

Tuesday 26 November 2019

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Fr. Leonard Chiti, Head of the Province of Zambia and Malawi Jesuits, and Member of the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund Integral Human Development Committee

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland as a Science Nation

followed by Committee Announcements

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5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-19246 Elaine Smith: The Positive Contribution of Catholic Schools

Committee Meetings

9:30am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

9:40am Health and Sport Committee

9:45am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:30am Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee

11:00am Justice Committee

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1. Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to members of the University and College Union who are striking over pay, working conditions and pensions. ([S5T-01899](#))

2. Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government how it is improving the experiences of victims in the justice system. ([S5T-01900](#))

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland as a Science Nation

[S5M-20027](#) Richard Lochhead: Scotland as a Science Nation—That the Parliament celebrates Scotland's role as a science nation with a deserved global reputation, which builds on a famous heritage, a range of former achievements and continues to grow today; acknowledges the excellence of Scotland's science and research base as reflected in the Science Landscape report, *A Metrics Based Assessment of Scotland's Science Landscape*, which was published earlier in 2019; recognises the ongoing collaboration between academia, business, public sector and third sector that lies at the core of Scotland's excellence; endorses the important role that Scottish science and research plays in addressing the economic, societal and environmental challenges that the country faces, including dealing with the climate change emergency, reducing inequalities and improving public health; acknowledges that science and research therefore underpins Scotland's commitment to the sustainable development goals, and looks forward to the conclusions of the Science and Research Working Group led by the Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland on how to further promote Scotland's strengths as a science nation.

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followed by Members' Business — [S5M-19246](#) Elaine Smith: The Positive Contribution of Catholic Schools

[S5M-19246](#) Elaine Smith: The Positive Contribution of Catholic Schools—That the Parliament recognises the positive contribution that Catholic schools have made to Scotland's education

system, in particular since the historic Education (Scotland) Act 1918 came into force, when the schools became part of the state education system in return for, among other things, the right to retain their Catholic ethos; acknowledges what it sees as the contribution and the positive impact that it believes that this has had on society; considers that denominational schools continue to play a vital role in Scottish education; believes that sectarianism predates the existence of Catholic schools and that they are not a cause of it and instead they contribute to an open, tolerant, diverse and inclusive education system in Central Scotland and across the country; considers that anti-Catholicism has no place in Scotland, and acknowledges the calls that it must be challenged in all its forms.

Committee Meetings

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

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 32nd Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Environment (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 [draft] from—
Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;
Elspeth MacDonald, Environmental Quality & Circular Economy Division, and Lorraine Walkinshaw, Solicitor, Environmental Protection Branch, Rural Affairs Division, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Roseanna Cunningham (Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform) to move—S5M-19962—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.
3. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2020-21 from—
Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;
Graham Black, Director, Marine Scotland;
Simon Fuller, Deputy Director, Economic Analysis, Office of the Chief Economic Adviser, and Clare Hamilton, Deputy Director, Decarbonisation Division, Scottish Government;
and then from—
Kate Forbes, Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy;
Dougie McLaren, Deputy Director, Budget and Public Spending Division, Katherine White, Head of Infrastructure Strategy, Infrastructure and Investment Division, and Clare Hamilton, Deputy Director, Decarbonisation Division, Scottish Government.
4. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21 (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will review its work programme.
6. **Proposed Deposit and Return Scheme (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Health and Sport Committee 28th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:40 am in Perth and Kinross Council Chambers

1. **Scrutiny of NHS Boards (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.

Not before 10.00 am

2. **Scrutiny of NHS Boards - NHS Tayside:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Grant Archibald, Chief Executive, Lorna Birse-Stewart, Vice Chair, Stuart Lyall, Interim Director of Finance, Gordon Paterson, Chief Officer, Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board, Peter Stonebridge, Medical Director, and Lorna Wiggan, Chief Officer, Acute Services, NHS Tayside.

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 33rd Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Moveable Transactions Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Dr Andrew Steven, former Scottish Law Commissioner;
Dr Ross Anderson, Advocate;
Professor George Gretton, Emeritus Lord President Reid Professor of Law, University of Edinburgh and former Scottish Law Commissioner;
Bruce Wood CVO, Consultant, Morton Fraser Lawyers, Solicitors;
Dr Hamish Patrick, Head of Financial Sector, Shepherd and Wedderburn, Solicitors.

