aberdeen's fleet of hydrogen buses has now completed more than one million miles since the vehicles were introduced to the city's streets in 2015; understands that the Aberdeen Hydrogen Bus Project is delivered by Aberdeen City Council, with support from the Scottish Government, the UK Government and the EU; notes that it consists of 10 buses, which are owned by the council and operated by Stagecoach and FirstGroup; understands that the city is also home to Scotland's first commercial-scale hydrogen production and refuelling stations at Kittybrewster and Cove; welcomes the success of the project in reaching the million-mile mark and reducing carbon emissions and air pollution, and notes the hopes for more hydrogen-powered vehicles being used in Aberdeen and across Scotland.

Supported by: Liam McArthur*, Tom Mason* **R**, John Mason*, Neil Findlay*, Liam Kerr*

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S5M-15631](#) Christine Grahame: Ally Bally Bee**—That the Parliament welcomes the commissioning of a statue of the Galashiels weaver and sweetmaker, Robert Coltart, to be made by the Innerleithen-based sculptor, Angela Hunter, and placed in the town's Market Square; notes that Coltart, who was predominantly a weaver, made Coulter's Candy to supplement his income; further notes that he penned the song, *Ally Bally Bee*, in the mid-19th century to boost its sales,

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and sang it to attract customers as he visited Borders' fairs and markets; understands that, while the recipe for the sweets unfortunately died with Coltart in 1880, the song has continued to be popular as a nursery rhyme with children, receiving a boost when it was published in a newspaper in the 1950s; considers that such local rhymes and songs represent an important part of Scotland's history and culture, and that many children sing these Scottish songs unaware of their pedigree, and believes that it is important that such folk memory, often using the Scots language, is recognised and preserved for future generations.

Supported by: Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Sandra White*, Kenneth Gibson*, David Torrance*, Richard Lyle*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S5M-15655 Liam McArthur: Orkney Sports Awards 2018**—That the Parliament acknowledges the success of the Orkney Sports Awards 2018, which were held on 25 January 2019 at Kirkwall Grammar School in front of a record audience of over 300 guests; congratulates Sarah MacPhail on being named Sportsperson of the Year after a year that saw her captain Scotland's under-21 netball team and break into the full national squad; understands that Sarah fought off strong competition in the form of Michael Drever and Ogla Hamilton, who also had highly impressive seasons in para-trap shooting and cycling respectively; further congratulates Andrew Torbet, who beat off strong competition from a shortlist of eight to win Young Sportsperson of the Year in recognition of his recent call-up to the Scotland squash squad; acknowledges the success of Rebecca Reid, Mhairi Linklater and Belinda Morrison in the Volunteer, Young Volunteer and School Volunteer of the Year categories respectively; notes that the Team of the Year Award went to the Orkney Octopush team, which continues to provide a pipeline of players for the national and Great Britain squads; recognises that it was a particularly successful night for Orkney's gymnasts, who picked up the Young Team of the Year title, while their coach, Jocelyn Tulloch, took the honour of Coach of the Year for her outstanding work in a sport that is growing in popularity locally; welcomes the recognition also given to the contribution made to Orkney swimming by Derek Allen, who won Official of the Year, and Mike Stout, who took the Services to Sport Award for his longstanding commitment to the development of squash and racquetball in the county over many years; further congratulates Freya Kemp, who, as well as being part of the all-conquering gymnastics team, also won Performance of the Year for her terrific display at the international kickboxing championships in Portugal in 2018; thanks the team at Active Schools and all of the sponsors for making such a successful event possible; further thanks the former Glasgow Warriors and Scotland rugby captain, Al Kellock, for attending as the guest of honour, providing inspiration for local athletes of all ages and enabling Orkney's under-11 football team to Facetime Greig Laidlaw and Stuart Hogg at the start of the evening; pays tribute to all the athletes, coaches, volunteers and officials who helped demonstrate the strength, breadth and depth of sporting achievement in Orkney, and wishes them continued success in the future.

***S5M-15654 Jamie Halcro Johnston: Congratulating the John Rae Society on the Renovation of the Hall of Clestrain**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the first stage of the renovation of the Hall of Clestrain in Orkney, the former home of the explorer, John Rae, is now complete; congratulates the efforts of the John Rae Society and the local builders, Paddy Casey Construction, on making the building wind and watertight; recognises that the next stage is to construct a temporary visitors' centre for use on open days and other events, and wishes the John Rae Society every success in achieving this and with its ongoing efforts to renovate this important historic building.

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Supported by: Liz Smith*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Miles Briggs*, Liam McArthur*, Tom Mason*, Alison Harris*, Alexander Stewart*

***S5M-15653 Anas Sarwar: Adrian Williams**—That the Parliament sends its condolences to the family of Adrian Williams, who has recently passed away; notes that he led the Army's delivery of youth and ethnic minority engagement for nine years and was the drive behind Youth Advantage Outreach, which is a programme delivered in collaboration with Scottish Government, local authorities, Police Scotland and other agencies that aims to provide positive interventions for young people who have offended or are involved in antisocial behaviour; understands that when Adrian was charged with leading the Army's engagement with ethnic communities in Scotland, in two years he established a wide network and strong links with various agencies, including the Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations, Scottish Communities Initiatives and the Muslim Council of Scotland, and developed the Etihad Challenge programme, which seeks to break down barriers and misperceptions and building a sense of stakeholdership between ethnic communities and the armed forces; acknowledges the relationships that Adrian developed with Gurdwaras and his role in facilitating armed forces' involvement in the annual Diwali parade in Edinburgh; believes that, through his work, Adrian made many friends across all communities and had a positive impact on peoples' lives; acknowledges that he was a keen traveller, sailor, angler and had a passion for military history, which saw him organise many battlefield tours, and recognises that Adrian was much loved by his colleagues, and will be sadly missed.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Richard Lyle*, Pauline McNeill*, Rachael Hamilton*, Keith Brown*, Tom Mason*, Colin Smyth*

