

Wednesday 20 November 2019

# Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**1:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**1:30 pm** Ministerial Statement: 30th Anniversary of the UNCRC

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Ward Closures

**followed by** Portfolio Questions

**followed by** Scottish Labour Party Debate: Universal Credit

**followed by** Scottish Labour Party Debate: Investing in Scotland

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:30 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-18139 Iain Gray: Celebrating the International Year of the Periodic Table

### Committee Meetings

**9:30am** Local Government and Communities Committee

**10:00am** Education and Skills Committee

**10:00am** Finance and Constitution Committee

**10:00am** Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

**12:30pm** Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints

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### followed by Portfolio Questions

#### Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

- 1. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government how minority groups within Pakistan are being helped as part of Scotland's Pakistan Development Programme. ([S5O-03773](#))
- 2. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government whether an independent Scotland could allow people whose immigration status is being challenged through a tribunal or court to continue to work, study or volunteer. ([S5O-03774](#))
- 3. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Destination Orkney and Orkney Islands Council about the future needs of the tourism sector. ([S5O-03775](#))
- 4. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the impact on tourism of public toilet closures. ([S5O-03776](#))
- 5. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government how it promotes tourism in the Cowdenbeath constituency. ([S5O-03777](#))
- 6. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to protect heritage sites in the Highlands and Islands. ([S5O-03778](#))
- 7. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government how it uses international engagement to help increase understanding of human rights worldwide. ([S5O-03779](#))
- 8. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to National Galleries Scotland's decision to end sponsorship from BP. ([S5O-03780](#))

#### Education and Skills

- 1. Angus MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason complaints regarding The Open University, which is registered as both a charity and a university, cannot be referred to the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman. ([S5O-03781](#))
- 2. Stewart Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government what consultation it undertakes with major employers to ensure that STEM courses are relevant and appropriate to the needs of commerce and industry. ([S5O-03782](#))
- 3. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government to what extent its attempts to widen access to university have been effective. ([S5O-03783](#))
- 4. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is preparing young people for entering the workforce. ([S5O-03784](#))
- 5. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many jobs will be created in North Ayrshire through the expansion of early years learning and childcare. ([S5O-03785](#))

**6. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the cost to families of children attending school and participating in school-related activities. ([S5O-03786](#))

**7. Jenny Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis has been carried out regarding the impact of multi-level teaching in secondary schools. ([S5O-03787](#))

**8. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government how many schools in the Highlands and Islands are being considered as part of the next phase of its Learning Estate Investment Programme. ([S5O-03788](#))

### followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Universal Credit

[S5M-19939](#) **Richard Leonard: Universal Credit**—That the Parliament agrees that universal credit, the two-child limit and the benefits cap should be scrapped in Scotland and across the UK.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-19939.3](#) **Shirley-Anne Somerville: Universal Credit**—As an amendment to motion S5M-19939 in the name of Richard Leonard (Universal Credit), insert at end ", alongside the abhorrent 'rape clause', the benefit sanctions regime and the 'bedroom tax'; notes estimates that UK Government social security spending will reduce by £3.7 billion by next year, and believes that an independent Scotland with full powers over social security can ensure that Scotland has a social security system that is built with the people of Scotland to meet their needs."

[S5M-19939.2](#) **Michelle Ballantyne: Universal Credit**—As an amendment to motion S5M-19939 in the name of Richard Leonard (Universal Credit), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "supports the principles of universal credit and is committed to the programme and all universal credit claimants; welcomes the announcement that the benefit freeze will be lifted in April 2020, and recognises that the UK Government has been positively reforming universal credit to further support claimants, and notes the removal of the extension of the two-child limit on universal credit for children born before April 2017, the increased work allowances and the reduction to the taper rate, which have helped families and individuals to keep more of the money they earn."

### followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Investing in Scotland

[S5M-19940](#) **Monica Lennon: Investing in Scotland**—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government is not fulfilling its promise to the people of Scotland on the legal right to treatment within 12 weeks; considers that current NHS waiting times are too long and that the impact on patients is unacceptable; thanks NHS staff for their dedication and hard work and is concerned about the increasing pressures on the workforce due to a lack of adequate workforce planning and investment; agrees that there has been a lack of focus on reducing health inequalities, and believes that the future sustainability of the NHS is reliant on more investment, better long-term planning and a transformational delivery of health and social care that is fit for the 21st century.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-19940.2](#) **Jeane Freeman: Investing in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S5M-19940 in the name of Monica Lennon (Investing in Scotland), leave out from first "believes" to end and insert "thanks NHS staff for their dedication and hard work as they care for the people of Scotland; welcomes the work being taken forward by the Ministerial working group to further promote and

encourage a positive and caring workplace culture; believes that sustained investment through plans for waiting times improvements can support boards to better deliver for their patients; further believes that such investment, reform and planning is necessary as too many patients are waiting too long for treatment; understands that, in 2019-20, NHS Scotland will be £758 million better off because it has received better than real-terms increases since the beginning of the current parliamentary session; calls for the incoming UK Government to pass, as a matter of urgency, NHS protection legislation to absolutely exempt the NHS from any future trade deals, and to provide a veto over such deals to the devolved legislatures; notes that any form of Brexit could have a potentially devastating impact on health and care services; considers that Brexit will damage the economy and the ability to attract specialist staff for years to come, undermining the sustainability of the health service; notes that a focus on addressing health inequalities and prevention of ill health is essential for the long-term wellbeing of the people of Scotland, and believes that the future sustainability of the NHS is reliant on more investment, including in communities, better long-term planning and working with partners in local government for a greater pace of transformational delivery of health and social care that is fit for the 21st century."

**[S5M-19940.1 Miles Briggs: Investing in Scotland](#)**—As an amendment to motion S5M-19940 in the name of Monica Lennon (Investing in Scotland), insert at end "; recognises the workforce crisis within NHS Scotland; notes the recent report from the Cross-Party Group on Cancer, which highlighted staff shortages as a reason for progress on treating cancer stalling; believes that Scotland's GPs are at the forefront of the NHS; calls on general practice to receive 11% of the overall Scottish NHS budget, and further calls for a long-term workforce plan to be developed for the health service in Scotland."

## followed by Business Motions

**[S5M-19950 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion](#)**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 November 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland as a Science Nation

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 27 November 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Liberal Democrat Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 28 November 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Final Report of the Women in Agriculture Taskforce

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 December 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 4 December 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 5 December 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 25 November 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

**[S5M-19951](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 27 March 2020.

**[S5M-19952](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 May 2020.

**[S5M-19953](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Referendums (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 6 December 2019.

**[S5M-19954](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 6 December 2019.

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S5M-19955](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that Daniel Johnson be appointed to replace Monica Lennon as a member of the Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee.

**5:30 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business — [S5M-18139](#) Iain Gray: Celebrating the International Year of the Periodic Table**

**[S5M-18139](#) Iain Gray: Celebrating the International Year of the Periodic Table**—That the Parliament acknowledges that 2019 has been designated by UNESCO as the International Year of the Periodic Table (IYPT) in tandem with the 150th anniversary of the Mendeleev periodic table; understands that the periodic table is an intrinsic tool to the study and practice of science and is regarded as one of human history's greatest advancements; commends the work of the Royal Society of Chemistry and others to promote IYPT and inspire the next generation of innovators;

celebrates Scotland's rich scientific history and the impact that it has had across the world, and recognises a need to continue to support scientific research, STEM education, international collaboration, skills development and sustainability in order to continue Scotland's legacy as a world leader in science.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Local Government and Communities Committee 29th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from-

Aileen Campbell, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government, and Kate Forbes, Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy, Scottish Government.

3. **Building Regulations and Fire Safety in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Laura Hughes, General Insurance Manager, Association of British Insurers;  
Craig Ross, Associate Director of the Built Environment, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors;

Professor Jose Torero, Professor of Civil Engineering and Head of Department, University College London;

Dr Jim Glockling, Technical Director, Fire Protection Association (by video link).

4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Building Regulations and Fire Safety in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will agree on proposed witnesses.

### Education and Skills Committee 31st Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether consideration of its draft report on the Disclosure (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Disclosure (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Children and Young People, Scottish Government;  
Kevin Lee, Disclosure Bill Team Leader, and Gerard Hart, Director of Protection Services and Policy, Disclosure Scotland;  
Gemma Grant, Lawyer, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
3. **Review of Evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.

### Finance and Constitution Committee 26th Meeting, 2019



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

1. **Proposed Contingent Liability (in private):** The Committee will take evidence from-

Derek Mackay, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work, Scottish Government.

### **Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 32nd Meeting, 2019**

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Dr John Kerr, Head of Agriculture Policy Division, Dr George Burgess, Deputy Director of Food and Drink, Ally McAlpine, Senior Statistician, Rural and Environment Science and Analytical Services (RESAS), Vicky Dunlop, Branch Head/Team Leader, Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill, and Andy Crawley, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate (SGLD), Scottish Government.
3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider whether the following instruments have been laid under the appropriate procedure—  
Agriculture Market Measures (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2019.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
Agriculture Market Measures (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2019;  
  
The Fishing Boats Designation (EU Exit) (Scotland) Order 2019.
5. **Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard at today's meeting.
6. **Proposed National Islands Plan:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.
7. **Pre-Budget/Financial scrutiny on roads maintenance in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter on its pre-budget/financial scrutiny on roads maintenance in Scotland.

### **Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints 7th Meeting, 2019**

The Committee will meet at 12.30 pm in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 2 in private.
2. **Approach to the Committee's inquiry:** The Committee will consider matters in relation to the inquiry.
3. **Approach to the Committee's inquiry:** The Committee will announce any decisions taken under item 2.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 13 November 2019

### Thursday 21 November 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-18735 Annie Wells: World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

**2:45 pm** Portfolio Questions  
Health and Sport

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: TV Licences for over 75s

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

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**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

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**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

**Thursday 28 November 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: Finance, Economy and Fair Work

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

## Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

### Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

21 November 2019

27th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Prison Service:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Colin McConnell, Chief Executive, Kate Hudson, Interim Director of Strategy and Stakeholder Engagement, and Melanie Allan, Head of Finance, Scottish Prison Service; Paul Johnston, Director-General, Education, Communities and Justice, Neil Rennick, Director of Justice, and Donna Mackinnon, Deputy Director and Head of Community Justice Division, Scottish Government.

3. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Prison Service:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Mark Roberts, Audit Director, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its future post-legislative scrutiny. The Committee will also consider its future scrutiny of the Auditor General for Scotland's reports on the 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts and the 2016/17 and 2017/18 audits of NHS Tayside.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lucy Scharbert at [papls.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:papls.committee@parliament.scot)

### Social Security Committee

21 November 2019

25th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Benefit Take-up:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Judith Paterson, Head of Advice and Rights (Scotland), Child Poverty Action Group;  
Richard Gass, Chair, Rights Advice Scotland;

David Wallace, Chief Executive, Social Security Scotland.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
The Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/325)
4. **Benefit Take-up:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 28 November the Committee expects to consider subordinate legislation and hold an evidence session on the Citizens Basic Income feasibility study interim report. For further information, contact Anne Peat, the Clerk to the Committee, on 0131 348 5182 or by email at [SocialSecurityCommittee@parliament.scot](mailto:SocialSecurityCommittee@parliament.scot).

## **Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee**

**21 November 2019**

**28th Meeting, 2019**

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

1. **Arts funding inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs, Ann Monfries, Senior Arts Advisor, and David Seers, Head of Sponsorship and Funding, Scottish Government.
2. **Consideration of evidence heard (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 28 November the Committee will consider the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 . For further information, contact Stephen Herbert, Clerk to the Committee: [europe@parliament.scot](mailto:europe@parliament.scot) or 0131 348 6226.

## **Public Petitions Committee**

**21 November 2019**

**20th Meeting, 2019**

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—  
PE1674 on Managing the Cat Population in Scotland and will take evidence from Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Andrew Voas, Veterinary Head of Animal Welfare and Hugh Dignon, Head of Wildlife and Biodiversity Unit, Scottish Government;  
PE1595 on Moratorium on shared space schemes;  
PE1667 on Review of mental health and incapacity legislation;  
PE1701 on Change the law to allow adoption for people over the age of 18;  
PE1706 on Introduce a law to allow pets in rented and supported accommodation;  
PE1716 on Full review of mental health service provision across the NHS in Scotland;  
PE1718 on Body cameras for the NHS; and  
PE1719 on Review of fire safety stay-put policy.
2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—

PE1756 on Review housing legislation to protect people experiencing domestic or elder abuse;  
PE1757 on Reduce actuarial reductions to the Scottish Local Government Pension Scheme;  
PE1758 on End greyhound racing in Scotland;  
PE1759 on Equal school hours for all children in Scotland; and  
PE1761 on New Housing Regulations.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the clerk to the Committee, Lynn Russell, on 0131 348 5254 or [petitions@parliament.scot](mailto:petitions@parliament.scot)

## **Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee**

**21 November 2019**

**21st Meeting, 2019**

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

1. **Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Dame Sue Bruce, Electoral Commissioner, Scotland, Andy O'Neil, Head of Electoral Commission, Scotland, and Bob Posner, Chief Executive, Electoral Commission;  
and then from—  
Isabel Drummond-Murray, Secretary, Ailsa Henderson, Deputy Chair, and Ronnie Hinds, Chair, Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland.
2. **Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
3. **Sexual harassment and sexist behaviour (in private):** The Committee will consider revisions to the guidance on the Code of Conduct.
4. **Sexual harassment and sexist behaviour (in private):** The Committee will consider revisions to the Direction to the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 28 November, the Committee expects to consider oral evidence on the Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill and changes to the Code of Conduct in relation to sexual harassment and sexual behaviour.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katy Orr, on 0131 348 6924 or at [SPPACcommittee@parliament.scot](mailto:SPPACcommittee@parliament.scot).

## **Equalities and Human Rights Committee**

**21 November 2019**

**28th Meeting, 2019**

The Committee will meet at 10:15 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Race equality in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Danny Boyle, Parliamentary Policy Officer, BEMIS;  
Jatin Haria, Executive Director, Coalition for Racial Equality & Rights;

John Wilkes, Head of Scotland, Equality and Human Rights Commission;  
Kaliani Lyle, Former Independent Race Equality Framework Adviser, Scottish  
Government;  
Parveen Khan, Race Equality Mainstream Officer, CEMVO.

3. **Race equality in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard.

### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 28 November, the Committee will take further evidence on race equality in Scotland. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at: [equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot](mailto:equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot) or 0131 348 6040

### **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing**

**21 November 2019**

**10th 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. **Facial recognition: how policing in Scotland makes use of this technology:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence from—  
Dr Christopher Lawless, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Durham University;  
Dr Joe Purshouse, Lecturer in Criminal Law, School of Law, University of East Anglia;  
Dr Anna Bobak, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Psychology, University of Stirling.
3. **Facial recognition: how policing in Scotland makes use of this technology:** The Sub-Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee by emailing [justicecommittee@parliament.scot](mailto:justicecommittee@parliament.scot) or on 0131 348 6040.

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Gluasadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
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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:

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

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

## Motions for Debate

**\*[S5M-19967](#) Fiona Hyslop: TV Licences for over 75s**—That the Parliament believes that the UK Government's decision to stop funding free TV licences for people over 75 was wrong; considers that the BBC should not be expected to use the licence fee to fund a welfare policy and calls for the UK Government to fully fund free TV licences for all over 75s; notes that the decision to shift this cost to the BBC was taken in secret discussions by the UK Government on the setting of the licence fee; believes that the licence fee should be set independently of the UK Government to decouple the setting of the fee from any undue influence that links it to wider funding of initiatives that should be the responsibility of government; commends the importance of universal access to publicly-funded public service broadcasting, and deplores the impact that this decision could have on older people's lives.

Supported by: Ben Macpherson\*

**[S5M-19940](#) Monica Lennon: Investing in Scotland**—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government is not fulfilling its promise to the people of Scotland on the legal right to treatment within 12 weeks; considers that current NHS waiting times are too long and that the impact on patients is unacceptable; thanks NHS staff for their dedication and hard work and is concerned about the increasing pressures on the workforce due to a lack of adequate workforce planning and investment; agrees that there has been a lack of focus on reducing health inequalities, and believes that the future sustainability of the NHS is reliant on more investment, better long-term planning and a transformational delivery of health and social care that is fit for the 21st century.

**\*[S5M-19940.2](#) Jeane Freeman: Investing in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion [S5M-19940](#) in the name of Monica Lennon (Investing in Scotland), leave out from first "believes" to end and insert "thanks NHS staff for their dedication and hard work as they care for the people of Scotland; welcomes the work being taken forward by the Ministerial working group to further promote and encourage a positive and caring workplace culture; believes that sustained investment through plans for waiting times improvements can support boards to better deliver for their patients; further believes that such investment, reform and planning is necessary as too many patients are waiting too long for treatment; understands that, in 2019-20, NHS Scotland will be £758 million better off because it has received better than real-terms increases since the beginning of the current



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parliamentary session; calls for the incoming UK Government to pass, as a matter of urgency, NHS protection legislation to absolutely exempt the NHS from any future trade deals, and to provide a veto over such deals to the devolved legislatures; notes that any form of Brexit could have a potentially devastating impact on health and care services; considers that Brexit will damage the economy and the ability to attract specialist staff for years to come, undermining the sustainability of the health service; notes that a focus on addressing health inequalities and prevention of ill health is essential for the long-term wellbeing of the people of Scotland, and believes that the future sustainability of the NHS is reliant on more investment, including in communities, better long-term planning and working with partners in local government for a greater pace of transformational delivery of health and social care that is fit for the 21st century."

Supported by: Joe FitzPatrick\*, Clare Haughey\*

**\*S5M-19940.1 Miles Briggs: Investing in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S5M-19940 in the name of Monica Lennon (Investing in Scotland), insert at end "; recognises the workforce crisis within NHS Scotland; notes the recent report from the Cross-Party Group on Cancer, which highlighted staff shortages as a reason for progress on treating cancer stalling; believes that Scotland's GPs are at the forefront of the NHS; calls on general practice to receive 11% of the overall Scottish NHS budget, and further calls for a long-term workforce plan to be developed for the health service in Scotland."

**S5M-19939 Richard Leonard: Universal Credit** —That the Parliament agrees that universal credit, the two-child limit and the benefits cap should be scrapped in Scotland and across the UK.

Supported by: Mark Griffin

**\*S5M-19939.3 Shirley-Anne Somerville: Universal Credit** —As an amendment to motion S5M-19939 in the name of Richard Leonard (Universal Credit), insert at end ", alongside the abhorrent 'rape clause', the benefit sanctions regime and the 'bedroom tax'; notes estimates that UK Government social security spending will reduce by £3.7 billion by next year, and believes that an independent Scotland with full powers over social security can ensure that Scotland has a social security system that is built with the people of Scotland to meet their needs."

Supported by: Christina McKelvie\*

**\*S5M-19939.2 Michelle Ballantyne: Universal Credit** —As an amendment to motion S5M-19939 in the name of Richard Leonard (Universal Credit), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "supports the principles of universal credit and is committed to the programme and all universal credit claimants; welcomes the announcement that the benefit freeze will be lifted in April 2020, and recognises that the UK Government has been positively reforming universal credit to further support claimants, and notes the removal of the extension of the two-child limit on universal credit for children born before April 2017, the increased work allowances and the reduction to the taper rate, which have helped families and individuals to keep more of the money they earn."

**\*S5M-19939.1 Liam McArthur: Universal Credit** —As an amendment to motion S5M-19939 in the name of Richard Leonard (Universal Credit), delete "universal credit," and insert "stopping Brexit will generate a £50 billion remain bonus, which can be used to tackle inequality and build a brighter future; agrees that the roll-out of universal credit by the UK Government has been shambolic and that it was undermined before it even began through billions of pounds of cuts; believes that money needs to be spent supporting people instead of on more administration; agrees that universal credit needs to be reformed and fixed so that it is underpinned by dignity and respect, backed by investment, and that".

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## Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

**\*S5M-19957 Claire Baker: SCAN Art in Action Campaign**—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Contemporary Art Network's Art in Action campaign, which took place over the summer of 2019 and involved artists from the Mid Scotland and Fife region and across Scotland meeting with MSPs to champion the role of visual art in communities; recognises the importance and contribution of art and artists to Scotland's society, culture and economy; notes that the SCAN Visual Arts Manifesto calls on policy makers to place culture at the heart of representative policy and decision-making and for longer-term public investment to support the creative and professional development of artists, workers and organisations, and recognises that the forthcoming Budget and the Culture Strategy offer an opportunity for debate about the nature of arts and cultural funding.

