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Announcement

CHAMBER DESK NOTICE

May Bank Holiday

The Chamber Desk will be closed on Monday 6 May 2019.

Topical, Portfolio, General and First Minister's Questions

The deadline for lodging a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 7 May is 9.30am on Tuesday 7 May.

The deadline for submitting names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May is 9.30am on Tuesday 7 May.

The deadline for lodging a First Minister's Question for answer on Thursday 9 May is 9.30am on Tuesday 7 May.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
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12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-16380
Iain Gray: 25th Anniversary Commemoration
of the Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda
2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Health
and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill
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Committee Meetings

9:00am Culture, Tourism, Europe and
External Affairs Committee
9:00am Social Security Committee
9:30am Standards, Procedures and Public
Appointments Committee

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11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Maurice Corry:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Water Safety Scotland regarding its work with local authorities to promote water safety and drowning prevention. ([S5O-03178](#))
- 2. Sandra White:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Electoral Commission regarding encouraging EU citizens living in Scotland to register to vote in the forthcoming European Parliament elections. ([S5O-03179](#))
- 3. Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will assess the impact of fishing protection orders on trout and salmon stocks in rivers and lochs. ([S5O-03180](#))
- 4. Dean Lockhart:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the performance of ScotRail services using Stirling station. ([S5O-03181](#))
- 5. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to tackle violent crime. ([S5O-03182](#))
- 6. Angus MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle the issue of roadside litter. ([S5O-03183](#))
- 7. Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government what representations it has made to Ofgem regarding its consultation on the proposed Western Isles interconnector. ([S5O-03184](#))
- 8. Margaret Mitchell:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to tackle the use of new psychoactive substances in prisons. ([S5O-03185](#))
- 9. Tom Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason ScotRail's annual average figures record that one in five trains arriving or terminating at Aberdeen station are more than five minutes late. ([S5O-03186](#))
- 10. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government under what circumstances it believes that a fatal accident inquiry should be mandatory into a murder committed by a prisoner subject to a curfew condition. ([S5O-03187](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Jackson Carlaw:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03277](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03278](#))
- 3. Alison Johnstone:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03279](#))
- 4. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the First Minister what the social and economic impacts are of immigration. ([S5F-03299](#))
- 5. Jamie Greene:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the long-term infrastructure recommendations of the Glasgow Connectivity Commission. ([S5F-03298](#))
- 6. Neil Findlay:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to address climate change. ([S5F-03294](#))

7. David Stewart: To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made regarding the level of opiate addiction. ([S5F-03284](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-16380 Iain Gray: 25th Anniversary Commemoration of the Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda

[S5M-16380](#) Iain Gray: 25th Anniversary Commemoration of the Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda—That the Parliament notes the 25th anniversary commemoration of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, in which the lives of approximately one million people were lost in 100 days; notes the links that have developed between Rwanda and East Lothian, as well as other parts of Scotland, since then; remembers with the Rwandan people as they reflect on those dark days; commends Rwanda on its remarkable progress to reconciliation within the nation; notes its considerable development in social and economic terms since 1994; acknowledges the privilege of walking with Rwanda along its path of recovery as one of Scotland's key partners in international development, and trusts that the nation will continue to flourish in peace and hope in the decades ahead.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities and Local Government

- 1. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the impact on local authorities' autonomy of increases in ring-fenced funding. ([S5O-03170](#))
- 2. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government how much has been invested in social housing in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency since May 2011. ([S5O-03171](#))
- 3. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on introducing five-yearly electrical safety checks for homes in the social rented sector. ([S5O-03172](#))
- 4. Bill Bowman:** To ask the Scottish Government what policies have been put in place to tackle the reported rise in relative poverty in Scotland's communities. ([S5O-03173](#))
- 5. Angela Constance:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its response to the report on food poverty, *Dignity: Ending Hunger Together in Scotland*. ([S5O-03174](#))
- 6. Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will initiate cross-party discussions regarding Agent of Change in advance of stage 3 of the Planning (Scotland) Bill. ([S5O-03175](#))
- 7. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government when it next expects to publish a local government finance circular. ([S5O-03176](#))
- 8. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to its commitment in its response to the Equalities and Human Rights Committee report, *Hidden Lives: New Beginnings*, by what date it will publish its anti-destitution strategy. ([S5O-03177](#))

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

[S5M-17146](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 5: 55 minutes

Groups 6 to 10: 1 hour 45 minutes

Groups 11 to 13: 2 hours 25 minutes.

[S5M-17127](#) Jeane Freeman: Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Business Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee 13th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Census (Amendment)(Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.
2. **Creative Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Iain Munro, Acting Chief Executive, Creative Scotland;
Isabel Davis, Executive Director, Screen Scotland.

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

Social Security Committee 12th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Social Security Support for Housing:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning, Pauline Torley, DHP and Housing Related Social Security Policy Manager, Kyle Murray, Universal Credit Flexibilities Policy Manager, and Julija Harrasova, Assistant Economist Social Security, Scottish Government.

3. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Finance and Constitution Committee.
4. **Social Security Support for Housing:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard and its approach to a draft report.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 7th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Complaint (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
2. **Complaint:** The Committee will announce its decision at Stage 3 on a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
3. **Complaint (in private):** The Committee will consider its draft report.

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

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 1 May 2019

Tuesday 7 May 2019

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-16039 Bruce Crawford: Scottish Gigabit Cities

Wednesday 8 May 2019

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Social Security and Older People

Finance, Economy and Fair Work

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-16822 Miles Briggs: Scotland, a Nation of Lifesavers

Thursday 9 May 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-15570 Kenneth Gibson: Changes to Pension Credit Could Cost Mixed-age Couples £7,320 Annually

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Ministerial Statement: The Scottish Government's Response to the Sturrock Review

followed by Portfolio Questions

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Business Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 14 May 2019

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 May 2019

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 16 May 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 Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Scottish Government Business

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.

