

Friday 24 April 2020

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Announcement - Members' Virtual Question Time

The Presiding Officer wishes to remind Members that Members' Virtual Question Time (Rural Economy / Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform) will take place today (Friday 24 April 2020) from 3.00-3.45pm. It can be viewed on the Scottish Parliament TV webpage:

www.scottishparliament.tv

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

10:00am COVID-19 Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

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

COVID-19 Committee 1st Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in a virtual meeting and will be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee will choose its Convener.
3. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose its Deputy Convener.
4. **Covid-19 Scottish Government response:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, Europe and External Affairs,
Scottish Government.

5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 22 April 2020

Tuesday 28 April 2020

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Mr Iain Stewart, Executive Director, Edinburgh Inter-Faith Association

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Reporting on Emergency Legislation

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health (Covid-19)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Transport (Covid-19)

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

4:15 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 May 2020

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

4:30 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Committee Announcements

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:15 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 6 May 2020

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Consumer Scotland 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>

Health and Sport Committee

28 April 2020

9th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **COVID-19 Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Thomas Hugh Pennington, Emeritus Professor, University of Aberdeen.

2. **COVID-19 Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, David Cullum on 0131 348 5210 or by email HealthandSport@parliament.scot.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

28 April 2020

14th Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/126\)](#)

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

[Townand Country Planning \(Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications\) \(Coronavirus\)\(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/124\)](#)

Proposed future business

For further information on the work of the Committee, please contact Andrew Proudfoot, Clerk to the Committee via email at dplr.committee@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:

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

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

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

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S5M-21551 Margaret Mitchell: Larkhall and District Volunteer Group**—That the Parliament recognises the efforts of the Larkhall and District Volunteer Group during the COVID-19 outbreak; notes that the main focus of the group is phone lines that have taken nearly 500 calls in one week and are open in the mornings and evenings seven days a week; acknowledges how important this service is to the many group members dealing with loneliness during social isolation; notes that the group has two minibuses available for the community driven by volunteer drivers who have PPE to ensure they are protected; understands the group is an active member of the COVID-19 Rainbows Larkhall Community Group, which helps ensure that members have access to the correct support available to them; commends the group for its commitment to the community, and wishes the volunteers well during this difficult time and for the future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Finlay Carson*, Edward Mountain*

***S5M-21550 George Adam: A Change of PACE**—That the Parliament commends the PACE Youth Theatre in Paisley for supporting its young members through this difficult and challenging time by delivering the programme, a Change of PACE, which offers online learning opportunities to provide a creative outlet and help the young people deal with the current situation; notes that the activities are tailored to different age groups, including tasks and challenges for members to do at home, regular videos, live chats and links to plays and theatre to watch online; recognises that the initiative was opened by the actor Mark Rowley, who is from Paisley, with a live virtual question and answer session and a programme of masterclasses and question and answer sessions with PACE alumni who have gone onto to work in the arts industry; notes that this programme of events is being delivered on a pay-what-you-can basis to allow young people with families whose incomes may have been interrupted to take part, and wishes PACE every success with this and its future endeavours.

Supported by: Alex Neil*, Rona Mackay*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stewart Stevenson*, Richard Lyle*

***S5M-21549 John Mason: St George's Day**—That the Parliament recognises that 23 April is St George's Day; wishes all, in this difficult time, a happy and safe day; remembers the time before the union of England and Scotland when the day was a much larger celebration; notes that, in 2009 when he was the Mayor of London, the current Prime Minister spearheaded a campaign to

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reinvigorate the St George's Day celebrations, and suggests that, perhaps if Scotland was independent, it might facilitate this aim of reinvigorating those celebrations.

***S5M-21548 Annabelle Ewing: Thumbs Up for Your Postie Campaign**—That the Parliament acknowledges the Royal Mail campaign, Thumbs Up for Your Postie, which aims to recognise the hard work being carried out by postal service workers; appreciates that they are doing a very difficult job at this time and that working conditions are bound to be more stressful than normal due to concerns regarding COVID-19; appreciates the work that they are doing, believes that contactless delivery is an important innovation and that Royal Mail workers are essential for the continued functioning of the country; applauds the high quality work of posties throughout Scotland, and hopes that the public will get behind the campaign.