Supported by: Liam McArthur\*, David Stewart\*, Patrick Harvie\*

## Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*S5M-19968 Gil Paterson: Chris Rankin Memorial Gymnastics Competition**—That the Parliament commends Allander Gymnastics Club for renaming its annual floor and vault competition in memory of its much-loved former head coach, Chris Rankin; understands that the Rankin Memorial Contest will be held on 8 December 2019 with proceeds going to the Beatson Cancer Charity; notes that Chris, who was himself a former Scottish Junior Champion, joined Allander Gymnastics Club in 1988 having formerly coached at Glasgow Central Gymnastics Club; further notes that Scottish Gymnastics presented Chris, who was himself a former Scottish Gymnastics Board member, with a lifetime achievement award in 2018 in recognition of his contribution to the sport, which included coaching national squads, tutoring, mentoring and supporting other coaches and chairing the men's technical panel, as well as judging competitions; believes that the highlight of his career was representing Scotland as a judge at the 1990 Commonwealth Games, and that he was an inspiration to many during his long and distinguished service to the sport, and wishes Allander Gymnastics Club success with the inaugural Rankin Memorial Contest.

**\*S5M-19966 Derek Mackay: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill: Financial Resolution**—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

**\*S5M-19965 Gillian Martin: Girls in Energy Conference**—That the Parliament congratulates the pupils from schools across the north east, including from Turriff and Mintlaw academies, who took part in Shell's Girls in Energy Conference; understands that the event, which was part of a one-year course, was designed to inspire girls to pursue a STEM-based career and engaged its 100 attendees in various activities and allowed them to meet inspirational role models; acknowledges that part of the conference involved a "Dragons' Den"-style panel grilling the students on their ideas to help tackle the global energy challenge and the transition to a cleaner energy future; applauds all who took part in the conference, and wishes them well.

Supported by: Emma Harper\*, Sandra White\*, Richard Lyle\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Bill Kidd\*, David Torrance\*

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**\*S5M-19964 Liam McArthur: 10th Anniversary of the UHI Student Development Fund**—That the Parliament welcomes the 10th anniversary of the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) Student Development Fund; acknowledges that the fund has supported over 400 students with grants totalling over £165,000; believes that it has been crucial in enabling UHI students based in rural and island areas, who may face significant financial challenges due to additional travel costs, to have the same opportunities as those in less remote areas; considers that these opportunities help to provide a more well-rounded and valuable experience, helping to enhance students' personal development and build on their knowledge; believes that, because of this, it is vital that the students do not miss out on such opportunities; congratulates the university for encouraging students to take advantage of this funding; pays tribute to everyone who has generously donated to the fund over the years, which it believes has helped contribute to its longevity and success, and hopes that many more students will continue to benefit from this important funding stream for many more years.

Supported by: Alasdair Allan\*, David Stewart\*, Edward Mountain\*, Bill Kidd\*

**\*S5M-19962 Roseanna Cunningham: Environment (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 [draft]**—That the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommends that the Environment (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Mairi Gougeon\*

**\*S5M-19961 John Finnie: Amnesty International's Call for the Release of Catalan Leaders**—That the Parliament welcomes the report that was published by Amnesty International on 19 November 2019 regarding the Spanish court case against 12 Catalan leaders, which followed the referendum of 1 October 2017 and the subsequent events that took place that autumn; understands that the report examines the charge of sedition against nine of the leaders; concurs with Amnesty International that the Spanish Supreme Court's interpretation of that crime was overly broad and resulted in criminalising legitimate acts of protest; agrees with the call for the Spanish Parliament to urgently revise its definition of sedition to avoid criminalising peaceful acts of civil disobedience or unduly restricting freedom of peaceful assembly or expression, and supports Amnesty International's call for the Catalan leaders to be freed from jail.  
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Supported by: Rona Mackay\*, Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Sandra White\*

**\*S5M-19960 Annabelle Ewing: PC Kathryn Murray Braves the Shave for Macmillan Cancer Support**—That the Parliament notes police officer Kathryn Murray's decision to shave her head in support of Macmillan Cancer Support; understands that Kathryn, who is from Dalgety Bay, wishes to give back to the charity that supported her through her diagnosis of breast cancer and subsequent chemotherapy treatment; commends her on her bravery in revisiting her difficult memories as a way to add to the impressive £1,885 raised for the charity to date, and wishes Kathryn success in gathering funds for the fight against cancer.

**\*S5M-19959 Neil Findlay: Community Action Blackburn**—That the Parliament congratulates Community Action Blackburn for the fantastic work it has done in the last year; recognises that the organisation is community-led and owned; notes the variety of community projects that the organisation is involved with, such as with the Youth Action Project, which helps tackle antisocial behaviour, and intergenerational work schemes, which bring together the oldest and youngest in the community to work together for the common good, and praises all those involved with

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Community Action Blackburn for the positive impact that it is having on the people and community of Blackburn.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**\*S5M-19958 Kevin Stewart: Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2019 [draft]**—That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Aileen Campbell\*

**\*S5M-19956 Alasdair Allan: Tighean Innse Gall, Installer of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Tighean Innse Gall (TIG), which is based in the Western Isles, on winning the Installer of the Year category at the Energy Action Scotland (EAS) Fuel Poverty Awards 2019, which recognised excellence in the fight to eradicate fuel poverty; notes that the event was part of the EAS annual conference and exhibition; recognises that TIG operates in the housing sector in the Western Isles and provides a range of services, including insulation, care and repair, development and energy advice, to benefit the community as a whole; commends it on combining HEEPS:ABS Scottish Government energy efficiency funds and ECO funds from larger utility companies to reach over 235 households for every 1,000, which, it believes, is the highest proportion in Scotland; understands that TIG is the managing agent for the HEEPS scheme in Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, which has seen over £12 million in funding received since its inception in 2013, benefitting 2,500 households, and wishes TIG continued success.

Supported by: Richard Lyle\*, Sandra White\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Bill Kidd\*

**\*S5M-19955 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that Daniel Johnson be appointed to replace Monica Lennon as a member of the Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee.

**\*S5M-19954 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 6 December 2019.

**\*S5M-19953 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Referendums (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 6 December 2019.

**\*S5M-19952 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 May 2020.

**\*S5M-19951 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 27 March 2020.

**\*S5M-19950 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 November 2019

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2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland as a Science Nation

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

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5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 27 November 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Liberal Democrat Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 28 November 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Final Report of the Women in Agriculture Taskforce

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 December 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

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*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 4 December 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 5 December 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 25 November 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

**\*S5M-19948 Jenny Gilruth: Rollos Law Backs Will Aid**—That the Parliament acknowledges that the Glenrothes-based Rollos Law LLP is aiming to support charities by signing up once more for the annual Will Aid campaign; notes that, since getting involved with this annual scheme, the firm has raised a phenomenal £103,251 for ActionAid, Age UK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, NSPCC, Save the Children, Sightsavers, SCIAF and the Northern Ireland-based, Trocaire; understands that 2019 is the 17th year of the programme, which sees the firms involved with it pledge a portion of their time to write basic wills; acknowledges that they waive their normal fee for this service and instead ask their clients to make voluntary donations, and wishes Rollos Law LLP all the best in its endeavours, including with its charitable work.

Supported by: Sandra White\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, David Torrance\*, Bill Kidd\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Richard Lyle\*, Stewart Stevenson\*

**\*S5M-19947 Mark McDonald: 25 Years of the Organ Donor Register**—That the Parliament acknowledges the 25-year milestone of the NHS Organ Donor Register in Scotland; understands that, in Grampian, 50% of the population is currently registered and that just over 2.6 million people in Scotland are organ donors; believes that more than 6,000 lives have been saved or

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transformed since the register was launched in October 1994; encourages people to make their donation decision known to family and friends; understands that there is an average of more than 500 people waiting for a transplant in Scotland at any one time, and considers that the introduction of an opt-out system in autumn 2020 will improve the lives of those on the waiting list.

Supported by: Liam McArthur\*, Richard Lyle\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Alison Johnstone\*, Rona Mackay\*, Bill Kidd\*, Monica Lennon\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Jackie Baillie\*, David Torrance\*, Neil Findlay\*

**\*S5M-19946 Gillian Martin: St Andrew's Church Playgroup, Inverurie**—That the Parliament congratulates the St Andrew's Church Playgroup in Inverurie on being given a "Very Good" rating by the Care Inspectorate for the care, support, environment and staffing that it provides; acknowledges that the inspectors noted that the interaction between the staff and the children was sensitive and responsive and that staff worked well together as a team to create an inclusive, nurturing environment; commends them on their valuable work, and wishes the Playgroup well.

Supported by: Emma Harper\*, Richard Lyle\*, Sandra White\*, Bill Kidd\*, Ruth Maguire\*

**\*S5M-19945 Peter Chapman: Huntly Singer, Iona Fyfe, Shortlisted for Award**—That the Parliament congratulates the singer, Iona Fyfe, on being one of five nominees shortlisted for the Folk Band of the Year title at the 2019 MG Alba Scots Trad Music Awards, which celebrate excellence in traditional music; recognises that Iona, who is from Huntly, has previously won the Scots Singer of the Year title and was the headliner at the 2019 Australian Celtic Festival, which was held in the summer; understands that she is very grateful for the nomination and has said that winning the title "would be a great boost"; notes that the awards will be presented at the Music Hall in Aberdeen on 7 December, and wishes Iona the best of luck.