3. **Moveable Transactions Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
4. **Consumer Scotland Bill:** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
5. **Renewable Heat Target (in private):** The Committee will consider its response to the Scottish Government on the renewable heat target.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 32nd Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Environment \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#)

3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Police Pensions Amendment \(Increased Pension Entitlement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/380\);](#)
[Firefighters' Pension Scheme Amendment \(Increased Pension Entitlement\) \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/381\);](#)
[Firefighters' Pension and Compensation Schemes \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/382\);](#)

[Scottish Tribunals \(Eligibility for Appointment\) Amendment Regulations \(SSI 2019/384\); Charities Accounts \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/393\)](#)

4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 2, Saving and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/377 \(C.19\)\);](#)

[Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 3\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/385 \(C.20\)\);](#)

[Vulnerable Witnesses \(Criminal Evidence\) \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/392 \(C.21\)\)](#)

5. **Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Quarterly report:** The Committee will consider a draft quarterly report for the parliamentary year from 10 May 2019 to 16 September 2019.

Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee 1st Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Declarations:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests, and to make a declaration under Rule 9A.5.4A.
2. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee will choose a new Convener.
3. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a new Deputy Convener.
4. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private. The Committee will also decide whether its consideration of any issues for its Preliminary Stage report, and its draft Preliminary Stage report, should be taken in private at future meetings.
5. **Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Preliminary Stage.

Justice Committee 29th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 11:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Children (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will receive a briefing from—
Simon Stockwell, Head of Family Law Unit, Iain Fitheridge, Head of Children's Hearings Team, Hannah Frodsham, Family Law Unit, Shona Spence, Looked after Children Team, Margaret Main, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Jamie Bowman, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, and Victoria Morton, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
2. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting held on 21 November 2019.
3. **Children (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to Stage 1 scrutiny.
4. **Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 20 November 2019

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 Debate: Mental Health

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-19772 Rona Mackay: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence

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 — S5M-19741 Tom Arthur: St Andrew's Day 2019

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 Business Motions

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

12:45 pm Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Government Business

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>

Local Government and Communities Committee

27 November 2019

30th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).
3. **Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 4 December, the Committee will continue its Stage 2 proceedings on Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill. They will also consider an affirmative SSI on planning.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, on 0131 348 5232 or

LocalGovernmentandCommunities@parliament.scot

Finance and Constitution Committee

27 November 2019

27th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Referendums (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.

Proposed future business

For further information contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jim Johnston, at

Finance.Constitution@parliament.scot

Education and Skills Committee

27 November 2019

32nd Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda item 5 in private.
2. **Exam Diet 2019, Scottish National Standardised Assessments and Subject Choices:** The Committee will take evidence from-

John Swinney MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, and Graeme Logan, Director of Learning, Scottish Government.

3. **Public petition:** The Committee will consider the following petition- PE1692 by Lesley Scott and Alison Preuss on behalf Tymes Trust and Scottish Home Education, calling for an Inquiry into the human rights impact of GIRFEC policy and data processing
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument— Robert Gordon University (Scotland) Order of Council 2019 (SSI 2019/375)
5. **Review of Evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence that it heard under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 4 December, the Committee expects to consider a draft report on the Disclosure (Scotland) Bill. For further information, contact Roz Thomson Clerk to the Committee, whose details are es.committee@parliament.scot or on 0131 348 5222.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

27 November 2019

33rd Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Maureen Falconer, Regional Manager – Scotland, the Information Commissioner's Office;
Steven Thomson, Senior Agricultural Economist and Policy Advisor, Scotland's Rural College;
Professor Julie Fitzpatrick, CEO of the Moredun Foundation and Scientific Director, Moredun Research Institute;
Ellen Wilson, Chair, Scottish Biodiversity Information Forum.
2. **Public petitions:** The Committee will consider the following petition— PE01715 by Mark Carter on behalf of Marine Concern, on Closed-Containment for Salmon Farms in Scotland.
3. **Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard at today's meeting.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 4 December, the Committee expects to take evidence on the Agriculture (EU Retained Data and Law) (Scotland) Bill.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at rec.committee@parliament.scot.