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.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S5M-17149](#) Monica Lennon: South Lanarkshire Council Petitions Committee**—That the Parliament understands with disappointment and concern that South Lanarkshire Council's new Petitions Committee has not met since the council voted for its establishment; notes that it is intended to be a cross-party committee where members of the public can have petitions on local issues heard by councillors; further notes that the petition pages on South Lanarkshire Council's website remain blank, with no meetings having taken place and no petitions raised, and encourages the South Lanarkshire SNP administration to deliver on its 2017 manifesto promise to ensure that a platform is available for local people to positively engage with local political processes, express their views and raise issues that are important to them.

Supported by: James Kelly*

***[S5M-17148](#) Monica Lennon: Larkhall Community Plan**—That the Parliament commends the volunteers and residents of Larkhall for their development of a local survey to inform the Larkhall Community Plan; understands that the plan will set out proposals for the area's development, to ensure that it grows as a thriving and vibrant place to live, which meets the needs and reflects the priorities of all its residents; congratulates Larkhall Community Growers for its work in setting out this plan to improve its local community, and encourages all residents of Larkhall to participate in the survey and make their views known.

Supported by: David Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Margaret Mitchell*

***[S5M-17147](#) David Torrance: Greener Kirkcaldy**—That the Parliament congratulates Greener Kirkcaldy on opening its new premises; understands that the new hub has a community kitchen, garden and events space and that it will also provide a new distribution point for Kirkcaldy Foodbank; notes its initiatives, such as providing energy advice and a bike-borrowing service, and hopes that this new facility will allow the organisation to continue to grow and serve the people of Kirkcaldy with pride.

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conclusion by the time limit indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

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***[S5M-17145](#) David Torrance: World Para Athletics Championship Success for Derek Rae—**

That the Parliament congratulates Derek Rae on taking the silver medal in the World Para Athletics Championships; understands that the event ran during the London Marathon and saw him shaving 6 minutes off his personal best time, finishing in 2:27:08, and wishes Derek the best of luck in future competition.

***[S5M-17143](#) David Torrance: Congratulations to Douglas Hamill—**That the Parliament congratulates Douglas Hamill on being the first Kirkcaldy resident to be awarded Maundy Money by The Queen; understands that this award is a rare and high honour that is awarded to individuals who have given an outstanding contribution to their church or community; notes that Douglas worked in the Michael Nairn and Company linoleum factory for 24 years, was a Special Constable with Fife Constabulary for 40 years and has served his local church in various roles throughout his life, and recognises the outstanding example that he sets as a citizen of Kirkcaldy.

***[S5M-17142](#) David Torrance: Queen's Scout Award—**That the Parliament congratulates Mark Taylor, who is a member of the 5th Fife Kirkcaldy Scout Group, on achieving the Queen's Scout Award; recognises the hard work required to complete the five elements of the award, which are skill, physical activity, service, expedition and residential; notes that Mark undertook a hike from Buckie to Aviemore carrying all his equipment to complete the expedition stage, and hopes that he will continue to inspire others to challenge themselves in the Scouting movement as a leader. **R**

***[S5M-17141](#) Gail Ross: Caithness, Focal Point of Scottish Family History at National Conference—**That the Parliament recognises Caithness on hosting the 30th annual conference of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies; commends the Caithness Family History Society for hosting the conference for the first time and for providing an inviting, friendly atmosphere; notes that the event hosts more than 40 delegates from Orkney to the Borders, specialists from organisations such as Fundmypast, GenealogyUK and the Association of Scottish Genealogical Researchers in Archives, and supports family history enthusiasts on their quests to investigate their Scottish roots.

***[S5M-17140](#) Gail Ross: Massive Achievement for Wick Players—**That the Parliament commends the Wick Players on making it to their third consecutive Scottish drama final; recognises the efforts made by the director, who was delighted and impressed at the Wick Players' performance not only in 2019 but in the last two and who stated that this was a "massive achievement" for the group; notes that the Wick Players reached the final after winning the Caithness and Highland divisional heats; acknowledges the importance of the arts in not only the Highlands, but in Scotland as a whole, and looks forward to the Wick Players float at the upcoming Wick gala and their Christmas pantomime later this year.

***[S5M-17139](#) Liam Kerr: Success for Aberdeen Primary Schools During Autism Awareness Week**—That the Parliament congratulates the staff and pupils of both Kirkhill Primary School and Middleton Park Primary School on their respective first and second place successes in the Aberdeen Autism Outreach Service's Autism Awareness Week competition; understands that the competition involved each school designing a mural to encourage support and understanding for people with autism; recognises the value of teaching such values and understanding to pupils at an early age, and commends the Aberdeen Autism Outreach Service for its continued work across the area to help people and families affected by autism. **R**

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Liz Smith*, Bill Bowman*, Alexander Stewart*, Rona Mackay*, Peter Chapman*, Annie Wells*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Stuart McMillan*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Margaret Mitchell*, Mark McDonald*

***[S5M-17138](#) Neil Findlay: Scottish Cancer Patient Experience Survey Results**—That the Parliament acknowledges the results of the Scottish Cancer Patient Experience Survey for 2018; understands that the survey, commissioned by Macmillan Cancer Support and the Scottish Government, asked people with cancer to comment on their diagnosis, treatment and support; notes that 95% of people stated that their experience of care was good, 86% were given a clinical nurse specialist who would support them through their treatment, and 97% said that doctors treated them with dignity and respect; further notes, however, that although the survey suggests that NHS cancer care is good, patients are not receiving adequate emotional, practical and financial support; acknowledges that, of those who wanted it, 40% were not offered benefits advice and only 30% of people received a care plan; believes that cancer can affect all aspects of life, and considers that all patients should be provided with a specialised care plan so that everyone experiencing cancer receives the help and support that they deserve.

Supported by: Monica Lennon*, Pauline McNeill*, Colin Smyth*, Mark McDonald*

***[S5M-17137](#) Sandra White: Salvation Army Lifehouse Service**—That the Parliament congratulates the Salvation Army on the success of its Lifehouse service; understands that the project provides a housing support service for people who are experiencing homelessness, with more than 80 lifehouses providing 3,230 beds across the UK; notes that the Salvation Army's Homelessness Services Unit provides a wide range of services to a variety of people and that the lifehouses offer an environment for people who wish to live abstinent from drugs and/or alcohol, with each offering a person-centred approach and a strong emphasis on residents' engagement and involvement in their running; acknowledges that this service is targeted towards the 16 to 25 age range in order to impart specialist support, including the life skills necessary for maintaining a tenancy, and wishes all involved with the Lifehouse project continued success in the good works that they do.