**\*S5M-19944 Peter Chapman: Report Praises Aberdeenshire's Adoption Service**—That the Parliament welcomes the praise given to Aberdeenshire Council's adoption service in a Care Inspectorate report, which ranked the service as "very good" for its leadership and quality of care for the children, stating that the children's "journey to adoption had been efficient and skilfully carried out by experienced and knowledgeable staff"; understands that the head of children's services for the centre, Leigh Jolly, agreed with the findings and stated that it is a "testament to the commitment of our social workers", and wishes everyone involved further success.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**\*S5M-19943 Tom Arthur: Social Enterprise Awards Scotland 2019**—That the Parliament celebrates the Social Enterprise Awards Scotland 2019; notes that the annual ceremony, which recognises innovation, impact and success in social enterprise, took place in the Parliament on 12 November; congratulates all of the nominees and the winners; notes that these included The Shielling Project, which won the Environmental Social Enterprise category, The Spark, which was presented with the Social Impact award, Scotland's Bravest Manufacturing Company, which was named as the One to Watch, and PwC, which was the winner of the Market Builder award; applauds Paul McColgan of Community Renewal Trust, on being named Social Enterprise Champion, and Community Food Initiatives North East on being named as the Social Enterprise of the Year; recognises the important contribution of social enterprise in building a fairer society and more inclusive economy, and commends Social Enterprise Scotland on a successful awards ceremony that celebrated businesses aiming to change the world for the better.

Supported by: Emma Harper\*, Richard Lyle\*, Sandra White\*, Bill Kidd\*, Joan McAlpine\*, David Torrance\*, Ruth Maguire\*

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**\*[S5M-19942](#) Brian Whittle: Kayleigh Haggo Sets Race Running World Record**—That the Parliament congratulates Kayleigh Haggo on winning Gold for Britain in the RR3 100m category for Race Running at the World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai, setting a new world record of 18.32 seconds in the process; acknowledges that the 20-year-old from Maybole, who has cerebral palsy, dedicated her victory to her coach, Janice Eaglesham, who died earlier in 2019; understands that this is the first year that the event, in which athletes use a race runner, which is a three-wheeled frame invented in Denmark in 1991, to support their body, has been included at the championships; applauds Kayleigh on her victory, and wishes her continued success.

Supported by: Annie Wells\*, Miles Briggs\*, Maurice Corry\*, Jamie Greene\*, Bill Kidd\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Edward Mountain\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**[S5M-19938](#) Gil Paterson: Charlie Smith Success in Drumchapel Inter-Club Tennis Championship** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson\*, Sandra White\*, Edward Mountain\*, Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-19937](#) David Torrance: Rachel Smith, Raising Awareness of Meningitis** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Monica Lennon\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Edward Mountain\*, Bill Kidd\*, Sandra White\*, Emma Harper\*, Richard Lyle\*, Pauline McNeill\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19936](#) David Torrance: Nun Finishes Degree at 79** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson\*, Bill Kidd\*, Sandra White\*, Emma Harper\*, Richard Lyle\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S5M-19935](#) Rhoda Grant: 25 Years of Friends of the Far North Line** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Liam McArthur\*, Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19934](#) David Torrance: Cottage Family Centre Christmas Appeal** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19933](#) David Torrance: New Weekly Artisan Market** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson\*, Bill Kidd\*, Sandra White\*, Emma Harper\*, Richard Lyle\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19932](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy-based Seescape Opens to Public** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Edward Mountain\*, Bill Kidd\*, Sandra White\*, Emma Harper\*, Richard Lyle\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19930](#) Liam McArthur: Harve Symond, Young Achiever Award Winner** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*



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**[S5M-19929](#) Emma Harper: International Transgender Day of Remembrance** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Sandra White\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19927](#) Alison Johnstone: National Galleries Scotland Ends Links with BP** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Andy Wightman\*

**[S5M-19926](#) Angela Constance: Dignity Box Charity Shop Opens New Premises in Livingston** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S5M-19925](#) Dean Lockhart: Castleview School in Stirling to Purchase a VeloPlus Bike** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S5M-19924](#) Beatrice Wishart: Nurse Award for Alison Irvine from NHS Shetland** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19923](#) Angela Constance: West Lothian College Recognised at Scottish Digital Business Awards** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S5M-19920](#) Bruce Crawford: Shelter Scotland's Are You With Us? Campaign** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19919](#) Linda Fabiani: Nae Pasaran! Bob's Engine Returns to East Kilbride** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Elaine Smith\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19918](#) David Stewart: Bereaved Inverness Parents Support Campaign for Graduated Driving Licences** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Mary Fee\*

**[S5M-19917](#) Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Tug of War Coach Prepares the Scottish Team** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19916](#) Alexander Stewart: Michael Wiseman from Alloa Double Gold at Taekwon-Do Championships** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S5M-19915](#) Neil Findlay: West Lothian's John Thomson Raises over £4,000 for Prostate Cancer Research** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

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**[S5M-19914](#) Neil Findlay: Opening of Food Bank in West Lothian** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19913](#) Neil Findlay: Broxburn's Meg Wishart Shortlisted for Inspiring Women List** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S5M-19912](#) Neil Findlay: West Lothian Teacher Toni Scullion Wins Scottish Women in Technology Award** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S5M-19911](#) Sarah Boyack: Scotmid's 160th Anniversary** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*, Andy Wightman\*

**[S5M-19909](#) Gillian Martin: Brenna Collie, Young Photography Award Winner** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Rona Mackay\*, Sandra White\*, Pauline McNeill\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*, David Torrance\*

**[S5M-19908](#) Colin Beattie: Award-winning Company, Hey Girls, Fights Period Poverty** (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19907](#) Neil Bibby: Respect for Shopworkers Week 2019** (lodged on 15 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19906](#) Emma Harper: Dumfries and Galloway Life Awards** (lodged on 15 November 2019)

New Support: Finlay Carson\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19905](#) Michelle Ballantyne: The Bonnie Badger Hotel, New Business of the Year Award Winner** (lodged on 15 November 2019)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Maurice Corry\*, Jamie Greene\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annie Wells\*, Gil Paterson\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Iain Gray\*

**[S5M-19904](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Jack and Ivy, Employer of the Year Award Winner** (lodged on 15 November 2019)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annie Wells\*, Gil Paterson\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Iain Gray\*

**[S5M-19903](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Miixer CIC, Best Community Impact Award Winner** (lodged on 15 November 2019)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Maurice Corry\*, Jamie Greene\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annie Wells\*, Gil Paterson\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Iain Gray\*

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**[S5M-19902](#) Michelle Ballantyne: East Fortune Farm, Best Family Business Award Winner**  
(lodged on 15 November 2019)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annie Wells\*, Gil Paterson\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Iain Gray\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S5M-19901](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Lemac, Environmental Impact Award Winner** (lodged on 15 November 2019)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Maurice Corry\*, Jamie Greene\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annie Wells\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Iain Gray\*

**[S5M-19900](#) Gail Ross: The Caithness Broch Project** (lodged on 15 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19899](#) Gil Paterson: Youth Achievement Awards for Clydebank High School Pupils**  
(lodged on 15 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-19898](#) Monica Lennon: International Transgender Day of Remembrance** (lodged on 15 November 2019)

New Support: Emma Harper\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19897](#) Emma Harper: Dumfries and Galloway LGBT+ Adult Service** (lodged on 15 November 2019)

New Support: Finlay Carson\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19896](#) Claire Baker: Workshops Week 2019** (lodged on 15 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19895](#) Angela Constance: Seafield Community Education Centre Management Committee Receives Funding** (lodged on 15 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19894](#) Angela Constance: Kirknewton Community Development Trust Receives Funding** (lodged on 15 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19893](#) Mark McDonald: Absafe Awarded Funding to Empower Local Youngsters**  
(lodged on 14 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19892](#) Liam McArthur: Ness of Brodgar Excavation Site Receives Global Recognition**  
(lodged on 14 November 2019)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19891](#) Liam Kerr: Programming Boost for the North East** (lodged on 14 November 2019)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Maurice Corry\*, Jamie Greene\*, Gil Paterson\*

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**[S5M-19890](#) Angus MacDonald: Dr Ken Thomson OBE** (lodged on 14 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19889](#) Iain Gray: From Dunbar to Dubai, Celebrating Maria Lyle's World Para-Athletics Championship Medals** (lodged on 14 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19888](#) Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh Young Carers Project** (lodged on 14 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19887](#) Jeremy Balfour: U-Evolve, Edinburgh** (lodged on 14 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19886](#) Maurice Corry: Working4U's Youth Programmes** (lodged on 14 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19885](#) Richard Lyle: Celebrating Award in Excellency at NHS Lanarkshire** (lodged on 14 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson\*

**[S5M-19880](#) Liam McArthur: Malcolm Johnston from Orkney Recognised by the Royal British Legion** (lodged on 14 November 2019)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-19868](#) Lewis Macdonald: Bonnymuir Green Community Trust Wins EcoCity Awards** (lodged on 13 November 2019)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-19866](#) Lewis Macdonald: Community Food Initiatives North East Named Social Enterprise of the Year** (lodged on 13 November 2019)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-19862](#) John Finnie: ECJ Ruling on the Labelling of Products Made in Illegal Settlements** (lodged on 13 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-19836](#) Lewis Macdonald: Tour of Britain Cycle Race Comes to Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire** (lodged on 12 November 2019)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-19811](#) Mary Fee: Celebrating Women's Football in 2019** (lodged on 11 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-19772](#) Rona Mackay: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence** (lodged on 07 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

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**[S5M-19741](#) Tom Arthur: St Andrew's Day 2019** (lodged on 05 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-19246](#) Elaine Smith: The Positive Contribution of Catholic Schools** (lodged on 03 October 2019)

New Support: Rona Mackay\*, Liam Kerr\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S5M-19123](#) Rona Mackay: 25th Anniversary of the FAIRTRADE Mark** (lodged on 26 September 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

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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 19 November 2019

**S5W-26412 David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to ban combustible materials on the outside of high-rise or high-risk buildings.

**S5W-26413 David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment has been made of the independence and transparency of BS 8414 fire tests.

**S5W-26414 David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to concerns that BS 8414 fire tests can be amended and repeated unlimited times, with no requirement to publish records of test failures.

**S5W-26415 David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the BS 8414 fire test in terms of its accuracy in reflecting real fire conditions.

**S5W-26438 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people have been contacted by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service and invited to make a victim impact statement under the terms of section 14 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003, and how many of those contacted chose to make such a victim statement in each of the last five years, broken down by the number of (a) adult victims, (b) victims aged between 12 and 18, (c) victims under the age of 12 and (d) victims whose cases involved an allegation of domestic abuse.

**S5W-26439 Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-26177 by Michael Matheson on 18 November 2019, what processes have been developed to ensure continued driver safety in the intervening period.

**S5W-26443 Alison Johnstone:** To ask the Scottish Government when its campaign to tackle sexual harassment in schools will begin.