***S5M-15652 Shona Robison: The Empowered Women Project, Highlighting the Negative Impact of False Advertising**—That the Parliament recognises the petition, "LET'S STOP influencers and celebrities working with products promoting speedy weight loss", which has been organised by the founder of the Empowered Women Project, Mandy Jones, and can be found on change.org; understands that Mandy has launched the petition to highlight the dangers of advertising products that encourage rapid weight loss; believes that many celebrities have stated that weight loss companies require a before and after photo when promoting their products, often taken on the same day, which can construct an inaccurate portrayal of healthy weight loss as a result of using a product, and acknowledges the potentially significant damaging effects that portrayals of unrealistic body expectations, which are often perpetuated by and shared widely across social media, can have on the mental health of young people and adults.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Rona Mackay*, Richard Lyle*, Sandra White*

***S5M-15651 Gordon Lindhurst: Funding for smART CRAFT**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the Wester Hailes Community Trust, which is a collaborative organisation that supports community led-development, has awarded WHALE Arts £2,500 towards smART CRAFT, which is an arts group for adults with learning disabilities, mental health issues and additional support needs; notes that this will be used to run the group up to June 2019; acknowledges that the group will be exhibiting its work in a display at WHALE Arts; recognises the social benefits of such groups, and wishes smART CRAFT the very best in continuing to be a source of support for people in south west Edinburgh.

Supported by: Maurice Corry*, Jamie Greene*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Alison Harris*, Liz Smith*, Richard Lyle*, Jeremy Balfour*, Peter Chapman*, Alexander Stewart*, Neil Findlay*, Bill Bowman*, Tom Mason*

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***S5M-15650 Adam Tomkins: Glasgow Airport's Economic Impact**—That the Parliament welcomes reports that Glasgow Airport contributes £1.44 billion to Scotland's economy; notes the findings of a new study on the economic impact of the airport by the consultancy, York Aviation, which projects that this could rise to £2.54 billion by 2040; understands that it supports 2,880 FTE jobs in Renfrewshire, 14,010 in the Glasgow city region, 1,590 in Ayrshire and 23,820 across Scotland as a whole; acknowledges that the study says that there is scope to substantially increase these figures over the coming two decades; considers that the report demonstrates the wider economic impact of the airport beyond the immediate city region; acknowledges that passenger numbers are forecasted to increase from 9.7 million to around 17 million by 2040; notes in particular the study's assessment that "the further development of Glasgow Airport has strong potential to support the region's strengths and help address its weaknesses", and understands that the airport's senior management believes that a rail link connecting it to Glasgow is vital in facilitating economic growth in future years, particularly in the light of increasing congestion on the M8.

***S5M-15649 Alexander Stewart: New Alloa Youth Initiative to be Hosted in St Mungo's Parish Church**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that a charitable youth project will launch early in 2019 aiming to provide much-needed activities for Alloa's young people; understands that work is underway to establish Connect Alloa, which will offer local young people a space to meet and socialise, as well as activities to keep them busy; believes that the idea was instigated by Dave Crozier of Alloa, who embarked on the project two years ago when he joined the Church of Scotland and sought an initiative that sought to map the needs and wants of locals; acknowledges that the St Mungo's Parish Church minister, Rev Sang Y Cha, has also supported the idea; notes that they both wanted to do something with young people to provide a place to reduce social isolation; notes that St Mungo's Parish Church will host Connect Alloa, and wishes everyone involved all the very best for the initiative's future success.

Supported by: Liz Smith*, Murdo Fraser*, Maurice Corry*, Jamie Greene*, Richard Lyle*, Bill Bowman*, Tom Mason*, Alison Harris*

***S5M-15648 Monica Lennon: Mental Welfare Commission's New Guidance on Alcohol-related Brain Injury**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of new guidance on alcohol-related brain damage by the Mental Welfare Commission to inform professionals who treat and care for people with alcohol-related brain conditions; notes that alcohol-related brain injury refers to changes to the structure and functions of the brain resulting from long-term heavy alcohol use and can result in problems with memory, judgement and a person's ability to live independently; understands that alcohol-related brain injury is present in 1.5% of the general population and almost 30% of alcohol-dependent individuals; further understands that the average age of people referred to specialist services is 55 and that three quarters are male; notes that the guidance addresses the assessment of a person's capacity to make their own decisions, once they have a diagnosis, as well as reviewing the legal powers available in Scotland and the use of those powers; considers that alcohol-related brain injury is often not recognised, is under-diagnosed and that patients can be stigmatised due to perceptions that they are difficult to help or that their problems are self-inflicted; believes that the term "damage" can add to stigma and notes the preference of many in the recovery community to refer to "injury" when discussing the spectrum of changes to the brain caused by alcohol, and thanks organisations that provide specialist support, including Penumbra, for raising awareness of alcohol-related brain injury through its summer and Christmas open days in Possilpark and challenging everyone to recognise and support the recovery community.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Richard Lyle*, Stuart McMillan*, Neil Findlay*, Alison Johnstone*

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***[S5M-15646](#) Monica Lennon: Big Lottery Funding for Covey**—That the Parliament congratulates Covey Befriending on receiving £81,542 from the Big Lottery Fund, which will allow its Covey ANGELS project to continue for another three years; commends the project, which facilitates social opportunities through weekly befriending and support, enabling young people with additional support needs to build meaningful relationships with young volunteers from local schools in South Lanarkshire; understands that 20 young people and 14 volunteer befrienders will benefit from this project and activities and outings designed around the needs and goals of each young person, and appreciates the important contribution befriending makes toward building stronger communities and tackling social isolation and loneliness.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Margaret Mitchell*

***[S5M-15645](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Athletes Selected for the European Youth Olympics**—That the Parliament congratulates Lewis Moore, who is 15, and Owen Vinter, 17, and who are both from Glasgow, on being selected by the British Olympic Association as two of the 27 athletes to represent Team GB at the 2019 European Youth Olympic Winter Festival (EYOF), which runs from 9 to 16 February in Sarajevo; notes that Lewis will compete in snowboarding and Owen in Alpine skiing; acknowledges that Team GB will have athletes in seven of the eight disciplines, participating in a mixture of alpine skiing, biathlon, cross-country skiing, curling, figure skating, short-track speed skating and snowboarding; notes that the team consists of athletes aged between 15 and 18; believes that the EYOF plays a crucial role in the development of young athletes and that the competition will provide man with their first multi-sport experience; hopes that the aspiring Olympians will follow in the footsteps of Chemmy Alcott and Katie Summerhayes, who have both graduated to represent Team GB at an the Winter Olympics; notes that Sarajevo will be the 14th edition of the EYOF and the first time that it will be hosted in Bosnia and Herzegovina; understands that approximately 1,500 athletes from 50 countries will take part, in what is Europe's largest multi-sport event, and wished Lewis, Owen and Team GB good luck and hopes that they have an enjoyable experience.