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

28 November 2019

29th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 5 December, the Committee will meet in private. For further information, contact Stephen Herbert, Clerk to the Committee: europa@parliament.scot or 0131 348 6226.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee

28 November 2019

29th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3, and all future consideration of evidence relating to race equality in Scotland, in private.
2. **Race equality in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Dr Gina Netto, Associate Professor, School of Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure and Society, Heriot Watt University;

Prof. Nasar Meer, Professor of Race, Identity and Citizenship, Prof. Raj Bhopal, Emeritus Professor of Public Health, and Prof. Rowena Arshad, Chair in Multicultural and Anti-Racist Education and Co-Director of the Centre for Education for Racial Equality in Scotland, University of Edinburgh.

3. **Race equality in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard.
4. **Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 5 December, the Committee will further consider its Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill draft Stage 1 report. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot or 0131 348 6040

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

28 November 2019

22nd 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—
Malcolm Burr, Chief Executive of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers (SOLACE) Scotland and Convener of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland;
Pete Wildman, Chair, Electoral Registration Committee, Scottish Assessors Association.
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 a draft report and draft rule changes.

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At its next meeting, on 5 December, the Committee expects to consider oral evidence on the Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katy Orr, on 0131 348 6924 or at SPPACcommittee@parliament.scot.

Social Security Committee

28 November 2019

26th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on The Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2020 [draft] from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Colin Brown, Senior Principal Legal Officer, and Chris Graham, Unit Head, Low Income Benefits Policy Unit, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move—S5M-19843—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.
- Assessing the Feasibility of Citizen's Basic Income Pilots in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Wendy Hearty, Basic Income Project Manager, Improvement Service;
Gerry McCartney, Consultant Public Health Medicine, NHS Health Scotland;
Julie McLachlan, Senior Manager – Economic Policy, North Ayrshire Council;
Andy White, Tackling Poverty Manager, Glasgow City Council.
- Assessing the Feasibility of Citizen's Basic Income Pilots in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 19 December, the Committee expects to consider subordinate legislation. For further information contact Anne Peat, the Clerk to the Committee, on 0131 348 5182 or at socialsecuritycommittee@parliament.scot.

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

Motions for Debate

***[S5M-20035](#) Willie Rennie: Mental Health**—That the Parliament recognises that there is a mental health crisis in Scotland; considers that mental health is not currently being treated equally to physical health, but that it deserves to be treated with the same urgency; believes that this requires the creation of new services, operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week; recalls that action 15 of the Mental Health Strategy stated that 800 additional mental health workers would be added to the workforce in A&E departments, GP practices, police station custody suites and prisons; believes that this is an insufficient quantity to meet the huge unmet demand that exists, and regrets that the commitment has since been diluted, with the latest update showing that more than a third of the staff added to the workforce so far have been attributed to "other settings", meaning that the police, A&E departments, GP practices and prisons will not get the benefits of the full contingent of additional mental health workers expected; notes recent reports of the increasing stress and mental ill-health being experienced by police officers and staff, and urges the Scottish Government to coordinate a new emergency package of support to increase and upgrade the services available to both them and staff in other public services, and further calls on the Scottish Government to publish the final allocation of staff that each key setting is currently expected to receive, and for it to set a new target for the number of mental health workers it will add in each of these settings, elevating the ambition of its 10-year strategy and getting people the treatment they need fast.

***[S5M-20027](#) Richard Lochhead: Scotland as a Science Nation**—That the Parliament celebrates Scotland's role as a science nation with a deserved global reputation, which builds on a famous heritage, a range of former achievements and continues to grow today; acknowledges the excellence of Scotland's science and research base as reflected in the Science Landscape report, *A Metrics Based Assessment of Scotland's Science Landscape*, which was published earlier in 2019; recognises the ongoing collaboration between academia, business, public sector and third sector that lies at the core of Scotland's excellence; endorses the important role that Scottish science and research plays in addressing the economic, societal and environmental challenges that the country faces, including dealing with the climate change emergency, reducing inequalities and improving public health; acknowledges that science and research therefore underpins Scotland's commitment to the sustainable development goals, and looks forward to the

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conclusions of the Science and Research Working Group led by the Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland on how to further promote Scotland's strengths as a science nation.