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

***[S5M-17136](#) Stuart McMillan: Greenock Wanderers' Women Make History as 2019 National Women's Bowl Winners**—That the Parliament congratulates Greenock Wanderers' women on being crowned the National Women's Bowl champions for 2019 at BT Murrayfield on Silver Saturday, 27 April 2019; understands that the Greenock side romped to victory by scoring 12 tries to win 72-12 against Livingston Women; believes that this is the first time that a Greenock Wanderers team has ever won a national final in its 146-year history, and is the second time the women have reached Silver Saturday since forming in 2014 as they were BT Women's National Plate Finalists in 2018; notes that Greenock Wanderers' men's side were National Men's Shield Finalists this year, but lost 57-35 in extra time after drawing 35-35 with Berwick after 80 minutes;

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recognises the tremendous achievement of having two senior sides at Silver Saturday, but notes that the men's season is not over yet as they look to win the league and gain promotion to the National League when they take on Annan at Fort Matilda on 4 May; commends the hard work and dedication of all the players and coaching staff who have helped the two sides to success; wishes the men all the best in their forthcoming final, and also sends its best wishes to the women in the Tennent's Women's West 1 league, which commences in August.

***[S5M-17135](#) Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Academy Pupils Build their own Winning Race Car**—That the Parliament congratulates Inver Racers, a team of eight pupils from Inverclyde Academy, on building their own red and black F24 race car; notes that the team has been taking part in a West College Scotland and Developing the Young Workforce initiative and have attended the college's Greenock campus to learn engineering skills; understands that they had to run their race team like a business, raising money and securing sponsorship from local businesses; commends the team on being crowned Scottish champions at the Greenpower Challenge competition in East Fortune, after emerging victorious in the Kit Car category and finishing first in both races against 23 teams from all over Scotland; appreciates that the team has been invited to race against teams from across the world at the final at Silverstone in October 2019 but needs to raise money to get to the final and to pay for a practice race in Aberdeen in June; wishes the team well in its fundraising efforts, and hopes that it is able to replicate its success in the final.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*, Fulton MacGregor*, Sandra White*, Neil Bibby*, Bob Doris*, David Torrance*, Kenneth Gibson*

***[S5M-17134](#) Liz Smith: The University of St Andrews**—That the Parliament congratulates the University of St Andrews on being named the top institution in the UK for student satisfaction by the *Complete University Guide* thanks to the quality of its learning and teaching and its overall student experience; notes that it also featured in the top 10 for 21 different subjects, topping four of the subject tables, making it one of just five UK institutions to be at the top of more than two; acknowledges what it sees as its high standards of teaching and research and excellent study and student experience, and wishes the university continued success.

***[S5M-17133](#) Liam McArthur: William Sichel, the First North Coast 500 Runner**—That the Parliament congratulates the ultramarathon runner William Sichel, who is from the island of Sanday in Orkney, on what is believed to be to first completion by a runner of the North Coast 500 route; notes that William completed the 500-mile route around the northern Highlands in an amazing time of 8 days 19 hours; understands that he arrived back in Inverness at the end of the run having not slept for 21 hours; thanks the many people living around the route who turned out to support and encourage William as he went past, as well as his indispensable support team, and wishes the inspirational 65-year-old cancer survivor the best of luck in his goal of setting 750 ultrarunning records in the coming years.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*, Edward Mountain*, Mark McDonald*, Annie Wells*, Kenneth Gibson*

***[S5M-17132](#) Liam McArthur: Pickaquoy Centre Hits 20 Years**—That the Parliament congratulates the staff and trustees of the Pickaquoy Leisure Centre in Kirkwall, which is affectionately known across Orkney as "the Picky", on it reaching the milestone of its 20th anniversary; notes that the Picky was opened on 16 April 1999 by HRH The Princess Royal and that the birthday celebrations included an open day offering free and discounted activities and events, which was attended by around 2,500 people, which is around 11% of the population of Orkney; believes that this demonstrates the popularity of a facility that has played an important

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role in the community over the last two decades; thanks all who have been involved with it over the years for their hard work and commitment; believes that the Picky will play a pivotal role when Orkney hosts the International Island Games in 2023, and looks forward to the further development of the Picky over the next 20 years and beyond.

Supported by: Peter Chapman*, Richard Lyle*, Bill Kidd*, Edward Mountain*, Donald Cameron*

***S5M-17131 Bill Bowman: Dundee to Host 2019 the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Scotland Awards**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that Dundee will host the 2019 EY Entrepreneur of the Year Scotland Awards in the summer; understands that a shortlist of 23 nominees has been released, which includes Craig Nicol, who is the managing partner of Dundee-headquartered law firm, Thorntons Solicitors, and Jean-Christophe Granier, the joint managing director of Kirriemuir-based textiles firm, J&D Wilkie; notes that the awards will be chaired by Andy Lothian, who is the founder of the Dundee learning and development group, Insights; recognises that qualities such as resilience, communication with impact, consistent values and developing and leading others are hallmarks of a good entrepreneur, and wishes all nominees good luck for the event.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Peter Chapman*, Annie Wells*, Alison Harris*, Richard Lyle*, Bill Kidd*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Margaret Mitchell*

***S5M-17130 Maureen Watt: Charlie House's Big Build Appeal**—That the Parliament passes on its support and best wishes to the Aberdeen-based charity, Charlie House, as it seeks to raise £8 million for its Big Build Appeal; understands that the project, which was launched in November 2018, seeks to build an eight-bedroom facility in four acres of land within Woodend Hospital that will provide dedicated support to north east families and their children with complex disabilities; notes that the facility will include state-of-the-art spaces, including a sensory room, library, spa pool, teen den, soft play area and a therapy room; welcomes the progress of the project, which has resulted in Charlie House raising £2.2 million so far, including a recent generous £400,000 donation from the Seven Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen Trades Widows' Fund; congratulates Charlie House and commends all donors; encourages the public to participate in making this facility a reality, and sends its best wishes for every success in the future.