Supported by: Tom Mason*, Liz Smith*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Alexander Stewart*, Maurice Corry*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Jamie Greene*, Alison Harris*, Peter Chapman*, Jeremy Balfour*, Margaret Mitchell*, Bill Bowman*

***[S5M-15644](#) Bob Doris: Congratulations to ANDESCOT on Lottery Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates Association NDE Scotland (ANDESCOT) on receiving £9,970 through the Awards for All Scotland programme of the Big Lottery Fund; acknowledges the work that the organisation does with black and minority ethnic groups in Glasgow and across Scotland to promote cultural cohesion, integration and respect for the rule of law; understands that the voluntary organisation engages with communities to advance educational opportunities through training and outreach, including donations and aid to deprived areas of Cameroon in Africa, and understands that the grant will go towards continuing these efforts to nurture the diverse and multicultural communities that enrich the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn constituency and all of Scotland.

Supported by: Richard Lyle*, Sandra White*, David Torrance*

***[S5M-15643](#) Bob Doris: Congratulations to Rosemount Development Trust on Lottery Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates the Rosemount Development Trust on receiving £8,250 through the Awards for All Scotland programme of the Big Lottery Fund; notes that the trust aims to aid regeneration by working closely with organisations and communities through engagement and consultations; understands that work undertaken by the trust includes the

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Royston Community Vision and Action Plan, which looked at how Royston could progress as a neighbourhood over the next 10 to 20 years, building on the achievements of all Royston's local organisations; notes that this is an ongoing project and has a number of successes, including refurbishment of a number of workshops and business premises and further promoting job opportunities for local residents; understands that it is a key organisation that seeks to empower the community and various groups and organisations within Royston over many years; notes that the trust has also played a significant role in driving forward regeneration projects in the area with other partners within the Royston Strategy Group; acknowledges that the money will go towards supporting a 10-year development strategy, and considers that this is a clear indication and acknowledgement of the strategic importance of Rosemount Development Trust to continuing to empower the communities within Royston.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Richard Lyle*, Sandra White*, David Torrance*

***S5M-15642 Neil Findlay: Students Raise Money for Alzheimer's Charity**—That the Parliament welcomes the efforts of West Calder High School pupils who were awarded £3,000 to support Alzheimer's Scotland; notes that pupils secured the money from the national Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) and came following their impressive presentation on the work of Alzheimer's Scotland; understands YPI is a skills-based organisation that promotes philanthropy in communities and that this money will contribute to Alzheimer's Scotland in continuing to provide support and services to people living with dementia, and congratulates the pupils on their hard work in securing this funding.

Supported by: Gordon Lindhurst*, Bob Doris*

***S5M-15641 Neil Findlay: Katie and Rowan are Local Heroes**—That the Parliament congratulates Katie Perin from Livingston and Rowan Erskine from Bathgate on receiving Young Local Hero awards from the Centre, Livingston; understands that Katie and Rowan were given recognition for their work at the 6th Bathgate Guides unit where they completed an International Community Service programme that involved helping out with various community projects; considers that both girls have gone the extra mile for their local community and wishes them the best of luck with their future charitable endeavours.

***S5M-15640 Neil Findlay: Local Children Take Part in Litter Pick** —That the Parliament commends the efforts of local children from Bathgate Early Years Centre and St Mary's Primary School in Bathgate, for clearing litter from the local area; understands that this was part of the Litter Less campaign, which aims to reduce littering and change young people's behaviour toward littering; understands that 3.5 kg of litter was collected on the first pick, and wishes all staff and children the very best with their future projects.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*

***S5M-15639 Neil Findlay: Linda Halliday Promotes World Cancer Day**—That the Parliament commends Linda Halliday who it considers has worked tremendously hard to launch World Cancer Day in Scotland; understands that Linda was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer that resulted in her travelling to Florida for treatment; notes that Linda has encouraged everyone to wear a Unity Band on World Cancer Day, which takes place on 4 February 2019; notes that Linda has, bravely, used her experience to promote Cancer Research UK, and to make life better for people diagnosed with it, and wishes Linda every success with her future work.

Supported by: Rona Mackay*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Monica Lennon*

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***[S5M-15638](#) Maureen Watt: Children in Need Funding for Charlie House**—That the Parliament congratulates the Aberdeen-based charity, Charlie House, on receiving £119,136 from Children in Need; notes that, since 2011, Charlie House has provided invaluable support to families with babies and children with serious and life-threatening conditions; understands that the grant will be used to employ a children and family support manager for the next three years and fund its support services for helping young children; thanks the staff and supporters of Charlie House for the amazing work that they do for families in the north east, and wishes both the charity and Children in Need continued success in the future.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Rona Mackay*, Sandra White*, Stuart McMillan*, Richard Lyle*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Liam Kerr*

***[S5M-15637](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Street to be Named After Late Charity Fundraiser, Vera Ingle**—That the Parliament recognises that a new Haddington street is to be named after the late Vera Ingle; understands that Vera was a prolific charity fundraiser who supported both local causes and national charities, including the Haddington Pipe Band, the Red Cross and, most notably, the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal; notes that the street will be called Vera Ingle Grove and will form part of Haddington's Letham Mains development, which will see over 800 homes built on the town's western edge, and remembers Vera's kind contribution to the people of Haddington.