Supported by: John Swinney*, Maree Todd*

Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

***S5M-20029 Gail Ross: Unfair Delivery Charges**—That the Parliament notes the increase in internet shopping and e-commerce that allows customers to order goods online for delivery to their own homes or businesses; acknowledges the ongoing campaigns that highlight the number of retailers and couriers that continue to apply very significant parcel delivery surcharges to many Scottish postcode areas, particularly in the north of the country, despite others offering free delivery or only modest surcharges; believes that the picture across the country is inconsistent and confusing; understands that many retailers continue to advertise free UK mainland delivery yet exclude parts of mainland Scotland from this definition, while others simply refuse to deliver to parts of the country; believes that discriminatory parcel delivery surcharges result in an additional cost to customers in Scotland, which has been estimated by the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) to be over £40 million annually compared with elsewhere in the UK, and acknowledges the calls for all relevant authorities to further address this issue as a matter of priority to ensure fair delivery charges.

Supported by: Richard Lyle*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Liam McArthur*, Stewart Stevenson*, Andy Wightman*, Rona Mackay*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S5M-20039 John Finnie: Robert MacIntyre, the European Golf Tour's Rookie and Graduate of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Robert MacIntyre, who is from Oban, on finishing his debut season on the European Golf Tour as Rookie of the Year, making him the first Scot to achieve this since Marc Warren in 2006, and winning the Graduate of the Year award, and wishes Robert, who as a teenager played shinty for his local club, Oban Camanachd, well in his aim to join the Ryder Cup team and break into the sport's top 50.

***S5M-20038 Clare Adamson: Success for New College Lanarkshire Students at WorldSkills 2019**—That the Parliament congratulates New College Lanarkshire on being named number 1 in the UK for skills at the recent WorldSkills UK Live event; understands that the students picked up four gold, five bronze, four silver and three highly commended awards, putting the college top of the leader table; notes that the event saw over 500 apprentices and students compete in over 70 different disciplines; acknowledges the hard work and dedication of all the staff and students involved, and wishes them well for the future.

***S5M-20037 Clare Adamson: Fair Trade Recognition for Carol Clarke**—That the Parliament congratulates Carol Clarke on winning the Outstanding Achievement Award at the 2019 Scottish Fair Trade Awards; recognises that Carol has been campaigning for fair trade and trade justice for over 20 years as part of the Hamilton Fair Trade Group, the Scottish Fair Trade Forum, Justice and Peace Scotland and a myriad of other social justice organisations; notes that the annual awards are hosted by the Scottish Fair Trade Forum to recognise individuals, groups, organisations and campaigns that have had an impact on fair trade in Scotland throughout the year, and wishes Carol, and all those involved in fair trade in Scotland, well in all future endeavours.

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***[S5M-20036](#) Clare Adamson: Success for University Hospital Wishaw's Student-led Styles and Smiles**—That the Parliament congratulates University Hospital Wishaw's student-led hair salon, Styles and Smiles, on winning the Health and Social Care Integration prize at the recent Herald Society Awards; notes that the service, which offers patients free hairdressing and barbering services, is run by hairdressing and barbering staff and students from New College Lanarkshire; recognises that it helps patients maintain community participation, allowing people who have a hairdressing routine to maintain this while in hospital, and wishes everyone involved with Styles and Smiles continued success.

***[S5M-20034](#) Jenny Gilruth: The Big Climate Fightback**—That the Parliament acknowledges that the Woodland Trust is leading the Big Climate Fightback; notes that this campaign is asking people across Scotland and the rest of the UK to pledge to plant a tree by 30 November 2019; further notes that woodland expansion, through both tree planting and natural regeneration, is part of a host of nature-based solutions to the climate emergency through carbon sequestration, flooding mitigation, pollution reduction, wildlife habitat provision and much more, and invites everyone to get involved and support the tree planting effort part of the Big Climate Fightback. Supported by: Richard Lyle*, Iain Gray*, David Torrance*, Stewart Stevenson*, Andy Wightman*

***[S5M-20033](#) Neil Findlay: Transvaginal Mesh Full Public Inquiry**—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to establish a full public inquiry into the treatment of women in Scotland injured by transvaginal mesh.