**S5W-26444 Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people are in receipt of free personal and nursing care (a) in North Ayrshire and (b) nationally.

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## New Bills and Accompanying Documents

### New Bills introduced or reprinted on 19 November 2019

**Scottish National Investment Bank Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2 (SP Bill 43A) (Government Bill).

## Amendments

### New amendments to Bills lodged on 19 November 2019

#### Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill – Stage 2

##### Section 3

###### Kate Forbes

16 In section 3, page 2, line 21, after <building> insert—

<(i)>

###### Kate Forbes

17 In section 3, page 2, line 23, at end insert <, or

(ii) would have been shown in such an entry in the valuation roll but for section 7(3), 7A(3) or 8C(1) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956.>

###### Kate Forbes

18 In section 3, page 2, line 38, at end insert—

<( ) A mark included in an entry in the valuation roll under subsection (2) must be removed from the entry on the next occasion when the entry is altered by an assessor.>

##### Section 4

###### Kate Forbes

19 In section 4, page 3, line 20, leave out <and (1B)> and insert <to (1C)>

###### Kate Forbes

20 In section 4, page 3, leave out lines 21 to 37 and insert—

<“(1ZA)An entry is to be made in the roll in respect of any part of the lands and heritages which falls within either subsection (1ZB) or (1ZC).

(1ZB)A part falls within this subsection if the part is occupied by a person or body other than the person or body mentioned in paragraph (a) or, as the case may be, (b) of subsection (1).

(1ZC)A part falls within this subsection if—

(a) the part is occupied by the person or body mentioned in paragraph (a) or, as the case may be, (b) of subsection (1), and

(b) persons may be required to pay for access to facilities on the part or for goods or services provided on it.

(1ZD)The remainder of the lands and heritages is not to be entered in the roll.”>

##### After section 5

###### Kate Forbes

21 After section 5, insert—

<Agreement as to valuation



In section 1 of the 1975 Act (the valuation roll and revaluation), after subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) Subsection (3B) applies where the assessor and the proprietor, tenant or occupier of lands and heritages have reached an agreement in writing as to the details to be included in the entry in the valuation roll for the lands and heritages (whether that agreement was reached before or after the draft valuation roll was published under section 1B(1)).

(3B) The assessor must include those details in the entry for the lands and heritages, unless, since the agreement was reached, there has been an alteration in the value of the lands and heritages due to a material change of circumstances.”.>

**Kate Forbes**

22 After section 5, insert—

**<Draft valuation roll and valuation notices**

After section 1A of the 1975 Act insert—

**“1B Draft valuation roll and valuation notices**

(1) Before making up a valuation roll under section 1(1), an assessor must—

(a) publish a draft of the roll, and

(b) send a draft valuation notice to each person who is a proprietor, tenant or occupier of lands and heritages entered in the draft valuation roll.

(2) A draft valuation notice is a notice setting out—

(a) the details included in the entry for the lands and heritages in the draft valuation roll,

(b) the effect of subsections (3) and (4), and

(c) such other information as—

(i) the Scottish Ministers may specify in regulations, or

(ii) the assessor considers appropriate.

(3) A person who receives a draft valuation notice may make representations to the assessor as to the details to be included in the entry for the lands and heritages in the valuation roll when it is made up under section 1(1).

(4) When the assessor makes up the valuation roll under section 1(1), the assessor may include details in an entry for lands and heritages which are different to those included in the entry for the lands and heritages in the draft valuation roll, whether as a result of representations made under subsection (3) or otherwise (but see also section 1(3A) and (3B)).

(5) Regulations under subsection (2)(c)(i)—

(a) may make different provision for different purposes,

(b) may make incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision.

(6) Regulations under subsection (2)(c)(i) are subject to the negative procedure.”.>

**Section 7**

**Kate Forbes**

23 In section 7, page 5, line 6, leave out from <for> to <situated> in line 7 and insert <who has the function of valuing the lands and heritages>

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**Kate Forbes**

- 24 In section 7, page 5, line 21, at end insert—
- <( ) A person may not make a proposal in pursuance of subsection (2)(a) where—
- (a) the notice under section 3(2) relates to an entry included in the valuation roll when it was made up under section 1(1), and
  - (b) the details included in the entry are in accordance with an agreement in writing between that person and the assessor as to the details to be included in the entry.>

**Kate Forbes**

- 25 In section 7, page 5, line 32, after <with> insert—
- <(i)>

**Kate Forbes**

- 26 In section 7, page 5, line 32, after <proposal,> insert <or
- (ii) an agreement in writing between the assessor and the person who made the proposal,>

**Kate Forbes**

- 27 In section 7, page 5, leave out lines 33 and 34 and insert—
- <( ) to alter the entry other than in accordance with the proposal or such an agreement (including by either increasing or decreasing the rateable value shown in the entry),>

**Kate Forbes**

- 28 In section 7, page 6, line 1, at end insert—
- <(da) fees payable in connection with a proposal (including provision about circumstances in which a fee may be repaid),>

**Kate Forbes**

- 29 In section 7, page 6, line 8, after <to> insert—
- <( ) the affirmative procedure, if they make provision under subsection (6)(da),
  - ( ) otherwise,>

**Kate Forbes**

- 30 In section 7, page 6, line 12, at beginning insert <A person who is>

**Kate Forbes**

- 31 In section 7, page 6, line 13, leave out from <for> to <situated> in line 14

**Kate Forbes**

- 32 In section 7, page 6, line 15, leave out from <under> to end of line 16 and insert <, in relation to a proposal made by the person, under section 3ZA(5)(b) or (c),>

**Kate Forbes**

- 33 In section 7, page 6, line 18, leave out <proprietor, tenant or (as the case may be) occupier> and insert <person>

**Kate Forbes**

- 34 In section 7, page 6, leave out line 20

**Kate Forbes**

- 35 In section 7, page 6, line 23, at end insert—
- <( ) An appeal under subsection (1)(b) may be made only on the same basis as the proposal to which it relates was made under section 3ZA(2).>

**Alexander Stewart**

- 36 In section 7, page 7, line 15, at end insert—
- <( ) Before making regulations under subsection (6)(d), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
- (a) local authorities,
  - (b) assessors,
  - (c) representatives of the business sector, and
  - (d) such other persons as they consider appropriate.>

**After section 8**

**Kate Forbes**

- 37 After section 8 insert—
- <Restriction on making complaints>**
- In section 13 of the 1854 Act (complaints with regard to valuations)—
- (a) the existing text becomes subsection (1),
  - (b) after that subsection insert—
- “(2) A person may not make a complaint as mentioned in subsection (1) in respect of lands and heritages of which the person is the proprietor, tenant or occupier.”.>

**Kate Forbes**

- 38 After section 8, insert—
- <Meaning of “material change of circumstances”>**
- In section 37 (interpretation) of the 1975 Act, in the definition of “material change of circumstances”—
- (a) the words from “and, without prejudice to” to the end become paragraph (a), and
  - (b) after that paragraph insert—
- “(b) but does not include any change—
- (i) in the rent of the lands and heritages (or any other lands and heritages), or

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- (ii) in the level of valuations generally or in the value of lands and heritages generally.”.>

**Alexander Stewart**

39 After section 8, insert—

*<Valuation process*

**Duty to report on the valuation process**

After section 27 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 insert—

**“27A Duty to report on the valuation process**

- (1) Each valuation authority must, as soon as practicable after the end of each financial year make a report to the Scottish Ministers on the effectiveness of the valuation process undertaken by assessors appointed under section 27.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must lay a report before the Scottish Parliament that—
  - (a) collates the reports provided by valuation authorities under subsection (1),
  - (b) considers whether the valuation process is operating effectively.
- (3) A report under subsection (2) must be laid before the Scottish Parliament as soon as reasonably practicable after all valuation authorities have submitted reports to the Scottish Ministers under subsection (1).>

**Section 11**

**Kate Forbes**

40 In section 11, page 9, line 26, leave out <publish,> and insert—

- <( ) as soon as reasonably practicable after issuing guidance under subsection (7A), lay a copy of that guidance before the Scottish Parliament, and  
( ) publish the guidance>

**Kate Forbes**

41 In section 11, page 9, line 27, leave out <, any guidance issued under subsection (7A)>

**After section 11**

**Kate Forbes**

42 After section 11, insert—

**<Unoccupied properties**

- (1) The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966 is amended as follows.
- (2) Section 24 (unoccupied lands and heritages) is repealed.
- (3) In section 24A (lands and heritages partly unoccupied for a short time)—
  - (a) in subsection (2), the words “, subject to subsection (4),” are repealed,
  - (b) subsection (4) is repealed,
  - (c) in subsection (5), for “, (3)(a), (c) and (d) and (4)” substitute “and (3)(a), (c) and (d)”,

- (d) subsection (6) is repealed.
- (4) In section 24B (certain lands and heritages to be treated as unoccupied)—
- (a) in subsection (1)—
- (i) for “section 24” substitute “section 24A”,
- (ii) for “lands and heritages” where it first occurs substitute “a part of lands and heritages”,
- (iii) for “they” where it first occurs substitute “the part”,
- (iv) for “lands and heritages” where it second occurs substitute “part”,
- (v) in paragraph (a), for “lands and heritages when they were” substitute “part of the lands and heritages when it was”,
- (vi) in paragraph (b), for “lands and heritages” substitute “part”,
- (b) subsections (2) to (4) are repealed.
- (5) In section 25(1) (provisions supplementary to section 24), for “section 24 of this Act” substitute “any scheme under section 3A of the Local Government (Financial Provisions etc.) (Scotland) Act 1962 which provides for the rates leviable in respect of lands and heritages to be reduced or remitted by virtue of the lands and heritages being unoccupied”.
- (6) The section title of section 25 becomes “**Newly erected, altered etc. buildings: completion notices**”.
- (7) In schedule 3 (rating of unoccupied property), in paragraph 2—
- (a) for “section 24 of this Act” substitute “any scheme under section 3A of the Local Government (Financial Provisions etc.) (Scotland) Act 1962 which provides for the rates leviable in respect of lands and heritages to be reduced or remitted by virtue of the lands and heritages being unoccupied”,
- (b) in paragraph 5, the words “under section 24 of this Act” are repealed.>