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***[S5M-15636](#) Bill Bowman: Cash Boost from Ukelele Club for Dundee Charities**—That the Parliament congratulates members of Happy Ukes ukelele club on raising money for two Dundee-based charities; understands that the cheques for £1,500 each were presented to Insight Counselling, which also provides services in Arbroath, and Dundee Age Concern; further understands that this money was raised by club members playing concerts at a host of different venues during 2018, and wishes the club success with its fundraising plans for 2019.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Peter Chapman*, Maurice Corry*, Jamie Greene*, Liz Smith*, Annie Wells*, Alison Harris*, Maurice Golden*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Margaret Mitchell*

***[S5M-15635](#) Michelle Ballantyne: LIVE My Future Programme**—That the Parliament understands that Live Borders, a Galashiels-based charity, is due to run an employability programme after securing National Lottery funding; notes that the 16-week LIVE My Future programme will be made available to up to 10 young people who are not in employment or training, and will furnish them with skills and qualifications in the sport, leisure and culture industry; acknowledges that, in addition to training for qualifications, the successful applicants will attend 10 weeks of work placements in the hospitality and culture industries; recognises that the programme will begin on 4 March and run until 21 June 2019, and sends its best wishes to all successful applicants.

Supported by: Liz Smith*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Maurice Golden*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alison Harris*, Miles Briggs*, Margaret Mitchell*

***[S5M-15634](#) Mark Griffin: #CareForMeToo on Young Carers Awareness Day**—That the Parliament acknowledges Young Carers Awareness Day on 31 January 2019; notes the extensive survey work by young carer services and Carers Trust Scotland, which shows that at least one in ten in every class has a caring role; recognises the immense contribution that young carers make to a family member or friend with an illness, disability, mental illness and/or addiction problems;

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supports #CareForMeToo, a campaign run by Carers Trust Scotland to raise awareness and improve the support for young carers' mental health and wellbeing; welcomes the new YouGov research, commissioned by Carers Trust, which reveals that over a third of young carers in the UK aged 11 to 18 are experiencing widespread problems with their mental wellbeing, that 37% said they felt "stressed", that almost a quarter of young carers felt their caring role had, on at least one occasion, stopped them making friends, and that less than half of young carers felt that they got enough help with their emotions and feelings; considers that young carers can greatly benefit if education, health and social care professionals received mandatory training pre-registration so that they are more aware of young carers' needs and better able to identify them, and believes that appropriate services and support should be provided to ensure that young carers' mental wellbeing is maintained so that they can achieve their true potential in all aspects of their lives.

***S5M-15633 Stuart McMillan: Ruth Miller Helps People in Need**—That the Parliament thanks Ruth Miller, who is from Greenock, on organising 91 Christmas hampers that were filled with everything from turkey and roast beef to cake, chocolate and non-alcoholic beverages to help people struggling to cope financially enjoy a Christmas feast; notes that Ruth put together the parcels with the help of family, friends and colleagues at the Homebase store in Greenock; understands that Homebase, which was turned into a clearance store and has now closed, donated an illuminated cool box as a fundraising raffle prize with the money used to buy food for the hampers; recognises that employees at RBS' Mortgage Centre in Greenock donated presents and that Reach for Autism gave Ruth access to a storeroom for all the food and presents; commends Jane Gunn, who drove Ruth everywhere to collect, buy and then make the deliveries; believes that Ruth's efforts will have made a real difference to the people who received a Christmas hamper, and that the help and support she received from local businesses, organisations and volunteers highlights the positive impact people can have on their community, and thanks all involved for their efforts.

Supported by: Richard Lyle*, Rona Mackay*, David Torrance*, Fulton MacGregor*, Colin Beattie*, Sandra White*

***S5M-15632 Stuart McMillan: Ardgowan Hospice Volunteers, John Blair and Sadie Martin**—That the Parliament commends the volunteers, John Blair, who is from Gourock, and Sadie Martin, who is from Greenock, on deservedly being honoured with awards in recognition of their long service to Ardgowan Hospice; understands that John, who is 79, has volunteered with the hospice for the past 25 years, and that Sadie, who is 67, has helped at its shop since 1989; notes that they were honoured by friends and colleagues at a special celebration event in Inverclyde; believes that their service demonstrates the significant difference that volunteers make and the impact that they have on service users and their families; thanks John and Sadie on their kind-hearted dedication, and hopes that they inspire others to give some of their time to help the charity and voluntary sectors.

Supported by: Jamie Greene*, Joan McAlpine*, Bill Kidd*, Sandra White*, Bob Doris*, Colin Beattie*, Richard Lyle*, Miles Briggs*, Fulton MacGregor*

***S5M-15630 Sandra White: Glasgow Kelvin Businesses in the Running for Awards**—That the Parliament notes that two businesses in the Glasgow Kelvin constituency are finalists in FSB Scotland Celebrating Small Business Awards 2019; understands that Brett Nicholls Associates is nominated for Micro Business of the Year category and Macs Hair Studio for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year award; congratulates both on reaching the finals of these prestigious awards, and notes that the ceremony will be held on 21 February at the Playfair Library in

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Edinburgh, with over 200 firms gathering to celebrate small businesses, self-employed workers and the huge contribution that they make to the economy and communities.

Supported by: James Dornan*, Joan McAlpine*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Richard Lyle*, Maureen Watt*, Fulton MacGregor*

***S5M-15616 Pauline McNeill: Congratulations to the BBC Young Traditional Musician of the Year, Benedict Morris**—That the Parliament congratulates Benedict Morris from Glasgow on winning the BBC Young Traditional Musician of the Year award; notes that Benedict is currently in his final year at the Royal Conservatoire, studying on the BMus classical course; understands that the prize for winning this award includes a recording session with BBC Scotland in Glasgow, an opportunity performance at the Scots Traditional Music Awards and one year's membership of the Musicians Union; believes that Benedict's win highlights the opportunities that a musical education can provide for young people; supports calls to improve the availability and quality of music tuition for young people in schools across Scotland, and wishes Benedict every success with his current project, which is a collaboration with the guitarist, Cormac Crummey.