Supported by: Annie Wells*, Joan McAlpine*, Sandra White*, Rona Mackay*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*, Kenneth Gibson*, Mark McDonald*, James Dornan*, David Torrance*

***S5M-17129 Keith Brown: Scotland Consumer Insight Report 2019**—That the Parliament welcomes the *Which? Scotland Consumer Insight Report 2019*, which provides a valuable insights into consumer trends, in particular consumer opinion on banking in Scotland; understands that consumer trust in banking in Scotland has fallen to 39%, lower than the rest of the UK; notes with concern that Scotland has lost one third of its banks and ATMs since 2010; understands that twelve banks and building societies have closed across the communities of Clackmannanshire, Bridge of Allan and Dunblane since 2015, and that Clackmannanshire is now the only mainland local authority without a Clydesdale and RBS bank branch; recognises the profound impact that the closure of banking services has on communities across Scotland; notes the UK Government's legislative and regulatory responsibility for banking and financial services; considers what it sees as its continued inaction to be completely unacceptable, and urges the UK Government to take action to reverse local bank closures.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*, Rona Mackay*, Kenneth Gibson*, Sandra White*

***S5M-17128 Fulton MacGregor: Albion Rovers FC**—That the Parliament congratulates Albion Rovers FC on winning its fight to stay in the Scottish professional football league; applauds the

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endeavour of the manager, Kevin Harper, his management team, and all the players on making this achievement possible; notes that 2019 is the 100th anniversary of the club playing at its current home at Cliftonhill Stadium; further notes with sadness that the club suffered tragedy in March 2019 when the goalkeeping coach, Michael Duke, passed away; acknowledges the overwhelming recent support and good will that the club has received from across Coatbridge, from community organisations, businesses, local celebrities and politicians among others, and wishes the club every success in the future.

Supported by: Monica Lennon*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, Stuart McMillan*, Dean Lockhart*, Sandra White*, Richard Lyle*, George Adam*, Bob Doris*, David Torrance*

***S5M-17125 Angus MacDonald: 89th Stenhousemuir Scouts Awarded SUEZ Communities Trust Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates the 89th Stenhousemuir Scout Group on being awarded £39,299 by the SUEZ Communities Trust; understands that this funding, which is being donated by SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK, will be used to install a new pitched roof at the Scout hall, which was built in the 1960s with a flat roof that required a lot of upkeep and repair; recognises the importance of youth groups and organisations, such as the Scouts and Guides, and the Boys' and Girls' Brigade, in providing an outlet for young people to take part in activities, while learning skills such as communication and leadership; acknowledges the positive impact that it believes these groups and organisations have in promoting social cohesion in their communities and in striving to ensure that young people have opportunities to learn about themselves, have fun and learn practical skills at the same time; encourages more young people to seek out and join their local youth group or organisation, and wishes everyone at the Stenhousemuir Scout group the very best with the upgraded facility.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Sandra White*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*

***S5M-17124 Angus MacDonald: Hippodrome Silent Film Festival, Hippfest 2019**—That the Parliament congratulates the organisers of Hippfest 2019 on another successful year showcasing the Hippodrome Silent Film Festival, which was held in Bo'ness; notes that this year's festival featured seven sell-out shows over the five days of the festival, with ticket sales up 17% compared to previous years; believes that Hippfest is Scotland's first and only silent film festival, and is organised by Falkirk Community Trust through the directorship of Alison Strauss and with support from Falkirk Council, FilmHub Scotland, Creative Scotland and Visit Falkirk; notes that the festival was able to provide BSL interpreters and electronic note taking for D/deaf and hard-of-hearing audiences at all of the talks and introductions to the opening night and Friday night screenings, with support from the Hugh Fraser Foundation; congratulates everyone involved in organising Hippfest and on another triumphant year, and looks forward to next year's festival, which will held in March, and all future Hippfests in the years to come.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Joan McAlpine*, Richard Lyle*, Rona Mackay*, Kenneth Gibson*

***S5M-17123 Angus MacDonald: CalaChem and Grangemouth Community Care**—That the Parliament commends CalaChem on its recent donation of £2,500 to Grangemouth Community Care; understands that the business makes regular annual donations to this group, which provides vital services and support to older people in Grangemouth from its base at Talbot House in the town; notes that the latest donation will be used to meet transport costs of getting people to and from their homes to Talbot House to take part in lunches and other activities every week to help tackle social isolation, which is one of the charity's main aims; recognises that CalaChem has been making these donations every year since 2015, and encourages other firms in Grangemouth to participate in similar initiatives.

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Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*

***[S5M-17122](#) Angus MacDonald: NHS Forth Valley Royal Hospital Excellence Award**—That the Parliament congratulates NHS Forth Valley Royal Hospital (FVRH) on being selected to receive an Excellence Award from Building with Nature, the UK's first benchmark for green infrastructure; understands that Building with Nature has said the hospital should be regarded as a national exemplar of what can be achieved when a shared vision for protecting and enhancing landscape is incorporated into the early design stages of projects, like FVRH; notes that the award commends the partnership working between NHS Forth Valley, Forestry Commission Scotland and Scottish Natural Heritage, along with architects Ian White Associates, which it states delivered an exceptional medical facility in a high-quality landscape setting; encourages others to follow on from the example set by the standards at FVRH, which it understands was the largest NHS project ever to be undertaken when it was completed in 2011, and looks forward to more examples being set for development in Scotland in the future.