Supported by: Mark Griffin*, Rhoda Grant*, James Kelly*, Alex Rowley*, Monica Lennon*, Claudia Beamish*, Iain Gray*

***[S5M-20032](#) Neil Findlay: Establish a Mesh-injured Women's Fund**—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to establish a mesh-injured women's fund to provide financial support to women who have been injured with transvaginal mesh implants, including those who are having to pay for medical products or have lost their jobs, incomes or homes.

***[S5M-20031](#) Liam McArthur: Kirkwall High Street Wins Scotland's Most Beautiful High Street Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Kirkwall High Street on being named as Scotland's Most Beautiful High Street 2019; notes that the competition is organised and judged by the national towns agency, Scotland's Towns Partnership, and the environmental charity, Keep Scotland Beautiful; recognises that Kirkwall was one of eight nominations for the prestigious accolade, which is based on factors including community participation and environmental responsibility; believes that this award is well-deserved recognition of the outstanding efforts of the Kirkwall BID team, chaired by Duncan McLean, in collaboration with local businesses and residents, who have worked hard to make Kirkwall High Street a thriving, green and attractive high street to be proud of; recognises the importance of creating vibrant town centres, and congratulates all the nominees for this year's award.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S5M-20028](#) Maurice Corry: Reading Force Event to Support Helensburgh and Lomond's Military Families**—That the Parliament welcomes the special event in Helensburgh that has been organised by Reading Force for children of military families from around Helensburgh and Lomond; understands that it includes free signed books for each family in addition to a presentation by the award-winning author Vivian French about her books and how she became an author; notes that this event is part of Reading Force's initiative to help encourage military families to read and talk about books together as a way of improving communication and relationships;

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recognises that this initiative has seen great success at encouraging and developing communication within families, especially during the difficulties of deployment, and wishes all of the families participating in Reading Force the best in their further reading adventures.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Richard Lyle*

***S5M-20026 Jenny Gilruth: Fife River Clean Up**—That the Parliament commends Fife Council for the proposal of a development plan for Levenmouth to focus on cleaning up the River Leven; notes that this project will be part of a partnership with SEPA and other organisations to investigate a range of issues, including improving the water quality, biodiversity and the use of space for recreation; further notes that the project will strive to improve connectivity and reduce the antisocial behaviour associated with the area; understands that SEPA will be helping to clean up the river, which was at one point the most polluted in Scotland; commends Fife Council for taking up this important project, and thanks everyone involved in its development.

Supported by: Sandra White*, Annabelle Ewing*, Emma Harper*, Bill Kidd*, Alex Rowley*, Richard Lyle*, Stuart McMillan*, Stewart Stevenson*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-20025 Liam McArthur: Alistair Buchan's Retirement as Chief Executive of Orkney Islands Council (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Richard Lyle*, John Finnie*

S5M-20023 Keith Brown: Dunblane High School, The Sunday Times Scottish State Secondary School of the Year (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Richard Lyle*, Stewart Stevenson*, Bill Kidd*, Joan McAlpine*, Sandra White*, Gil Paterson*

S5M-20022 Neil Findlay: Dignity Boxes, West Lothian (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Sarah Boyack*, Jeremy Balfour*, Gil Paterson*

S5M-20021 Neil Findlay: West Lothian Friends of Chernobyl Children Return from Belarus (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Gil Paterson*

S5M-20020 Neil Findlay: Blackburn Primary School's 60th Birthday (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Gil Paterson*

S5M-20019 Neil Findlay: Victory for Australian Mesh Campaigners (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Neil*, Sarah Boyack*, Jeremy Balfour*

S5M-20018 Alexander Stewart: Alloa Shortlisted in the 2019 FutureTown Design Competition (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Bill Kidd*, Alexander Burnett*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Gil Paterson*