Supported by: Liam McArthur*, Richard Lyle*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Sandra White*, Andy Wightman*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-15624 David Torrance: Congratulating Mary McQuant on 20 Years of Service to Home-Start Kirkcaldy (lodged on 29 January 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Jenny Gilruth*

S5M-15620 Alex Rowley: Young Start Funding in Mid Scotland and Fife (lodged on 29 January 2019)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Pauline McNeill*, Richard Lyle*, Mark Ruskell*

S5M-15618 Liam Kerr: Portlethen Academy Pupils Win Youth Philanthropy Initiative (lodged on 29 January 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Donald Cameron*

S5M-15614 Maureen Watt: 30 Years of Inspire (lodged on 28 January 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Tom Mason*

S5M-15612 Christine Grahame: Pigeon Penguin (lodged on 28 January 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

S5M-15611 Mark Ruskell: Impact of Brexit on Corbenic Camphill Community and the Health and Social Care Sector (lodged on 28 January 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

S5M-15610 Donald Cameron: Work Commencing on New Lochaber Newton Room (lodged on 28 January 2019)

New Support: Tom Mason*

S5M-15606 Dean Lockhart: Fife Businesses Shortlisted for National Awards (lodged on 28 January 2019)

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New Support: Tom Mason*

[S5M-15604](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Gin Company Wins UK's Best Gin Award (lodged on 28 January 2019)

New Support: Tom Mason*

[S5M-15603](#) Gail Ross: Pitch Perfect Caithness (lodged on 28 January 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-15602](#) Clare Adamson: Love and Light Café, Craigneuk (lodged on 28 January 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-15595](#) Maurice Corry: Points of Light Award for Bravehound CEO, Fiona Macdonald (lodged on 25 January 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-15593](#) Gil Paterson: Thomas Muir Schools Art Competition (lodged on 25 January 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-15592](#) Jackie Baillie: Santander Branch in Helensburgh to Close (lodged on 25 January 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-15590](#) Annabelle Ewing: Recognition and Remembrance of Irena Sendler (lodged on 25 January 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-15588](#) Monica Lennon: Hamilton Accies Community Outreach Programme (lodged on 25 January 2019)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-15578](#) Miles Briggs: North East and Scotland School Chef of the Year 2019 (lodged on 24 January 2019)

New Support: Liz Smith*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Annie Wells*, Alexander Stewart*, Alison Harris*, Donald Cameron*, Maurice Corry*, Jamie Greene*, Bill Kidd*, Bill Bowman*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Peter Chapman*, Maurice Golden*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kenneth Gibson*, Tom Mason*

[S5M-15571](#) Jenny Marra: Santander Branch Closures in the North East (lodged on 24 January 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-15570](#) Kenneth Gibson: Changes to Pension Credit Could Cost Mixed-age Couples £7,320 Annually (lodged on 24 January 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-15565](#) Angela Constance: Women Drivers on the Move for First Bus (lodged on 24 January 2019)

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New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-15563](#) Angela Constance: Macrae of Livingston Announces Further Job Losses

(lodged on 24 January 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-15562](#) Lewis Macdonald: Young Start Funding for Fersands and Fountain Community Project (lodged on 24 January 2019)

New Support: Tom Mason*

[S5M-15555](#) Alexander Stewart: Pink Saltire Young Start Award (lodged on 23 January 2019)

New Support: Tom Mason*

[S5M-15550](#) Ross Greer: Santander Branch Closures in the West of Scotland (lodged on 23 January 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-15549](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Trimontium Museum Extension (lodged on 23 January 2019)

New Support: Tom Mason*

[S5M-15546](#) Alex Rowley: Fife Gingerbread (lodged on 23 January 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-15540](#) James Kelly: South Lanarkshire Council Faces Budget Cuts (lodged on 23 January 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-15537](#) Lewis Macdonald: Civic Reception to Celebrate the Life of Rev Alexander Webster (lodged on 23 January 2019)

New Support: Tom Mason*, Neil Findlay*

[S5M-15536](#) James Kelly: Threatened Closure of the St Rollox Railway Works (lodged on 22 January 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-15533](#) Kenneth Gibson: Celebrating 75 Years of Barrmill Jolly Beggars Burns Club (lodged on 22 January 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-15523](#) Murdo Fraser: Andrew Fairlie (lodged on 22 January 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-15513](#) Annabelle Ewing: Settled Status Scheme for EU Citizens in Scotland (lodged on 22 January 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

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[S5M-15492](#) Brian Whittle: Auchinleck Talbot Advance to the Fifth Round of the Scottish Cup (lodged on 21 January 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-15488](#) Angela Constance: Funding Boost for the Kirknewton Community Development Trust (lodged on 18 January 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-15482](#) David Torrance: Celebrating Scouts Scotland (lodged on 18 January 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-15474](#) Gillian Martin: International Women's Day, 8 March 2019 (lodged on 18 January 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-15427](#) Gail Ross: Equally Safe at Work (lodged on 16 January 2019)

New Support: Bob Doris*

[S5M-15307](#) Rona Mackay: Lennoxton War Hero Becomes 100 (lodged on 10 January 2019)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Maurice Golden*, Finlay Carson*, Peter Chapman*, Tom Mason*, Alexander Stewart*, Jamie Greene*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Jackson Carlaw*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 06 February 2019