Supported by: Christine Grahame*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Stewart Stevenson*, Richard Lyle*

***S5M-21547 Alasdair Allan: Thumbs Up for Your Postie**—That the Parliament welcomes the #ThumbsUpForYourPostie initiative, which encourages people to show their appreciation for their local postie by giving them a thumbs up from at least a two-metre safe distance; understands that children are also being encouraged to put "thumbs up" pictures in their front windows; recognises the key role that postmen and women have in keeping people, communities and businesses stay connected through the current crisis, and pays tribute to the thousands of postmen and women working flat out across Scotland during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Stewart Stevenson*, Emma Harper*, Alex Neil*, Sandra White*, Richard Lyle*

***S5M-21546 Mark McDonald: Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week 2020**—That the Parliament recognises that Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Week runs from 20 to 26 April 2020; notes that MS is a neurological condition that damages the nerves in the body, making it hard for people to complete everyday tasks such as walking, talking, eating and thinking; understands that MS affects over 130,000 people in the UK, with Scotland showing one of highest rates in the world; celebrates the efforts of both MS Society Aberdeen and MS Society Scotland for their continued support to their members; highlights that, during the current COVID-19 crisis, both have expanded their weekly offerings to include yoga, mindfulness and seated exercise classes, encouraging those who have had limited interaction in the past to get online and broaden their horizons, and applauds their commitment to keeping members connected and active while self-isolating.

***S5M-21545 Joan McAlpine: SCLD and UoG Guided Self-help Booklets to Support People with Learning Disabilities**—That the Parliament understands that the Scottish Commission for Learning Disability (SCLD) has published guided self-help booklets to support people with learning disabilities; commends the SCLD and the University of Glasgow (UoG) for working together with colleagues at the universities of Lancaster and Warwick to provide this series of booklets, which can be used with support from family, friends and healthcare professionals; notes that the booklets aim to provide an opportunity to discuss and understand feelings and to enable the individual to make plans to ensure their wellbeing during the COVID-19 outbreak; notes that the booklets have been used as part of a national study and that people reported finding them helpful, and that they were linked to good outcomes; further notes that people with learning disabilities experience higher rates of mental health problems, which will be impacted by the disruption caused by COVID-19, and that these booklets are directed at people struggling with the current situation; thanks the SCLD, UoG and universities of Lancaster and Warwick for their contributions on providing these extremely valuable resources, which are available to everyone, free of charge,

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online or in booklet format, and urges anyone supporting individuals with learning disabilities to download the booklets directly from the SCLD website.

Supported by: Richard Lyle*, Kenneth Gibson*, Alex Neil*, Bill Kidd*, Stewart Stevenson*

***S5M-21544 Annabelle Ewing: Cowdenbeath FC's Birthday Wishes**—That the Parliament welcomes the efforts of Cowdenbeath FC to help young supporters having birthdays during the COVID-19 lockdown by providing its best wishes to them on the club's website and Facebook and Twitter accounts; believes that this will help the young fans enjoy their birthday and feel special at a time when they are unable to physically meet friends and family outwith their household; applauds the club for this initiative, and appreciates the efforts of the staff and players involved.

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

***S5M-21543 Alexander Stewart: Tullibody Community Garden Initiative**—That the Parliament commends Tullibody Community Garden on its Tattie Pack initiative, which has been established with funding from NHS Forth Valley's Nutrition and the Dietetic Health Improvement Team's Food Activity Grant; understands that volunteers have made up packs for growing potatoes at home; notes that they have been doing this with staff from the Family Centre Blue Hoose, which is run by Action for Children, who are delivering the kits, along with food parcels; notes that each kit contains a bag to grow the potatoes in, compost, seeds and instructions; hopes that the initiative will have many wellbeing benefits, and sends its best wishes to everyone involved with this project.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Richard Lyle*, Finlay Carson*, Brian Whittle*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Sarah Boyack*, Murdo Fraser*, Margaret Mitchell*