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[S5M-20017](#) Willie Coffey: Congratulations to the Darvel Music Festival (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Kenneth Gibson*, Gil Paterson*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-20016](#) Dean Lockhart: Institute of Aquaculture Awarded The Queen's Anniversary Prize (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*, Jeremy Balfour*, Gil Paterson*

[S5M-20015](#) Annabelle Ewing: Cowdenbeath Leisure Centre Pedal Power (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Gil Paterson*

[S5M-20013](#) Annabelle Ewing: Crossgates Primary School Pupil Named Community First Aid Champion 2019 (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Sandra White*, Alex Rowley*, Gil Paterson*, Tom Arthur*, David Torrance*

[S5M-20012](#) Stuart McMillan: Scottish First Aid Week 2019 (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Gil Paterson*

[S5M-20011](#) Angela Constance: Keep Scotland Beautiful Award (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*, Gil Paterson*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-20010](#) Angela Constance: West Lothian Friends of Chernobyl (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay*, Gil Paterson*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-20006](#) David Torrance: The Platform Girls Mountain Biking Group, Kirkcaldy (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Sandra White*, Alex Rowley*, Gil Paterson*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-20005](#) Gil Paterson: New Active Schools Training Programme (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Kenneth Gibson*, Joan McAlpine*, Sandra White*, David Torrance*

[S5M-20004](#) Rona Mackay: Kirkintilloch Pub Named Scotland's Most Dog-friendly (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-20003](#) Alexander Stewart: First Anniversary of the Scottish Forces Breakfast Club in Dunfermline (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*, Gil Paterson*

[S5M-20002](#) Tom Arthur: Neilston Girl Takes Centre Stage in John Lewis Christmas Advert (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Gil Paterson*

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[S5M-20001](#) John Finnie: Amnesty International, Internet Giants Exploiting Users (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*, Gil Paterson*

[S5M-20000](#) Rona Mackay: Strathkelvin, St Andrew's First Aid Corps Company of the Year (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Kenneth Gibson*, Gil Paterson*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19999](#) Gail Ross: NHS Near Me Success (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19998](#) Gil Paterson: Outcast Barbell Sanctuary Raises £3,000 for Kidney Kids Scotland (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19997](#) Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh Gang Show 2019 (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-19996](#) Gillian Martin: Gordon Gibb Recognised for Contribution to Education and Training at SQA Awards (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-19995](#) Margaret Mitchell: Dyslexia Unwrapped (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Alex Rowley*, Gil Paterson*

[S5M-19994](#) Rhoda Grant: Another Gruelling Challenge for Ally K (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Sarah Boyack*

[S5M-19993](#) Alasdair Allan: Murdo MacLeod, Outstanding Individual of the Year (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19991](#) Lewis Macdonald: Aberdeen Schools Receive UNICEF Award on World Children's Day (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S5M-19990](#) Alasdair Allan: R A Colby Cubbin No. 3 (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19989](#) Jenny Gilruth: Cadham Pharmacy Health Centre Wins Pharmacy Practice of the Year 2019 (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19988](#) John Mason: Environmental Impact of Black Friday (lodged on 20 November 2019)

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New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19987](#) Joan McAlpine: Dumfries and Galloway College SQA Star Award (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19986](#) Stewart Stevenson: AbilityNet Increases Technology Accessibility (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S5M-19985](#) Joan McAlpine: Eggs, Imports and Tariffs (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Emma Harper*, Alex Rowley*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19984](#) Liam Kerr: The Queen's Guide Award for Aimee McLaggan (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-19982](#) Richard Lyle: Jordan Fairlamb, Apprenticeship Awards Winner (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Emma Harper*

[S5M-19981](#) Maureen Watt: National Tree Week (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Emma Harper*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19976](#) Bill Bowman: Tayside Team Recognised at Awards for Developing New Test to Detect Liver Disease (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-19974](#) Shona Robison: Hullo! Bonjour! Ola! Ciao! (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Emma Harper*

[S5M-19973](#) Alexander Burnett: Aberdeen Donside Girls, 2019 U13 World Girls Football Cup Winners (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-19972](#) Alexander Burnett: #kidsforCAMHS Volunteers Award 2019 Finalists (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-19970](#) Jenny Gilruth: Kinglassie's Busy Bees Youth Group and Kats Mission Help Homeless People (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Rowley*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19968](#) Gil Paterson: Chris Rankin Memorial Gymnastics Competition (lodged on 19 November 2019)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