Education and Skills

- Gail Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government how it can support schools to ensure that their staff and teachers are trauma informed. ([S50-02849](#))
- Elaine Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the trend in the number of college students since 2007. ([S50-02850](#))
- Mary Fee:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact will be of the college capital spending plans in the draft Budget. ([S50-02851](#))
- Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact the Pupil Equity Fund has had on attainment in North Ayrshire. ([S50-02852](#))
- Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken in the last year regarding the provision of training for teachers and staff to support pupils with mental health issues. ([S50-02853](#))
- Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the document, *Towards a Cooperative University*, by Queen Margaret University members of the University and College Union Scotland. ([S50-02854](#))
- Angus MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress the Transition Training Fund has made in addressing the reported skills shortage in the HGV industry and increasing the number of drivers. ([S50-02855](#))
- Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding partnership working to help communities access employment support. ([S50-02856](#))
- Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact its commitment to invest £500 million to expand early learning and childcare provision will have on demand for skilled staff and infrastructure investment opportunities in the Kilmarnock and the Irvine Valley constituency. ([S50-02857](#))
- Stewart Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Higher Education Statistics Agency recording a record number of students from deprived areas enrolling at university in Scotland. ([S50-02858](#))
- Angela Constance:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that pupils with additional support needs in the Almond Valley constituency have their needs and right to an education met. ([S50-02859](#))
- Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the processing of applications to the PVG scheme for people working in schools will change as a result of Disclosure Scotland's new IT system, and what progress has been made on this. ([S50-02860](#))
- Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the rate of articulation from college to university. ([S50-02861](#))
- Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of primary school teachers are supply staff. ([S50-02862](#))
- Michelle Ballantyne:** [Not Lodged]

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16. Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government what the impact will be of the proposed real-terms reduction in university funding in its draft Budget. ([S5O-02864](#))

17. Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government how many school pupils have died by suicide in the last five years and what action it has taken in response to this. ([S5O-02865](#))

18. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it gives to childcare providers in Inverclyde. ([S5O-02866](#))

19. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government what the education secretary's position is on the establishment of a commission on gender equality in education and learning as recommended by the National Advisory Council on Women and Girls. ([S5O-02867](#))

20. Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what action is being taken to help pupils affected by the closure of the New School in Butterstone. ([S5O-02868](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 07 February 2019

1. Claudia Beamish: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the impact on communities of banks reportedly closing branches without consultation, such as Santander in the South Scotland region. ([S5O-02869](#))

2. Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to alleviate the reported parking problems at St John's Hospital. ([S5O-02870](#))

3. Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to consult on setting a target for all homes to have at least a C energy performance certificate rating. ([S5O-02871](#))

4. Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports of the proposed closure of the Cumbernauld Village Surgery. ([S5O-02872](#))

5. James Dornan: To ask the Scottish Government what financial support it has provided for mental health services in the current parliamentary session. ([S5O-02873](#))

6. John Mason: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to increasing pay for local councillors. ([S5O-02874](#))

7. Joan McAlpine: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met the Tenant Farming Commissioner. ([S5O-02875](#))

8. Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government what impact UK Government austerity measures have had on its overall budget, and how this has impacted the local government settlement. ([S5O-02876](#))

9. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met NHS Tayside and what issues were discussed. ([S5O-02877](#))

10. Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government when it expects to publish the Forestry Strategy, and by what means it will be laid before the Parliament. ([S5O-02878](#))

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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 30 January 2019

S5W-21335 Tom Arthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the statement to the Parliament by the Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands on 22 November 2018, when it plans to launch its consultation on whether Energy Efficient Scotland can be accelerated.

Written questions lodged on 30 January 2019

S5W-21287 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to prescribing very low calorie diets as part of action by the NHS to tackle rises in obesity and type 2 diabetes.

S5W-21300 Angela Constance: To ask the Scottish Government what representations it has made to the UK Government regarding informing the families or next of kin of resident Scots who have died abroad in suspicious circumstances; how Police Scotland cooperates with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office regarding this, and what plans it has to improve the effectiveness of the processes.

S5W-21302 Angela Constance: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether Police Scotland should have a duty to provide a service for the families of resident Scots who have died abroad in suspicious circumstances, including (a) deploying family liaison officers and (b) working with other organisations where necessary.

S5W-21303 Angela Constance: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether Police Scotland should have a duty to treat the families of resident Scots who have died abroad in suspicious circumstances in the same manner as it would had the incident occurred in Scotland.

S5W-21304 Angela Constance: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on reviewing the fatal accident inquiry legislation to include incidents in which resident Scots have died abroad in suspicious circumstances.

S5W-21305 Angela Constance: To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that the families of resident Scots who have died abroad in suspicious circumstances can access relevant emotional, financial and legal support services, and what action it is taking to improve such access.

S5W-21307 Angela Constance: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on (a) allowing the families of resident Scots who have died abroad in suspicious circumstances to request a second post mortem and (b) whether the threshold for permitting second post mortems, which is usually at the discretion of the Lord Advocate, needs to be re-examined.

S5W-21308 Angela Constance: To ask the Scottish Government what support is provided by (a) it and (b) its agencies to the families of resident Scots who have died abroad in suspicious circumstances in (i) accessing and liaising with oversea justice agencies and (ii) meeting the costs of repatriation, translation services, legal services and travel, and what scope there is within the existing funding streams to extend this support.

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[S5W-21310](#) Angela Constance: To ask the Scottish Government how it supports third sector organisations that support the families of resident Scots who have died abroad in suspicious circumstances.

[S5W-21311](#) Angela Constance: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking with the UK Government to improve the support that is provided to the families of resident Scots who have died abroad in suspicious circumstances; whether it has discussed with UK ministers the work of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Deaths Abroad and Consular Services regarding such deaths, and whether it has any direct engagement with that group.

[S5W-21312](#) Angela Constance: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether there should be a central point of expertise to support and guide the families of resident Scots who have died abroad in suspicious circumstances.

[S5W-21313](#) Angela Constance: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the comments by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice on 24 October 2018 (*Official Report*, c. 99), whether the issues regarding the granting of second post mortems for resident Scots who have died abroad in suspicious circumstances has been raised with the Lord Advocate and, if so, what the outcome was.

[S5W-21315](#) Angela Constance: To ask the Scottish Government how the proposed Victims Taskforce will address the needs of the families of resident Scots who have died abroad in suspicious circumstances, and how the taskforce will use the experiences of the families to help inform its approach on these matters.

[S5W-21323](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-16693 by Shona Robison on 29 May 2018, whether it will provide an update regarding the VOICES survey to capture end of life experiences of family members and carers who have been bereaved.