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

***[S5M-17120](#) Alexander Burnett: BP Supports the NTS to Rebuild Crathes Castle's Boardwalk**—That the Parliament thanks BP for its contribution to rebuilding the boardwalk at Crathes Castle; acknowledges that it supported the initial building of the path, in partnership with the National Trust for Scotland (NTS), in 2006 and decided to help rebuild it after it was destroyed by Storm Frank in 2016; thanks the Crathes resident and BP employee who recognised the need for the path to be rebuilt and flagged this to company, and further thanks the BP staff who have been assisting the NTS rangers in the rebuilding. **R**

Supported by: Liz Smith*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Bowman*, Alexander Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Peter Chapman*, Murdo Fraser*, Jamie Greene*, Maurice Corry*, Bill Kidd*, Alison Harris*, Richard Lyle*, Gordon Lindhurst*

***[S5M-17119](#) Claire Baker: The Scottish SPCA, National Wildlife Centre, Clackmannanshire**—That the Parliament commends the Scottish SPCA on its tireless work across Scotland to help rehabilitate and release all kinds of injured and wildlife; understands that, through its National Wildlife Centre in Clackmannanshire, the charity released 5,642 wild animals back into their natural habitats, cared for a record 188 seals, 7,584 birds and 1,387 hedgehogs; notes that its specialised work can be appreciated on the BBC Scotland programme, *Born to be Wild*, which airs on Monday nights, and wishes the Scottish SPCA all the best

Supported by: Richard Lyle*, Bill Kidd*, Alexander Stewart*, Sandra White*, Rona Mackay*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Pauline McNeill*

***[S5M-17118](#) Margaret Mitchell: UWS Wins at Guardian University Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates the Lanarkshire Campus of the University of the West of Scotland (UWS) on winning the Sustainable Buildings that Inspire category at the 2019 Guardian University Awards, which were held on 10 April in London; understands that the campus, which opened in summer 2018, is one of the most sustainable buildings in the UK; recognises that it is completely carbon-neutral and is powered on 100% renewable energy, and hopes that it will inspire those responsible for the design of future higher education campuses.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Alexander Stewart*, Alison Harris*, Stuart McMillan*, Edward Mountain*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Richard Lyle*, Neil Bibby*, Kenneth Gibson*

***[S5M-17117](#) Bob Doris: The Garngad's Lisbon Lion, Stevie Chalmers**—That the Parliament notes with sadness the death of Celtic legend and Garngad/Royston boy, Stevie

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Chalmers; acknowledges that Stevie's death comes just days after that of his fellow Lisbon Lion, Billy McNeil; acknowledges the incredible achievement of that Celtic team in 1967 in becoming the first from the British Isles to win the European Cup; commends residents who have suggested that one way of marking Stevie's sporting achievements and legacy in the community would be to install a commemorative plaque at an appropriate location; encourages Celtic and Glasgow City Council to consider such a step, and believes that this would be a fitting memorial to a man from the Garngad who will continue to inspire people from across the community to participate in sport.

Supported by: Liam McArthur*, David Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, James Kelly*, Joan McAlpine*, Sandra White*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*, John Mason*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S5M-17121](#) Angela Constance: West Lothian College's Articulation Agreement with Queen Margaret University (lodged on 30 April 2019)

New Support: Richard Lyle*

[S5M-17111](#) Jenny Marra: St John's High Dundee Wins the SSFA's Senior Shield (lodged on 30 April 2019)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*

[S5M-17109](#) Claire Baker: Christian Aid Week 2019, Standing Together for Dignity, Equality and Justice (lodged on 30 April 2019)

New Support: Richard Lyle*, Liam McArthur*, Bill Kidd*, Elaine Smith*, Colin Smyth*, Sandra White*, Murdo Fraser*

[S5M-17108](#) Maureen Watt: Deaf Awareness Week 2019 (lodged on 30 April 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*, Patrick Harvie*

[S5M-17099](#) Bill Bowman: Monikie Building Named Angus Design Awards Building of the Decade (lodged on 29 April 2019)

New Support: Richard Lyle*

[S5M-17097](#) Tavish Scott: Shetland Young Fiddler of the Year Awards 2019 (lodged on 29 April 2019)

New Support: Richard Lyle*

[S5M-17093](#) John Finnie: Ross County, Championship Winners (lodged on 29 April 2019)

New Support: Bob Doris*

[S5M-17090](#) Margaret Mitchell: St Bride's Primary School and Nursery Class (lodged on 29 April 2019)

New Support: Richard Lyle*

[S5M-17089](#) Brian Whittle: Callum Hawkins Sets New Scottish Marathon Record (lodged on 29 April 2019)

New Support: Bob Doris*, Neil Bibby*

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[S5M-17083](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Lesbian Day of Visibility (lodged on 26 April 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S5M-17081](#) Sandra White: Five-star Rating for Clydeside Distillery (lodged on 29 April 2019)

New Support: Richard Lyle*, Bob Doris*

[S5M-17078](#) Neil Findlay: Marion Scott, Campaigning Journalist of the Year (lodged on 26 April 2019)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S5M-17072](#) Jenny Gilruth: The Madhouse Bakery Wins Award (lodged on 25 April 2019)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

[S5M-17071](#) Jenny Gilruth: Fife Muay Thai Fighters to Represent Team GB at Championships (lodged on 25 April 2019)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

[S5M-17070](#) Jenny Gilruth: Cora Bissett Returning to Fife with Award-winning Show (lodged on 25 April 2019)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

[S5M-17069](#) Jenny Gilruth: FORP Easter Egg Hunt (lodged on 25 April 2019)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

[S5M-17056](#) Brian Whittle: Early Detection and Treatment of Lung Cancer (lodged on 25 April 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S5M-17050](#) Clare Adamson: Child Safety Week 2019 (lodged on 24 April 2019)

New Support: Mark Ruskell*

[S5M-17044](#) James Kelly: Remembering Billy McNeill (lodged on 24 April 2019)

New Support: Bob Doris*

[S5M-16998](#) Maurice Golden: West Dunbartonshire Amateur Swimming Club Awarded £30,000 (lodged on 23 April 2019)

New Support: Richard Lyle*

[S5M-16986](#) Neil Findlay: FDA and Mesh (lodged on 18 April 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S5M-16958](#) Joan McAlpine: Greystone Rovers Foundation Secures Climate Challenge Funding (lodged on 16 April 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S5M-16939](#) Miles Briggs: Love Your Lungs Week (lodged on 16 April 2019)