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[S5M-19965 Gillian Martin: Girls in Energy Conference](#) (lodged on 19 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19964 Liam McArthur: 10th Anniversary of the UHI Student Development Fund](#) (lodged on 19 November 2019)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19963 Annabelle Ewing: Aberdour Puppy Power Event](#) (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19961 John Finnie: Amnesty International's Call for the Release of Catalan Leaders](#) (lodged on 19 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Rowley*

[S5M-19960 Annabelle Ewing: PC Kathryn Murray Braves the Shave for Macmillan Cancer Support](#) (lodged on 19 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Rowley*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19957 Claire Baker: SCAN Art in Action Campaign](#) (lodged on 19 November 2019)

New Support: Willie Rennie*, Alex Rowley*

[S5M-19956 Alasdair Allan: Tighean Innse Gall, Installer of the Year](#) (lodged on 19 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19948 Jenny Gilruth: Rollos Law Backs Will Aid](#) (lodged on 19 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19947 Mark McDonald: 25 Years of the Organ Donor Register](#) (lodged on 19 November 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-19946 Gillian Martin: St Andrew's Church Playgroup, Inverurie](#) (lodged on 19 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19943 Tom Arthur: Social Enterprise Awards Scotland 2019](#) (lodged on 19 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-19941 Gordon MacDonald: Cheyne Gang Singing Group](#) (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tom Arthur*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tom Arthur*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tom Arthur*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Rowley*, Tom Arthur*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Rowley*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Rowley*, Tom Arthur*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Rowley*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19931](#) Daniel Johnson: Parentline, Celebrating 20 Years of Volunteer-led Family Support (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Rowley*

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

New Support: Tom Arthur*

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

New Support: Tom Arthur*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tom Arthur*

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

New Support: Tom Arthur*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tom Arthur*

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[S5M-19921](#) Mark Griffin: Triangle of Care for Mental Health Carers (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*, Tom Arthur*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Rowley*, Tom Arthur*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tom Arthur*

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

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-19910](#) Gil Paterson: Sportscotland Gold Award for Mosshead Primary School (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tom Arthur*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Alex Rowley*

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

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-19875](#) Neil Findlay: West Lothian College Students Receive Tam Dalyell Scholarships (lodged on 14 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-19873](#) Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Business Support Group, Certeris (lodged on 14 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-19870](#) Stewart Stevenson: Businesses' Response to Flooding (lodged on 13 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

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

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New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-19850](#) Alexander Stewart: Forth Valley College's Alloa Campus Open Evening (lodged on 12 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-19848](#) David Torrance: Welfare Reform Anti-Poverty Group, Levenmouth (lodged on 12 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-19845](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Author Publishes "On This Day" Book (lodged on 12 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-19817](#) John Mason: Welcoming Scottish Interfaith Week (lodged on 11 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

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

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-19810](#) Keith Brown: Public Works Loan Board Rate (lodged on 11 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-19806](#) Neil Findlay: Lula is Free (lodged on 11 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-19797](#) Annabelle Ewing: Benarty Community Forum Lottery Funding (lodged on 08 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-19750](#) Emma Harper: Catalonia Human Rights Abuse (lodged on 08 November 2019)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

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

New Support: Emma Harper*

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Oral Questions

Topical Questions selected for answer on 26 November 2019

- 1. Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to members of the University and College Union who are striking over pay, working conditions and pensions. ([S5T-01899](#))
- 2. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is improving the experiences of victims in the justice system. ([S5T-01900](#))

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 28 November 2019

- 1. Jackson Carlaw:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03746](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03747](#))
- 3. Willie Rennie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03748](#))
- 4. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the First Minister what actions the Scottish Government is taking to eliminate violence against women and girls. ([S5F-03755](#))
- 5. Jamie Greene:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to address the reported £3 billion backlog in road maintenance repairs. ([S5F-03754](#))
- 6. Monica Lennon:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to reassure patients and families of the safety of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Royal Hospital for Children. ([S5F-03756](#))