[S5W-21324](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many safety and cleanliness inspections have taken place in hospitals in each of the last nine years.

[S5W-21328](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that public intervention in the R100 programme will (a) focus on the areas of market failure and (b) not impact on private investment. **R**

[S5W-21330](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it (a) has had and (b) plans with the private sector to maximise the commercial roll-out of broadband and enable the R100 programme to focus on the most hard to reach areas. **R**

[S5W-21332](#) John Scott: To ask the Scottish Government what advice it is giving to farmers regarding how best to store plastic waste. **R**

[S5W-21333](#) John Scott: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to help farmers work collaboratively to establish recycling collection points for the pick-up of plastic waste. **R**

[S5W-21334](#) John Scott: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to inform farmers regarding separating different types of plastic waste to help maximise reusing and recycling opportunities. **R**

[S5W-21336](#) Gail Ross: To ask the Scottish Government how complete the Scottish Land Register is.

[S5W-21337](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to improve access to woodlands and encourage people to take physical exercise in such habitats.

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[S5W-21338](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that urban forestry can deliver health benefits such as clean air and improved mental health to a greater number of people.

[S5W-21339](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to protect and extend the Branching Out initiative.

[S5W-21340](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has for the future funding of the Woods In and Around Towns initiative.

[S5W-21341](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government whether (a) it and (b) Police Scotland has applied for or enquired about contingency funding for the police to deal with the possible consequences of Brexit.

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Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 30 January 2019

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill – Stage 2

Section 23

Maree Todd

122 In section 23, page 12, line 21, at end insert—

<(5A) But a child must not be kept in a cell within a police station.

(5B) Subsection (5A) does not apply if (and only for as long as) it is not reasonably practicable for the child to be kept elsewhere within the police station.>

Maree Todd

123 In section 23, page 12, line 22, after <station> insert <(whether in a cell or elsewhere)>

Section 31

Gail Ross

124 In section 31, page 15, line 27, at end insert—

<(A1) This section applies where a constable has reasonable grounds to suspect that a child, while under 12 years of age—

(a) by behaving in a violent or dangerous way, has caused or risked causing serious physical harm to another person, or

(b) by behaving in a sexually violent or sexually coercive way, has caused or risked causing harm (whether physical or not) to another person.>

Gail Ross

125 In section 31, page 15, line 28, leave out from beginning to <where> in line 30 and insert <The child may not be questioned by a constable, or subjected to an investigative interview, in relation to the incident mentioned in subsection (A1) unless>

Maree Todd

126 In section 31, page 15, line 30, at end insert—

<() by virtue of section (*Investigative interview by agreement*)(2),>

Gail Ross

127 In section 31, page 15, line 33, leave out subsection (2)

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- (4) Refusal by the child to answer questions during the interview does not constitute withdrawal of agreement under subsection (3)(b).
- (5) Where agreement under—
 - (a) subsection (1)(c)(i) is withdrawn, a constable may, under section 32(1), apply to the sheriff for a child interview order,
 - (b) subsection (1)(c)(ii) is withdrawn, a constable may—
 - (i) seek agreement for the purposes of that subsection from another parent of the child, or
 - (ii) under section 32(1), apply to the sheriff for a child interview order.
- (6) Nothing in this section affects the power of a constable to apply for a child interview order in relation to the behaviour mentioned in subsection (1)(b) in circumstances other than those mentioned in subsection (5)(a) and (b)(ii).
- (7) For the purposes of this section, a “parent of the child” means a person who—
 - (a) is aged 18 or over,
 - (b) has parental responsibilities (within the meaning of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995) in relation to the child, and
 - (c) is related to the child or with whom the child lives.
- (8) In subsection (7)(c), the reference t
 - (a) is married to or in a civil partnership with a person who is related to the child,
 - (b) is related to the child by the half blood.>

Maree Todd

131 After section 31, insert—

<Information to be provided following agreement to investigative interview

- (1) A constable must, as soon as reasonably practicable after agreement to an investigative interview being conducted is given under section (*Investigative interview by agreement*)(1)(c)—
 - (a) provide a notice in writing containing the information mentioned in subsection (2) to—
 - (i) the child, and
 - (ii) the parent of the child who has given agreement under that section, and
 - (b) in so far as practicable, explain the information contained in the notice to—
 - (i) the child (in a way that is appropriate to the child’s age and maturity), and
 - (ii) the parent mentioned in paragraph (a)(ii).
- (2) The information is—

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- (a) provide the child with a copy of the plans and, in so far as practicable, explain the information contained in the plans to the child (in a way that is appropriate to the child's age and maturity), and
- (b) provide a copy of the plans—
 - (i) where the interview is authorised by virtue of section (*Investigative interview by agreement*), to the parent who has given agreement under subsection (1)(c)(ii) of that section,
 - (ii) where the interview is authorised by a child interview order, in so far as is practicable to a parent of the child.
- (5) A constable must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the identities of the persons mentioned in subsection (6) are known, provide each of those persons with a copy of the plans.
- (6) Those persons are—
 - (a) where the interview is authorised by a child interview order, the person who will act as supporter during the interview,
 - (b) the person who will act as advocacy worker during the interview.>

Section 37

Maree Todd

- 137** In section 37, page 19, line 11, leave out from beginning to second <a> and insert—
- <(A1) Subsection (A2) applies where an investigative interview of a child is authorised by virtue of section (*Investigative interview by agreement*)(2).
- (A2) The interview—
- (a) may not start prior to the child being given a copy of the plans for the interview drawn up under section 36,
 - (b) must be conducted in accordance with those plans.
- (1) Subsections (2) to (4) apply where an investigative interview of a child is authorised by a child interview order made in respect of the>

Section 38

Maree Todd

- 138** In section 38, page 19, line 22, leave out <a child interview order is made in respect of a> and insert <an investigative interview of a child is authorised—
- (a) by virtue of section (*Investigative interview by agreement*)(2), or
 - (b) by a child interview order made in respect of the>