## Section 12

**Kate Forbes**

- 43 In section 12, page 9, line 34, leave out <24 to 25> and insert <24A and 24B>

## Section 13

**Kate Forbes**

- 44 In section 13, page 11, line 4, leave out <rating authority has issued a demand note for the payment of> and insert <person (the “ratepayer”) is liable to pay the>

**Kate Forbes**

- 45 In section 13, page 11, line 5, after <year> insert <, or part of a year.>

**Kate Forbes**

- 46 In section 13, page 11, line 7, leave out <person who is liable to pay the rates (the “ratepayer”)> and insert <ratepayer>

**Kate Forbes**

- 47 In section 13, page 11, line 21, after <year> insert <(or part of the year)>

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**Kate Forbes**

48 In section 13, page 11, line 28, after <year> insert <(or part of the year)>

**Kate Forbes**

49 In section 13, page 12, line 1, after <year> insert <(or part of the year) to which the notice relates>

**After section 13**

**Kate Forbes**

50 After section 13, insert—

*<Electronic communications>*

**Electronic communication of information**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision allowing or requiring a notice falling within subsection (2) to be given by electronic means.
- (2) A notice falls within this subsection if it—
  - (a) is to be given to a person in accordance with an enactment, and
  - (b) relates to—
    - (i) the valuation of lands and heritages under the Valuation Acts,
    - (ii) the valuation roll,
    - (iii) the charging and collection of non-domestic rates (including relief from payment of rates or reduction or remission of rates),
    - (iv) any other matter connected with the assessment of liability to or levying of non-domestic rates.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may include provision for or about—
  - (a) the manner in which a notice may be given, including circumstances in which information to be given in a notice to a particular person may be so given by being made available to that person and to others (for example, by publication on a website),
  - (b) information to be provided to facilitate the giving or receipt of a notice by electronic means (for example, an electronic address),
  - (c) circumstances in which a notice may be given by electronic means only with the consent of the intended recipient,
  - (d) exceptions to a provision allowing or requiring a notice to be given by electronic means,
  - (e) the calculation of the date on which a notice given by electronic means is to be treated as having been given,
  - (f) such other matters in connection with the giving of a notice by electronic means as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) may—
  - (a) modify any enactment (including this Act),
  - (b) make different provision for different purposes,
  - (c) make incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision.

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(5) In this section—

“notice” includes any information given to another person,

“the Valuation Acts” means the 1854 Act, the Acts amending that Act, and any other enactment relating to valuation.>

**Kate Forbes**

**51** After section 13, insert—

<**Procedure for regulations under section (*Electronic communication of information*)**>

- (1) Regulations under section (*Electronic communication of information*) are subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (2) Before laying a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under section (*Electronic communication of information*) before the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
  - (a) such person or persons as appear to the Scottish Ministers to represent the interests of—
    - (i) local authorities, or
    - (ii) assessors,
as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate,
  - (b) such person or persons as appear to the Scottish Ministers to represent the interests of ratepayers or potential ratepayers, and
  - (c) such other persons as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after consultation under subsection (2) begins, notify the Scottish Parliament about the consultation.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must have regard to any representations about the regulations proposed to be made under section (*Electronic communication of information*) as a result of the consultation.>

#### Section 14

**Kate Forbes**

**52** In section 14, page 12, line 14, leave out <within the assessor’s area> and insert <which the assessor has the function of valuing>

**Kate Forbes**

**53** In section 14, page 12, line 21, leave out <56> and insert <28>

#### Section 18

**Kate Forbes**

**54** In section 18, page 13, line 31, leave out <of £100> and insert <determined in accordance with subsection (2A)>

**Kate Forbes**

**55** In section 18, page 13, line 32, leave out <(4)> and insert <(3A)>

**Kate Forbes**

**56** In section 18, page 13, line 33, at end insert—

<(2A) For the purposes of subsection (2)(b)—

- (a) where the lands and heritages concerned are entered in the valuation roll, the penalty is the greater of—
  - (i) £200, and
  - (ii) 1% of the rateable value of the lands and heritages concerned for the day on which the penalty notice is given,
- (b) where the lands and heritages concerned are not so entered, the penalty is £1,000.>

**Kate Forbes**

57 In section 18, page 13, line 34, leave out <21> and insert <28>

**Kate Forbes**

58 In section 18, page 13, leave out lines 36 to 38 and insert—

- <(a) where the lands and heritages concerned are entered in the valuation roll, to a further penalty of the greater of—
  - (i) £1,000, and
  - (ii) 20% of the rateable value of the lands and heritages concerned for the day on which the penalty notice is given,
- (b) where the lands and heritages concerned are not so entered, to a further penalty of £10,000.>

**Kate Forbes**

59 In section 18, page 13, line 38, at end insert—

- <(3A) If the person fails to comply with the assessor information notice within the period of 56 days beginning with the day on which the penalty notice is given, the person is liable—
  - (a) where the lands and heritages concerned are entered in the valuation roll, to a further penalty of the rateable value of the lands and heritages concerned for the day on which the penalty notice is given,
  - (b) where the lands and heritages are not so entered, to a further penalty of £50,000.>

**Kate Forbes**

60 In section 18, page 14, line 1, leave out subsection (4)

**Kate Forbes**

61 In section 18, page 14, line 6, leave out <subsection (4)(a)> and insert <subsections (2A), (3) and (3A)>

**Kate Forbes**

62 In section 18, page 14, line 9, at beginning insert <in a case where subsection (2A)(a), (3)(a) or (3A)(a) applies,>

**Kate Forbes**

63 In section 18, page 14, line 12, leave out from <make> to end of line 13 and insert <modify the penalties to which a person may become liable under this section, including by increasing or decreasing any sum or percentage for the time being set out in subsections (2A), (3) or (3A) or by otherwise modifying the way in which any penalty is determined.>



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## Section 19

**Kate Forbes**

64 In section 19, page 14, line 33, after <18(3)> insert <or (3A)>

**Kate Forbes**

65 In section 19, page 15, leave out lines 10 and 11

## After section 19

**Kate Forbes**

66 After section 19 insert—

### <Payment of penalties into the Scottish Consolidated Fund

- (1) An assessor must pay any money recovered under or by virtue of section 18 into the Scottish Consolidated Fund.
- (2) But an assessor may do so after deduction of reasonable expenses incurred in relation to the giving of penalty notices under section 18 and the collection of penalties.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision about the expenses that may be deducted under subsection (2).
- (4) Regulations under subsection (3) are subject to the negative procedure.>

## Section 21

**Kate Forbes**

67 In section 21, page 16, line 27, leave out subsection (5)

**Kate Forbes**

68 In section 21, page 16, leave out lines 34 and 35

## After section 21

**Kate Forbes**

69 After section 21, insert—

### <Penalties under section 20: enforcement

- (1) A penalty under section 20 is recoverable as a civil debt due to the local authority.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision about the collection of penalties imposed under section 20.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) may in particular—
  - (a) provide for penalties to be included in a demand note or an adjustment to a demand note under section 8 of the 1975 Act (payment of rates by instalments) as if they were a liability to rates,
  - (b) provide that, where an appeal is made against the imposition of a penalty, the penalty is not payable while the appeal is outstanding,
  - (c) make provision for cases where the penalty is mitigated or remitted, and may in particular provide for the reimbursement of a penalty by way of deduction from a sum due.

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- (4) Regulations under subsection (2)—
  - (a) may modify any enactment (including this Act),
  - (b) may make different provision for different purposes,
  - (c) may make incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (2) are subject to—
  - (a) the affirmative procedure, if they add to, replace or omit any part of the text of an Act,
  - (b) otherwise, the negative procedure.>

### Section 27

**Kate Forbes**

- 70 In section 27, page 19, line 5, after <must> insert <, as soon as reasonably practicable after consultation under subsection (2) begins,>

### Section 29

**Kate Forbes**

- 71 In section 29, page 19, line 30, leave out <or any provision made under it>

**Kate Forbes**

- 72 In section 29, page 19, leave out lines 33 and 34

## Referendums (Scotland) Bill – Stage 2

### Section 1

**Adam Tomkins**

- 1 Leave out section 1 and insert—

#### <Referendums to which this Act applies

- (1) This Act applies to any referendum held throughout Scotland.
- (2) In this Act—
  - (a) references to “the referendum” mean any referendum held—
    - (i) in pursuance of any provision made by or under an Act of the Scottish Parliament,
    - (ii) on one or more questions specified in or in accordance with any such provision,
  - (b) “question” includes proposition (and “answer” accordingly includes response).>

### Section 2

**Adam Tomkins**

- 2 In section 2, page 2, leave out line 1

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**Michael Russell**

3 Leave out section 2

**After section 3**

**Adam Tomkins**

4 After section 3, insert—

**<Minimum regulated period**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where provision is made by or under an Act of the Scottish Parliament (including this Act) for the holding of a referendum throughout Scotland.
- (2) The “referendum period” is to be a period of a minimum of 10 weeks where referendum activity and conduct is regulated.>

**Schedule 1**

**Michael Russell**

5 In schedule 1, page 27, line 9, at end insert—

<(zi) of a disability suffered before that date, in circumstances where the disability means that the application could not reasonably have been made before that date,>

**Michael Russell**

6 In schedule 1, page 27, line 24, at beginning insert—

<(A1) Sub-paragraphs (1A) to (5) apply in relation to an application to vote by proxy made as described in paragraph 7(9)(a)(zi).>

**Michael Russell**

7 In schedule 1, page 27, line 25, at end insert—

<(1A) The application must contain a statement of the reasons why the applicant did not apply before the cut-off date.>

**Michael Russell**

8 In schedule 1, page 29, line 10, leave out <or Christmas Day> and insert <, Christmas Day or Easter Monday>

**Michael Russell**

9 In schedule 1, page 29, line 30, after <(1)> insert <(b)>

**Michael Russell**

10 In schedule 1, page 30, line 25, after <13A(2)> insert <, 13AB(3)>

**Michael Russell**

11 In schedule 1, page 31, line 13, at end insert—

<( ) Before giving a direction to a registration officer, the Chief Counting Officer must consult the Electoral Commission.>