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New Support: Colin Smyth*

[**S5M-16904 Jackie Baillie: World Parkinson's Day 2019**](#) (lodged on 11 April 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[**S5M-16793 Alex Cole-Hamilton: MEAction Scotland and the Draft Neurological Action Plan**](#) (lodged on 04 April 2019)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*

[**S5M-16456 Neil Findlay: Railway Chaos**](#) (lodged on 20 March 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[**S5M-16430 Neil Findlay: PCS Union Strike Ballot**](#) (lodged on 19 March 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[**S5M-16410 David Stewart: The Scottish Cot Death Trust**](#) (lodged on 18 March 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[**S5M-16396 Andy Wightman: Climate Strikers**](#) (lodged on 18 March 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[**S5M-16375 Liam McArthur: Malawi Flooding Crisis**](#) (lodged on 14 March 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[**S5M-16355 Brian Whittle: New Principal Starts at Ayrshire College**](#) (lodged on 14 March 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[**S5M-16354 Jeremy Balfour: 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games**](#) (lodged on 14 March 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[**S5M-16352 Claudia Beamish: Remembering Mr New Lanark, Jim Arnold**](#) (lodged on 14 March 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[**S5M-16349 Neil Findlay: STUC Union Rep Awards**](#) (lodged on 14 March 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[**S5M-16347 Jackie Baillie: Jagtar Singh Johal Detained for 500 days on 18 March 2019**](#) (lodged on 14 March 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[**S5M-16336 Willie Rennie: The Standard of Cycle Routes**](#) (lodged on 13 March 2019)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 08 May 2019

Social Security and Older People

- 1. John Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government how it allocates funding from the Scottish Welfare Fund to local authorities. ([S50-03188](#))
- 2. Alison Johnstone:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported concerns raised by young carer groups that the current proposals for the Young Carer Grant are unduly restrictive. ([S50-03189](#))
- 3. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it assists older people to stay in their homes for as long as possible. ([S50-03190](#))
- 4. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the 2016 SNP manifesto commitment, whether it will legislate in the current Parliamentary session to bring gender recognition law up to international best practice. ([S50-03191](#))
- 5. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the DWP's removal of the protected date of claim guarantees, which previously allowed councils and Citizens Advice Scotland to backdate benefits claims of their clients to the start of the application process rather than the final submission date. ([S50-03192](#))
- 6. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government how much Social Security Scotland has paid out in benefits since the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 was passed. ([S50-03193](#))
- 7. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government how many families in the Highlands and Islands have been awarded a Best Start Grant Pregnancy and Baby Payment since December 2018, and how many have had their applications rejected. ([S50-03194](#))
- 8. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact will be on benefit recipients of the expansion to 1,140 hours of funded childcare. ([S50-03195](#))

Finance, Economy and Fair Work

- 1. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to protect the jobs of people employed in the North Sea oil and gas sector as the industry changes. ([S50-03196](#))
- 2. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment the finance secretary has made of the contribution that immigration makes to Scotland's economy. ([S50-03197](#))
- 3. Linda Fabiani:** To ask the Scottish Government how it encourages employers to commit to having Living Wage accreditation. ([S50-03198](#))
- 4. Anas Sarwar:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the amount of reserves required for a new central bank in the event of a separate Scottish currency. ([S50-03199](#))
- 5. Alison Harris:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it expects to raise from the large business supplement in Central Scotland region in 2019-20. ([S50-03200](#))
- 6. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to further strengthen the economy of Glasgow. ([S50-03201](#))

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7. Joan McAlpine: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the most recent official statistics on Scotland's economic growth. ([S5O-03202](#))

8. Maurice Corry: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to capitalise on the skills of veterans returning to the labour market to benefit the Scottish economy. ([S5O-03203](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 09 May 2019

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

1. Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve air quality. ([S5O-03204](#))

2. Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government what its position on the work of Society Zero, which is a Glasgow-based social enterprise that provides zero waste and plastic-free food, produce and products, and how it supports the establishment of such start-ups. ([S5O-03205](#))

3. Johann Lamont: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve air quality and reduce pollution in the Glasgow area. ([S5O-03206](#))

4. Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government how it is responding to the latest unplanned flarings at the ExxonMobil Ethylene Plant at Mossmorran. ([S5O-03207](#))

5. Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that levels of wild salmon in Scotland are at their lowest since records began. ([S5O-03208](#))

6. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to eliminate using single-use plastic packaging. ([S5O-03209](#))

7. Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that environmental safety standards are met in landfill sites. ([S5O-03210](#))

8. Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Government on what grounds a local authority can refuse to provide a grant for the replacement or improvement of a private water supply, where there is no access to mains water. ([S5O-03211](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 09 May 2019

1. Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with South Lanarkshire Council and the integrated joint board regarding residential care homes. ([S5O-03212](#))

2. James Kelly: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve performance on ScotRail services. ([S5O-03213](#))

3. Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support rural GP practices and community health facilities in the Highlands and Islands. ([S5O-03214](#))

4. Richard Lyle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the noise surveys of the upgraded section of the M74. ([S5O-03215](#))

5. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to celebrate International Museum Day on 18 May. ([S5O-03216](#))

6. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government its position on the use of big data to tackle societal inequality. ([S5O-03217](#))

7. Angela Constance: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting suicide prevention work in the Almond Valley constituency. ([S5O-03218](#))

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- 8. Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that some tattoo parlours are refusing services to customers who disclose their HIV status. ([S50-03219](#))
- 9. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take in response to Christian persecution overseas. ([S50-03220](#))
- 10. Keith Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government what its assessment is of the impact of Brexit on the hospitality industry. ([S50-03221](#))

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 01 May 2019

[S5W-22891](#) Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reported recent incidents, including those involving pets being caught in snares, what its response is to claims that its legislation governing snaring is not fit for purpose and the calls for it to legislate to make the sale, use and manufacture of snares illegal.

[S5W-22911](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what the satisfaction rate is among Universal Credit (UC) Scottish Choices claimants compared with those in receipt of monthly UC housing element payments.

[S5W-22912](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to deliver Universal Credit Scottish Choices through Social Security Scotland, rather than the DWP.