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Section 40

Maree Todd

- 145** In section 40, page 20, line 20, leave out <a child interview order is made in respect of a> and insert <an investigative interview of a child is authorised—
- (a) by virtue of section (*Investigative interview by agreement*)(2), or
 - (b) by a child interview order made in respect of the>

Maree Todd

- 146** In section 40, page 20, line 22, leave out <authorised by the order>

Maree Todd

- 147** In section 40, page 20, line 23, leave out subsection (3)

Maree Todd

- 148** In section 40, page 21, line 4, leave out first <the> and insert <any>

Maree Todd

- 149** In section 40, page 21, line 20, leave out <a child interview order> and insert <section (*Investigative interview by agreement*)(2) of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 or by a child interview order made under section 34 of that Act>

Maree Todd

- 150** In section 40, page 21, leave out lines 23 and 24

Section 41

Maree Todd

- 151** In section 41, page 21, line 28, leave out <a child interview order is made in respect of a> and insert <an investigative interview of a child is authorised—
- (a) by virtue of section (*Investigative interview by agreement*)(2), or
 - (b) by a child interview order made in respect of the>

Maree Todd

- 152** In section 41, page 21, line 29, leave out <authorised by the order>

Maree Todd

- 153** In section 41, page 21, line 29, leave out from <not> to end of line 31 and insert <be conducted only if (and only for as long as)—

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<() the obtaining and withdrawal of agreement for the purposes of section
(*Investigative interview by agreement*),>

Maree Todd

160 In section 46, page 23, line 25, after <authorised> insert <by virtue of section (*Investigative interview by agreement*)(2) or>

Section 47

Maree Todd

161 In section 47, page 24, line 27, at end insert—

<(2A) Relevant physical data or a relevant sample taken from a child in the circumstances and for the purpose mentioned in subsection (2), and any information derived from such a sample, may not be used for the purpose of investigating an incident of a type mentioned in subsection (2B).

(2B) The incident is one—

(a) which occurred when the child was under 12 years of age, and

(b) in relation to which the constable has reasonable grounds to suspect that the child—

(i) by behaving in a violent or dangerous way, has caused or risked causing serious physical harm to another person, or

(ii) by behaving in a sexually violent or sexually coercive way, has caused or risked causing harm (whether physical or not) to another person.

(2C) But subsection (2A) does not—

(a) prohibit the use of the data, sample or information for the purpose of investigating the incident where the child is now 12 years of age or over and consents, or

(b) affect the ability of a constable—

(i) to apply for an order under section 52 authorising the taking of relevant physical data or a relevant sample from the child for the purpose of investigating the incident, or

(ii) to take such data or such a sample for that purpose by virtue of section 57.>

After section 56

Maree Todd

162 After section 56, insert—

<Treatment of prints and samples where appeal taken against making of order under section 52

(1) This section applies where—

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- (4) Subsection (2) does not apply where the destruction of a sample, or the information derived from it, could have the effect of destroying a sample, or any information derived from it, lawfully held in relation to a person other than the child from whom the sample was taken.
- (5) In subsection (2), the “relevant constable” is the constable investigating the child’s behaviour and the circumstances surrounding it (including whether a person other than the child has committed an offence).>

Section 63

Maree Todd

- 164** In section 63, page 34, line 2, at end insert <(except where provided otherwise: see section (*Investigative interview by agreement*)(7)),>

Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 2

Section 10

Alison Johnstone

- 125** In section 10, page 12, line 18, at end insert—

<82BC Duty to consider requirement of staffing: supply of employees

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, lay before the Parliament a report setting out how they have taken into account the matters mentioned in subsection (2) in determining the supply required of—
 - (a) registered nurses,
 - (b) medical practitioners,
 - (c) such other types of employees as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations prescribe.
- (2) The matters are the duties on the persons mentioned in section 82A(1) under—
 - (a) section 3, and
 - (b) section 6,
of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019.
- (3) In preparing a report under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers may have regard to any—
 - (a) review conducted by SCSWIS under section 82BAA of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019,

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Stage 2 (Day 1) (Equalities and Human Rights Committee), 31 January 2019

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Equalities and Human Rights Committee), 7 February 2019

Amendments to Part 4 onwards should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 1 February with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 31 January 2019

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 21 February 2019

Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs)), 24 January 2019

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)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities and Human Rights)), 25 October 2018

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)), 29 January 2019

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

Stage 2 completed, 22 January 2019

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

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 20 February 2019

Stage 1 Report - Local Government and Communities Committee (2nd Report, 2019)

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

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Health and Sport Committee), 5 February 2019

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health and Sport)), 29 January 2019

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

Preliminary Stage (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 19 February 2019

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Crime (Overseas Production Orders) Bill LCM-S5-18

Lodged on 7 September 2018

Motion agreed by the Parliament, 21 November 2018

Fisheries Bill LCM-S5-22

Lodged on 7 December 2018

Rural Economy and Connectivity, 23 January 2019

Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill LCM-S5-21

Lodged on 6 December 2018

Motion agreed by the Parliament, 16 January 2019

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

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

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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

Report (Finance and Constitution Committee) published, 31 October 2018

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[National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2019 \[draft\]](#) (25 January 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Continuing Care \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2019 \[draft\]](#) (25 January 2019) (Education and Skills)

[Jurisdiction and Judgments \(Family, Civil Partnership and Marriage \(Same Sex Couples\)\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2019 \[draft\]](#) (25 January 2019) (Justice)

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[Asset Transfer Request \(Designation of Relevant Authority\) \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \[draft\]](#) (28 January 2019) (Local Government and Communities)

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[Multilingual Standard Forms \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/373\)](#) (13 December 2018) (Justice)

[Multilingual Standard Forms \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/374\)](#) (13 December 2018) (Justice)

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[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber \(Procedure\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/378\)](#) (17 December 2018) (Justice)

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[Burial and Cremation \(Pregnancy Loss Prescribed Information and Forms\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/384\)](#) (20 December 2018) (Health and Sport)

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