**Michael Russell**

12 In schedule 1, page 31, line 17, leave out <appointed by> and insert <approved by the council which appointed>

**Michael Russell**

13 In schedule 1, page 31, line 17, leave out <for the purposes of this Act>

**Michael Russell**

14 In schedule 1, page 31, leave out line 20

**Michael Russell**

15 In schedule 1, page 31, line 31, leave out <or Christmas Day> and insert <, Christmas Day or Easter Monday>

**Michael Russell**

16 In schedule 1, page 32, line 9, at end insert—

<(3A) Section 13AB of the 1983 Act applies in relation to the referendum as it applies in relation to an election to which that section applies, but as if—

- (a) the reference in subsection (1)(b) to the relevant election area were a reference to the area for which the registration officer acts,
- (b) the reference in subsection (2) to the issuing of a notice in the prescribed manner were a reference to the issuing of the notice in such manner and form as the registration officer may determine,
- (c) for subsections (4) to (6) there were substituted—
  - “(4) There are two interim publication dates, which are to be determined by the registration officer.
  - (5) The second interim publication date must be before the appropriate publication date.
  - (6) Before determining the interim publication dates, the registration officer must consult the counting officer.”,
- (d) the reference in subsection (5) to the appropriate publication date were a reference to the fifth day before the date of the referendum,
- (e) in subsection (7)—
  - (i) in paragraph (a), “or 13BC(3) or (6)” were omitted,
  - (ii) paragraph (b)(ii) were omitted,
- (f) subsections (7A), (8), (9) and (10) were omitted.>

**Michael Russell**

17 In schedule 1, page 32, line 10, leave out <or (3)(a)> and insert <, (3)(a) or (3A)(d)>

**Michael Russell**

18 In schedule 1, page 32, leave out line 15

**Michael Russell**

19 In schedule 1, page 32, line 24, leave out <or Christmas Day> and insert <, Christmas Day or Easter Monday>

**Michael Russell**

- 20 In schedule 1, page 45, line 4, after <Act,> insert—  
<( ) section 13AB(2) of that Act,>

**Michael Russell**

- 21 In schedule 1, page 45, line 35, after <Act,> insert—  
<( ) section 13AB(2) of that Act,>

**Michael Russell**

- 22 In schedule 1, page 46, line 30, after <Act,> insert—  
<( ) section 13AB(2) of that Act,>

**Section 7**

**Michael Russell**

- 23 In section 7, page 3, line 32, leave out from <regulations> to <referendum> and insert <Act of the Scottish Parliament referred to in section (*Referendums to which this Act applies*)(2) or regulations made under that Act>

**Section 9**

**Michael Russell**

- 24 In section 9, page 5, line 31, at end insert—  
<( ) Before giving a direction to a counting officer, the Chief Counting Officer must consult the Electoral Commission.>

**Schedule 2**

**Michael Russell**

- 25 In schedule 2, page 51, line 20, leave out <or Christmas Day> and insert <, Christmas Day or Easter Monday>

**Michael Russell**

- 26 In schedule 2, page 56, line 24, leave out <or Christmas Day> and insert <, Christmas Day or Easter Monday>

**Schedule 3**

**Michael Russell**

- 27 In schedule 3, page 83, line 40, at end insert—  
<( ) reasonable expenses incurred that are reasonably attributable to individuals' disability,>

**Michael Russell**

- 28 In schedule 3, page 83, line 40, at end insert—  
<( ) reasonable expenses incurred in providing for the protection of persons or property at rallies or other public events,>

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**Michael Russell**

- 29 In schedule 3, page 90, line 24, leave out from <regulations> to <referendum> in line 25 and insert <Act of the Scottish Parliament referred to in section (*Referendums to which this Act applies*)(2) or regulations made under that Act>

**Michael Russell**

- 30 In schedule 3, page 96, line 1, leave out <(5)(a) or (c)> and insert <(5)(c)>

**Michael Russell**

- 31 In schedule 3, page 96, line 3, leave out <(5)(b)> and insert <(5)(a) or (b)>

**Michael Russell**

- 32 In schedule 3, page 98, line 8, leave out <on the Scottish Parliament official website> and insert <by the SPCB on the internet>

**Michael Russell**

- 33 In schedule 3, page 98, line 15, leave out <or any> and insert <, any>

**Michael Russell**

- 34 In schedule 3, page 98, line 15, after <officer> insert <or a registration officer>

**Michael Russell**

- 35 In schedule 3, page 98, line 33, at end insert—  
 <( ) Sub-paragraph (1)(b) does not apply to the publication of material by an individual if—  
 (a) the material expresses the individual’s personal opinion, and  
 (b) the material is published on the individual’s own behalf on a non-commercial basis.>

**Michael Russell**

- 36 In schedule 3, page 99, line 15, leave out <unless it is not reasonably practicable to include the details>

**Michael Russell**

- 37 In schedule 3, page 99, line 26, leave out from <on> to end of line 27 and insert <—  
 (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both),  
 (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine (or both).>

**Michael Russell**

- 38 In schedule 3, page 99, line 35, at end insert—  
 <“address” means postal address,>

**Michael Russell**

- 39 In schedule 3, page 109, line 24, leave out <28th> and insert <14th>

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**Michael Russell**

40 In schedule 3, page 109, line 26, leave out <each of the two succeeding periods> and insert <the succeeding period>

**Michael Russell**

41 In schedule 3, page 109, line 27, leave out <second of the periods> and insert <succeeding 4 week period>

**Michael Russell**

42 In schedule 3, page 109, line 29, leave out from <draft> to end of line 31 and insert <Act of the Scottish Parliament referred to in section (*Referendums to which this Act applies*)(2) is passed or regulations made under that Act are laid before the Scottish Parliament.>

**Michael Russell**

43 In schedule 3, page 110, line 24, leave out <or Christmas Day> and insert <, Christmas Day or Easter Monday>

**Michael Russell**

44 In schedule 3, page 110, leave out lines 37 and 38

**Michael Russell**

45 In schedule 3, page 110, line 39, leave out <(11)(b)> and insert <(11)>

**Michael Russell**

46 In schedule 3, page 121, line 15, leave out <28th> and insert <14th>

**Michael Russell**

47 In schedule 3, page 121, line 17, leave out <each of the two succeeding periods> and insert <the succeeding period>

**Michael Russell**

48 In schedule 3, page 121, line 18, leave out <second of the periods> and insert <succeeding 4 week period>

**Michael Russell**

49 In schedule 3, page 121, line 20, leave out from <draft> to end of line 22 and insert <Act of the Scottish Parliament referred to in section (*Referendums to which this Act applies*)(2) is passed or regulations made under that Act are laid before the Scottish Parliament.>

**Michael Russell**

50 In schedule 3, page 122, line 21, leave out <or Christmas Day> and insert <, Christmas Day or Easter Monday>

**Michael Russell**

51 In schedule 3, page 122, leave out lines 34 and 35

**Michael Russell**

52 In schedule 3, page 122, line 36, leave out <(11)(b)> and insert <(11)>

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#### Schedule 4

##### Michael Russell

53 In schedule 4, page 125, leave out lines 5 and 6

##### Michael Russell

54 In schedule 4, page 125, line 9, leave out <to which this paragraph applies> and insert <that is a permitted participant>

##### Michael Russell

55 In schedule 4, page 125, line 11, leave out <to whom this paragraph applies> and insert <who is a permitted participant>

##### Michael Russell

56 In schedule 4, page 125, line 11, at end insert—

- <(c) is a person who has made a declaration as a qualifying individual under paragraph 2 of schedule 3 and the Commission have reasonable grounds for believing that the individual is not a qualifying individual,
- (d) is a person who has made a declaration as a qualifying body under paragraph 2 of schedule 3 and the Commission have reasonable grounds for believing that the body is not a qualifying body,
- (e) is an individual or body that is not a permitted participant and the Commission have reasonable grounds for believing that the individual or body is incurring referendum expenses,
- (f) is an individual or body that the Commission have reasonable grounds for believing has received a relevant donation,
- (g) is an individual or body that the Commission have reasonable grounds for believing has entered into a regulated transaction,
- (h) is an individual or body that the Commission have reasonable grounds for believing is providing goods, services or facilities to a permitted participant or a person mentioned in paragraph (e).>

##### Michael Russell

57 In schedule 4, page 125, line 21, at end insert—

- <( ) In the case of a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(c) or (as the case may be) (d), a disclosure notice may also require the person to whom it is given to provide the Commission, or a person authorised by the Commission, with any information or explanation reasonably required by the Commission for the purposes of determining whether the person is a qualifying individual (within the meaning of paragraph 2(3) of schedule 3) or (as the case may be) a qualifying body (within the meaning of paragraph 2(4) of that schedule).
- ( ) In the case of a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(f) or (as the case may be) (g), a disclosure notice may also require the person to whom it is given to provide the Commission, or a person authorised by the Commission, with any information or explanation reasonably required by the Commission for the purposes of carrying out their functions under Part 5 or (as the case may be) 6 of schedule 3.>

##### Michael Russell

58 In schedule 4, page 130, line 36, leave out <(1) or>



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**Michael Russell**

- 59 In schedule 4, page 130, line 38, after <sub-paragraph> insert <(1) or>

**Schedule 5**

**Michael Russell**

- 60 In schedule 5, page 135, line 9, leave out <£10,000> and insert <£500,000>

**Michael Russell**

- 61 In schedule 5, page 146, line 15, leave out <regulations under section 1(1) come> and insert <this paragraph comes>

**Section 16**

**Michael Russell**

- 62 In section 16, page 9, line 29, leave out <(4)(b)> and insert <(4)(a) or (b)>

**Michael Russell**

- 63 In section 16, page 9, line 34, leave out subsection (8)

**Section 19**

**Michael Russell**

- 64 In section 19, page 10, line 36, leave out <or Christmas Day> and insert <, Christmas Day or Easter Monday>

**Section 24**

**Michael Russell**

- 65 Leave out section 24 and insert—

**<Code of practice on attendance of observers**

Section 6G of the 2000 Act (code of practice on attendance of observers at local government elections in Scotland) applies in relation to the referendum as it applies in relation to local government elections in Scotland (and accordingly the code prepared under that section applies in relation to the referendum), but as if—

- (a) references to accredited observers were to be construed in accordance with section 21 of this Act,
- (b) references to accredited organisations and a nominated member were to be construed in accordance with section 22 of this Act,
- (c) references to representatives of the Commission were to be construed in accordance with section 20(4) of this Act,
- (d) the reference in subsection (2)(a) to section 6C(1) and 6D(1) of the 2000 Act were a reference to section 21(1) and 22(1) of this Act,
- (e) the reference in subsection (2)(c) to section 6E of the 2000 Act were a reference to section 23 of this Act,
- (f) the reference in subsection (2)(f) to sections 6A, 6B, 6C and 6D of the 2000 Act were a reference to sections 20, 21 and 22 of this Act,

(g) in subsection (7)—

- (i) the reference to section 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D or 6E of the 2000 Act were a reference to sections 20, 21, 22 and 23 of this Act,
- (ii) the reference to section 6E of the 2000 Act were a reference to section 23 of this Act.>

### Section 28

#### Gordon MacDonald

66 In section 28, page 15, line 13, at end insert—

<( ) A registration officer must take whatever steps the registration officer considers appropriate to encourage participation in the referendum in the area for which the officer acts.>

### Section 30

#### Angela Constance

67 In section 30, page 15, line 30, after <expenditure> insert <properly>

#### Angela Constance

68 In section 30, page 15, line 32, at end insert—

<(1A) Subsection (1) does not require the SPCB to reimburse any expenditure which exceeds or is otherwise not covered by an estimate or, as the case may be, a revised estimate approved under section 31.