[S5W-22921](#) Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Sustran Regional Model (SRM12) indicates that Fife housing and employment growth contributes to increased traffic into Edinburgh but the mitigation measures do not refer to any measures beyond the Edinburgh area, including the Levenmouth rail link.

[S5W-22922](#) Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Sustran Regional Model (SRM12) includes the East Neuk and takes account of the value of the railhead that Levenmouth could provide.

[S5W-22923](#) Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government what its assessment is of the maximum time that people will commute for (a) jobs and (b) education, and how this was accounted for in the scope of the Sustran Regional Model (SRM12).

[S5W-22924](#) Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government how the Sustran Regional Model (SRM12) takes account of step changes in (a) transport patterns and (b) land use that could result from new infrastructure.

[S5W-22925](#) Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reported previous underestimates, how it has adapted its modelling of the levels of anticipated rail passenger demand for new lines and stations, and whether this will be taken account of in the case of Levenmouth rail link.

[S5W-22928](#) Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government whether the revised total project cost of £80.5 million for HMP Highland is under review, in light of the operational date being pushed back from October 2021 to March 2023, and when specific funding provision will be confirmed.

[S5W-22929](#) Jackson Carlaw: To ask the Scottish Government what standard procedures are in place for the transportation of patient blood samples from GP surgeries to laboratories for analysis of the results in the parts of Scotland covered by the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde health board and across Scotland.

[S5W-22930](#) Jackson Carlaw: To ask the Scottish Government what safeguards have been put in place to prevent poor storage of patient blood samples occurring when this is being transported from GP surgeries to laboratories for analysis of the results in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and across Scotland.

[S5W-22931](#) Jackson Carlaw: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on (a) NHS resources and (b) waiting times for patients in situations where the faulty storage of original blood samples when being transported from GP surgeries to laboratories has resulted in additional blood tests being required to confirm the earlier results.

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[S5W-22932](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what the levels of the pollutant, bisphenol A, are at potential point sources such as landfill, sewage and paper sludge and in the wider environment.

[S5W-22934](#) Peter Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to introduce management and licensing schemes for beavers, in light of their protected status now being in force.

[S5W-22935](#) Dean Lockhart: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on introducing official road signage to warn road users of the presence of red squirrels. **R**

[S5W-22936](#) Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government what the (a) total cost and (b) annual interest rates will be in relation to the land purchase for HMP Highland, and whether there are any restrictions placed on the land by the seller and agreed to by the purchaser.

[S5W-22937](#) Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to decrease the prison population and address concerns regarding the (a) safety of prison staff and prisoners and (b) delivery of rehabilitation training, arising from prison overcrowding.

[S5W-22938](#) Maureen Watt: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to carry out awareness-raising activities in respect of the question on the Scots language in the 2021 census.

[S5W-22942](#) Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government how much it estimates it will cost in directly foregone tax revenue if Air Departure Tax was implemented on the basis of a 50% reduction on the current level of Air Passenger Duty.

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 1 May 2019

Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3

After section 8

Margaret Mitchell

7 After section 8, insert—

<Report on progress toward a new model for taking evidence from child witnesses in criminal proceedings

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must lay a report before the Scottish Parliament on the matters mentioned in subsection (2)—
 - (a) not later than the end of the period of 3 months beginning with the day of Royal Assent,
 - (b) at 6 monthly intervals thereafter until the Parliament is satisfied that the matters have been sufficiently progressed.
- (2) Those matters are—
 - (a) what progress has been made toward taking evidence from child witnesses in criminal proceedings—
 - (i) in accommodation other than court buildings,
 - (ii) in accommodation that provides such other support to child witnesses as is considered appropriate,
 - (iii) in as few interviews as possible,
 - (b) what the timetable is for making further progress.
- (3) For the purposes of preparing a report under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service,
 - (b) the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland,
 - (c) the Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service,
 - (d) child witnesses (within the meaning of section 271(5) of the 1995 Act),
 - (e) persons or bodies who provide support to child witnesses (within the meaning of section 271(5) of the 1995 Act).>

South of Scotland Enterprise Bill – Stage 2

Section 5

Gail Ross

14 In section 5, page 2, line 15, leave out from <community> to <communities'> and insert <communities to help them meet their>

John Finnie

15 In section 5, page 2, line 15, at end insert—

<() supporting community ownership of land and other assets.>

Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3

Section 44

Daniel Johnson

1 In section 44, page 28, line 31, at end insert—

<() The following persons must uphold the independence of the Parole Board—

- (a) the First Minister,
- (b) the Lord Advocate,
- (c) the Scottish Ministers,
- (d) members of the Scottish Parliament,
- (e) all other persons with responsibility for matters relating to—

- (i) the Parole Board or its members, or
- (ii) the administration of justice,

where that responsibility is to be discharged only in or as regards Scotland.

() In particular, the First Minister, the Lord Advocate and the Scottish Ministers—

- (a) must not seek to influence particular decisions of the Parole Board through any special access to the Board or any of its member, and
- (b) must have regard to the need for the Parole Board and its members to have the support necessary to enable them to carry out their functions.>

After section 43A

Daniel Johnson

2 After section 43A, insert—

<Release of prisoners: duty to assess availability of suitable accommodation on release

- (1) The 1993 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 26C, there is inserted—

“26CF Release of prisoners: duty to assess availability of suitable accommodation on release

- (1) Where a prisoner is to be released by the Scottish Ministers, they must ensure that, prior to the day on which the prisoner would fall to be released, they have complied with the duties under this section.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must assess whether, having regard to the needs of the prisoner and any other person who normally resides with the prisoner, the prisoner has suitable accommodation which the prisoner can occupy on release.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), a prisoner does not have suitable accommodation which the prisoner can occupy on release where—