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 04 December 2019

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 27 November 2019. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 28 November 2019.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

1. Murdo Fraser
2. Sarah Boyack
3. Liam Kerr
4. Mike Rumbles
5. Emma Harper
6. Anas Sarwar
7. Keith Brown
8. Jenny Marra

Rural Economy

1. Colin Beattie
2. Adam Tomkins
3. Ruth Maguire

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4. Fulton MacGregor
5. Alison Johnstone
6. Angus MacDonald
7. Michelle Ballantyne
8. Brian Whittle

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 05 December 2019

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 27 November 2019. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 28 November 2019.

Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

1. Bruce Crawford
2. Monica Lennon
3. Clare Adamson
4. Peter Chapman
5. Rachael Hamilton
6. James Dornan
7. Shona Robison
8. Bill Kidd

Members selected for General Questions on 05 December 2019

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 27 November 2019. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 28 November 2019.

1. Maureen Watt
2. Gail Ross
3. David Torrance
4. John Mason
5. Jackie Baillie
6. Alison Harris
7. Mark McDonald
8. Jamie Greene
9. Donald Cameron
10. Ross Greer

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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 25 November 2019

S5W-26514 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to develop options for the disposal and recycling of bicycle tyres.

S5W-26515 Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the ongoing issues in Scotland, what its response is to the recent ruling in the Australian courts against Johnson & Johnson in favour of over 1,500 mesh-injured women.

S5W-26516 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what input experts in psychology had in developing its strategy, A healthier future: Scotland's diet and healthy weight delivery plan.

S5W-26517 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what research it has commissioned into the impact of the language used in, and how best to frame, messaging regarding healthy weight, nutrition and physical activity.

S5W-26518 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of demand for weight management services.

S5W-26519 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what the participation targets for mature students are regarding programmes for widening access to higher education.

S5W-26520 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of BT being confirmed as the preferred bidder for each contract in the R100 programme, what the timescale is for the company signing the contracts for the regional lots, and what the expected (a) coverage, (b) technology mix and (c) completion timescale will be for each of these.

S5W-26522 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many applications have been received for support from the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund in North Ayrshire, and what the status is of each.

S5W-26523 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many physician associates are employed by each NHS board.

S5W-26524 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the contribution that physician associates make to patient care.

S5W-26525 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how it promotes the use of physician associates across the NHS.

S5W-26526 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government when the interim review of the operation and impact of Experience Panels began, and when it is expected to conclude.

S5W-26527 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-26389 by Michael Matheson on 22 November 2019, what proportion of the project cost it will meet.

S5W-26528 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what the timetable is for each NHS board to achieve full implementation of hospital electronic prescribing and medicines administration (HEPMA).

S5W-26529 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-25944 by Joe FitzPatrick on 20 November 2019, by what date it will meet Parkinson's UK Scotland and the other key stakeholders to discuss taking forward the recommendations of the report.

S5W-26530 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it will provide to food banks in each local authority in 2019-20; how much has been allocated in the financial year so far, and how much it plans to provide in 2020-21, also broken down by the amount for each food bank receiving direct assistance.

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[S5W-26531](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it will provide to Fareshare in 2019-20; how much has been allocated in the financial year so far, and how this money has been or will be used.

[S5W-26532](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has purchased £0.5 million of food from Asda for Fareshare to distribute.

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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: *Jenny Marra

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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<p>Members' Bills Proposals Molaidhean airson Bilean Buill</p>				

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).

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

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

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

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

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 (briefing, lead committee (Justice)), 26 November 2019

Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

Consumer Scotland Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee)), 26 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

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

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill (G)

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

Preliminary Stage (Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee), 26 November 2019

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2, 28 November 2019

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

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

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The UK Parliament dissolved on 6 November 2019. There are currently no Legislative Consent Memorandums being considered by the Scottish Parliament.

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

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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

[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

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[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)

[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 \(SSI 2019/357\)](#)

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(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)

[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)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 26 November 2019—

Justice Committee, 22nd Report, 2019 (Session 5) Secure care and prison places for children and young people in Scotland (SP Paper 628)

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