(1B) However, the SPCB may reimburse that expenditure.>

#### Angela Constance

69 In section 30, page 15, line 35, after <(1)> insert <or (1B)>

### Section 37

#### Adam Tomkins

70 In section 37, page 18, line 9, leave out <or expedient>

#### Adam Tomkins

71 In section 37, page 18, line 10, leave out <(or proposed modification)>

#### Michael Russell

72 In section 37, page 18, line 18, at end insert—

<( ) The Scottish Ministers must consult the Electoral Commission before laying a draft Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1) before the Scottish Parliament for approval.>

#### Adam Tomkins

73 In section 37, page 18, line 18, at end insert—

<(4) The Scottish Ministers may not lay a draft of regulations under subsection (1) before the Parliament unless—

- (a) they have consulted such persons or bodies as they consider have a role in providing for a referendum to be held throughout Scotland,

- (b) following that consultation, they have laid before the Scottish Parliament an explanatory document prepared in accordance with subsection (5).
- (5) The explanatory document must—
  - (a) introduce and give reasons for the provision made by the regulations,
  - (b) explain how the provision made by the regulations would improve the exercise of providing for a referendum,
  - (c) give details of—
    - (i) the consultation undertaken under subsection (4),
    - (ii) any representation received as a result of the consultation,
    - (iii) the changes (if any) made to the proposed draft regulations as a result of those representations.>

### After section 39

#### Adam Tomkins

74 After section 39, insert—

*<Requirement to implement decisions made by referendum*

#### **Requirement to implement decisions made by referendum**

- (1) The persons mentioned in subsection (2) must respect and, so far as is consistent with their functions, implement decisions made by the referendum.
- (2) The persons are—
  - (a) the Scottish Ministers,
  - (b) a Scottish public authority (within the meaning given by section 126(1) of the Scotland Act 1998),
  - (c) the Scottish Parliament,
  - (d) members of the Scottish Parliament.>

### Schedule 7

#### Michael Russell

75 In schedule 7, page 162, line 22, leave out <set out in regulations under section 1(1)> and insert <of 10 weeks ending with the date of the referendum>

## Members' Bills Proposals

### Proposals for Members' Bills

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

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

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/12419.aspx>

### Final Proposals for Member's Bills

**Claire Baker: Proposed Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill**—Proposal for a Bill to amend the law of culpable homicide to ensure that where loss of life is caused by the recklessness or gross negligence of individuals, companies or organisations that, where proved, the wrongdoer can be convicted of the offence that reflects the appropriate seriousness and moral opprobrium of what occurred.

(lodged 12 November 2019)

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

Supported by:

**Margaret Mitchell: Proposed Mediation (Scotland) Bill**—Proposal for a Bill to increase the use and consistency of mediation services for certain civil cases by establishing a new standardised process for mediation in Scottish courts which includes provision of a mandatory information process (lodged 12 November 2019)

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

Supported by:

**Pauline McNeill MSP: Proposed Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill**—Proposal for a Bill to protect private sector tenants by introducing measures to limit rent increases and to increase the availability of information about rent levels (lodged 14 November 2019).

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## Progress of Legislation

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

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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.

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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.

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### **Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 20 November 2019

### **Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

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

### **Children (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 12 November 2019

### **Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities and Human Rights)), 31 October 2019

### **Consumer Scotland Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee)), 12 November 2019

### **Disclosure (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education and Skills Committee)), 20 November 2019

### **Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities and Human Rights)), 14 November 2019

### **Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 (Local Government and Communities Committee), 27 November 2019

*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 21 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([LegislationTeam@parliament.scot](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot))*

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government and Communities)), 20 November 2019

### **Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Introduced, 10 October 2019

*Lead committee – Economy, Energy and Fair Work*

### **Referendums (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2, (Finance and Constitution Committee), 27 November 2019

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### **Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice Committee)), 12 November 2019

### **Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 28 November 2019

*Stage 1 Report – Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee (14th Report, 2019)*

### **Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government and Communities Committee)), 21 November 2019

### **Scottish National Investment Bank Bill (G)**

Stage 2 completed, 19 November 2019

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

### **Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill (P)**

Introduced, 26 September 2019

*Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee*

### **UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2, 28 November 2019

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

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Passed, 21 March 2018

*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.*

## Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

### **Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill LCM-S5-25**

Lodged on 19 June 2019

Meeting of the Parliament, 31 October 2019

At the end of the 2017-2019 session the Bill was [carried over](#) into the next session.

### **Domestic Abuse Bill LCM-S5-27**

Lodged on 22 August 2019

Meeting of the Parliament, 31 October 2019

At the end of the 2017-2019 session the Bill was [carried over](#) into the next session.

### **European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill LCM-S5-28**

Lodged on 22 October 2019

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 29 October 2019

*Lead committee - Finance and Constitution*

### **Sentencing (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) Bill LCM-S5-26**

Lodged on 25 July 2019

Meeting of the Parliament, 31 October 2019

At the end of the 2017-2019 session the Bill was [carried over](#) into the next session.

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

## Affirmative instruments

**Lead Committee report due by 06 December 2019**

[Official Statistics \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#)  
(25 October 2019) (Economy, Energy and Fair Work)

**Lead Committee report due by 06 December 2019**



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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

[Public Services Reform \(The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman\) \(Healthcare Whistleblowing\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2019/draft\) \(28 October 2019\)](#) (Health and Sport)

**Lead Committee report due by 09 December 2019**

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2019/draft\) \(31 October 2019\)](#) (Social Security)

**Lead Committee report due by 10 December 2019**

[Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Support for Vulnerable Persons\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/draft\) \(01 November 2019\)](#) (Justice)

**Lead Committee report due by 10 December 2019**

[Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Ancillary Provision\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/draft\) \(08 November 2019\)](#) (Local Government and Communities)

[Environment \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/draft\) \(08 November 2019\)](#) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

## Negative instruments

**Subject to annulment by 28 November 2019**

**Lead committee to report by 25 November 2019**

[M8 Motorway \(Junction 29A Off Slip Road\) \(40mph Speed Limit\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/312\) \(04 October 2019\)](#) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

**Subject to annulment by 05 December 2019**

**Lead committee to report by 02 December 2019**

[Conservation \(Natural Habitats, &c.\) Amendment \(No. 2\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/320\)](#)

(11 October 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Environmental Impact Assessment \(Transport\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/322\)](#)

(11 October 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/325\)](#)

(11 October 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

**Subject to annulment by 06 December 2019**

**Lead committee to report by 02 December 2019**

[National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/333\)](#)

(23 October 2019) (Health and Sport)

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

[Public Health Scotland Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/336\)](#)

(25 October 2019) (Health and Sport)

**Subject to annulment by 06 December 2019**  
**Lead committee to report by 02 December 2019**

[Fishing Boats Designation \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/345\)](#)

(28 October 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

**Subject to annulment by 08 December 2019**  
**Lead committee to report by 02 December 2019**

[Scottish Dental Practice Board Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/346\)](#) (30 October 2019)  
(Health and Sport)

[Agriculture Market Measures \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/347\)](#) (30 October 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Waste \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/356\)](#) (30 October 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

**Subject to annulment by 08 December 2019**  
**Lead committee to report by 02 December 2019**

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/357\)](#)  
(31 October 2019) (Justice)

[Firefighters' Pension Schemes \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/358\)](#) (31 October 2019) (Justice)

**Subject to annulment by 10 December 2019**  
**Lead committee to report by 09 December 2019**

[Robert Gordon University \(Scotland\) Order of Council 2019 \(SSI 2019/375\)](#) (05 November 2019)  
(Education and Skills)

**Subject to annulment by 17 January 2020**  
**Lead committee to report by 13 January 2020**

[Police Pensions Amendment \(Increased Pension Entitlement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/380\)](#) (11 November 2019) (Justice)

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme Amendment \(Increased Pension Entitlement\) \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/381\)](#) (11 November 2019) (Justice)

[Firefighters' Pension and Compensation Schemes \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/382\)](#) (11 November 2019) (Justice)

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

[Scottish Tribunals \(Eligibility for Appointment\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/384\)](#)  
(14 November 2019) (Social Security)

**Subject to annulment by 17 January 2020**  
**Lead committee to report by 13 January 2020**

[Charities Accounts \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 2019/393](#) (18 November 2019)  
(Local Government and Communities)

### Instruments/documents laid for consultation

**Lead committee report due 06 February 2020**

The following instruments/documents were laid before the Parliament on 15 November 2019 for approval—

Proposed Draft Order – The Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order 2020 (SG/2019/248) (15 November 2019) (Finance and Constitution)

Proposed Explanatory Document – The Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order 2020 ((S/2019/249) (15 November 2019) (Finance and Constitution)

## Petitions

The following petition was lodged with the Parliament on 18 November 2019:

**PE1763** by Robert Brown on Make the Scottish Police Federation comply with FOI legislation

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<http://www.parliament.scot/gettinginvolved/petitions/ViewPetitions.aspx>

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### Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 19 November 2019 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**National Confidential Forum Annual Report 2018/2019 SG/2019/208** laid under paragraph 12(5) of schedule 1A of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

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