- (a) the prisoner has no accommodation,
 - (b) the prisoner would be treated as having no accommodation within the meaning of section 24(2)-(2B) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (“the 1987 Act”),
 - (c) the prisoner would be homeless within the meaning of section 24(3) of the 1987 Act, or
 - (d) the prisoner is likely to be threatened with homelessness within 2 months of release.
- (4) Where the prisoner does not have suitable accommodation which the prisoner can occupy on release, the Scottish Ministers must—
- (a) refer the prisoner to the relevant local authority for the purpose of the authority considering its duties to the prisoner under Part II of the 1987 Act,
 - (b) take such other steps, whether on their own initiative or in collaboration with the relevant local authority, as they consider appropriate to—
 - (i) assist in ensuring that the prisoner has suitable accommodation that the prisoner can occupy on release, and
 - (ii) secure such information, advice and support as the prisoner may require to secure and retain suitable accommodation.
- (5) In complying with their duties under subsections (2) and (4), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
- (a) the prisoner,
 - (b) where practicable, such relatives of the prisoner and such other persons involved in the care and support of the prisoner as the prisoner may request.
- (6) In subsection (4), “relevant local authority” means the local authority in whose area the prisoner was resident before being imprisoned.”.>

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New Subordinate Legislation

New Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 01 May 2019 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (2019/draft)
laid under Section 51(3) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

Code for the Welfare of Meat Chickens and Breeding Chickens (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice
2019 (SG/2019/65)
laid under Section 37(7)(a) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

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Progress of Legislation

Bills

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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 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 7 May 2019

Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee), 2 May 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 April 2019

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

Stage 1 completed, 2 April 2019

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 3 April 2019

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

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

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 2 May 2019

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

Stage 2 (Health and Sport Committee), 7 May 2019

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

Passed, 25 April 2019

Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 30 April 2019

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

Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 25 March 2019

Lead Committee - Local Government and Communities Committee

Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 23 April 2019

Planning (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 14 November 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)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 1 May 2019

Scottish National Investment Bank Bill (G)

Introduced, 27 February 2019

Lead committee - Economy, Energy and Fair Work

South of Scotland Enterprise Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee), 8 May 2019

Transport (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee), 5 June 2019

Amendments to Parts 1 and 2 should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 30 May with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

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

Passed, 21 March 2018

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Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

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

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 9 May 2019

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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Agriculture Bill LCM-S5-19

Lodged on 29 October 2018

Report (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee) published, 12 November 2018

Fisheries Bill LCM-S5-22

Lodged on 7 December 2018

Report (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee) published, 25 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

Immigration and Social Security Coordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-23

Lodged on 8 March 2019

Evidence (Social Security Committee), 21 March 2019

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

Lodged on 3 September 2018

Motion agreed by the Parliament, 21 November 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

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Lodged on 20 December 2017

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

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

Affirmative instruments

Lead committee to report by 9 May 2019

[Companies Act 2006 \(Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland\) Order 2019 \[draft\]](#) (15 March 2019) (Economy, Energy and Fair Work)

Lead committee to report by 13 May 2019

[Justice of the Peace Courts \(Sheriffdom of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway\) etc. Amendment Order 2019 \[draft\]](#) (19 March 2019) (Justice)

Lead committee to report by 20 May 2019

[Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Treatment of South of Scotland Enterprise as Specified Authority\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#) (29 March 2019) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Lead committee report due by 09 June 2019

[Welfare of Farmed Animals \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(2019/draft\)](#) (01 May 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

[Code for the Welfare of Meat Chickens and Breeding Chickens \(Revocation\) \(Scotland\) Notice 2019 \(SG/2019/65\)](#) (01 May 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 1 May 2019

Lead committee to report by 29 April 2019

[Town and Country Planning and Electricity Works \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/80\)](#) (7 March 2019) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 2 May 2019

Lead committee to report by 29 April 2019

[Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/84\)](#) (8 March 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Subject to annulment by 6 May 2019

Lead committee to report by 29 April 2019

[Sea Fish Licensing \(Foreign Vessels\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/87\)](#) (12 March 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Sea Fishing \(Licences and Notices\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/88\)](#) (12 March 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

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Subject to annulment by 7 May 2019

Lead committee to report by 6 May 2019

[Agriculture Market Measures \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/89\)](#) (13 March 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 12 May 2019

Lead committee to report by 6 May 2019

[Teachers' Superannuation and Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/95\)](#) (18 March 2019) (Education and Skills)

[Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/96\)](#) (18 March 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 14 May 2019

Lead committee to report by 13 May 2019

[Less Favoured Area Support Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/98\)](#) (20 March 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 16 May 2019

Lead committee to report by 13 May 2019

[Loch Carron Marine Conservation Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/101\)](#) (22 March 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Relief for New and Improved Properties\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/116\)](#) (22 March 2019) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 22 May 2019

Lead committee to report by 20 May 2019

[Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/118\)](#) (28 March 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 23 May 2019

Lead committee to report by 20 May 2019

[Carbon Accounting Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/121\)](#) (29 March 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Subject to annulment by 26 May 2019

Lead committee to report by 20 May 2019

[Disabled Persons \(Badges for Motor Vehicles\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/128\)](#) (01 April 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 31 May 2019

Lead committee to report by 27 May 2019

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/133\)](#) (08 April 2019) (Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment by 01 June 2019

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Lead committee to report by 27 May 2019

[Public Health and Tobacco \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/142](#)
(23 April 2019) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 03 June 2019

Lead committee to report by 27 May 2019

[St Mary's Music School \(Aided Places\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/144\)](#)
(25 April 2019) (Education and Skills Committee)

Subject to annulment by 03 June 2019

Lead committee to report by 27 May 2019

[National Health Service \(Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/145\)](#) (25 April 2019) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 04 June 2019

Lead committee to report by 03 May 2019

[The International Joint Investigation Teams \(International Agreements\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/149\)](#) (26 April 2019) (Justice Committee)

Instruments/documents laid for consultation

The following instruments/documents were laid before the Parliament on 30 April 2019 for consultation—

Lead committee to report by 8 June 2019

[Scottish Public Services Ombudsman \(Healthcare Whistleblowing\) Order 2019 \[draft\] – Proposed Draft Order \(SG/2019/66\)](#) (30 April 2019) (Health and Sport)

[Scottish Public Services Ombudsman \(Healthcare Whistleblowing\) Order 2019 \[draft\] – Proposed Explanatory Document \(SG/2019/67\)](#) (30 April 2019) (Health and Sport)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 1 May 2019—

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 5th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee: Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2019, (SP Paper 520)

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