***S5M-21542 Michelle Ballantyne: Nether Abbey Hotel**—That the Parliament commends the Nether Abbey Hotel in North Berwick for providing free rooms to key workers during the COVID-19 lockdown; understands that the hotel's owners, Jela and Stirling Stewart, have so far hosted engineers carrying out essential work at Torness power station, a company representative who was brought up from the South of England to repair vital agricultural equipment and NHS staff working night shifts; notes that the hotel is taking strict measures to ensure the safety of its guests and that rooms are vacated for 72 hours before a deep clean takes place in order to minimise the risk of infection; thanks Jela and Stirling for their hard work in supporting key workers, and wishes them all the best.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Peter Chapman*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Brian Whittle*, Richard Lyle*, Iain Gray*, Edward Mountain*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Murdo Fraser*, Finlay Carson*

***S5M-21541 Michelle Ballantyne: East Lothian Schools Manufacture Visors**—That the Parliament commends craft, design and technology staff from East Lothian's Knox Academy, Preston Lodge High School, North Berwick High School and Musselburgh Grammar School for raising almost £6,000 to manufacture protective visors; understands that the teams are manufacturing over 200 visors per day and are distributing them to care homes, pharmacies, British Transport Police, district nurses and hospitals in East Lothian, Midlothian and Edinburgh; thanks all the school staff and donors who have supported the scheme, and wishes them all the best.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Brian Whittle*, Peter Chapman*, Alexander Stewart*, Richard Lyle*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Iain Gray*, Edward Mountain*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Finlay Carson*

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***S5M-21540 Michelle Ballantyne: Belhaven Bursary for Innovation in Scottish Music**—That the Parliament acknowledges that the £25,000 Belhaven Bursary for Innovation in Scottish Music has been awarded to the Glasgow-based folk band, Kinnaris Quintet; understands that the bursary is awarded annually by the Belhaven Brewery, which is in East Lothian, and that the Kinnaris Quintet was chosen for its musical range, innovative arrangements and vibrant stage presence; thanks Belhaven for supporting Scotland's music scene, and wishes the Kinnaris Quintet all the best for the future.

***S5M-21539 Michelle Ballantyne: Cairnsie Music Recording**—That the Parliament commends the Dunbar-based folk duo, Cairnsie, on recording songs to entertain the users of The Hub at Sanderson's Wynd Primary School in Tranent during the COVID-19 lockdown; understands that the father-and-daughter band were commissioned by the school's depute headteacher, Clare Palmer-Fairbairn, to record some of the children's favourite songs for them to sing and sign along to during virtual assembly time, thanks Clare and Cairnsie for supporting and entertaining the users of The Hub, and wishes them all the best.

***S5M-21538 Jeremy Balfour: Resilient Musselburgh**—That the Parliament congratulates all involved in Resilient Musselburgh; understands that the team is made up of members of the Musselburgh and Inveresk Community Council, Musselburgh Area Partnership and 71 volunteers; notes that the group is supporting the communities of Musselburgh, Old Craighall, Wallyford and Whitecraig, which have a combined population of around 24,000; believes that volunteers are being deployed on a daily basis, assisting with the delivery of lunches to vulnerable people, emergency food supplies, prescriptions and leafleting targeted areas of the community; notes that the Hub, which is based at Pinkie St Peters Primary School, with the support of volunteers, has delivered over 155 five-day lunch packs to identified vulnerable families within the community, and encourages anyone who would like to volunteer to contact Resilient Musselburgh at eastlothian.gov.uk/musselburghap.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Finlay Carson*, Alexander Stewart*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Peter Chapman*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*

***S5M-21537 Ross Greer: Panchen Lama**—That the Parliament notes the month-long global advocacy campaign by the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) to mark the 25th anniversary of the abduction of the then six-year-old Panchen Lama Gedhun Choekyi Nyima and his family by Chinese authorities; further notes that the advocacy campaign will run from 25 April to 17 May 2020; understands that the CTA has repeatedly raised this issue with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child; notes what it sees as the unsubstantiated claim by the Chinese Government that Gedhun is living a “healthy, normal life”; expresses concern that independent experts have not, it believes, been permitted to meet Gedhun and verify this information since his abduction in 1995, and calls on the UK Government to raise the wellbeing of Gedhun and his family through diplomatic means.

Supported by: John Mason*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-21534 Joan McAlpine: Scottish Gas Supports Carers Scotland (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Emma Harper*

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[S5M-21533](#) Joan McAlpine: Scottish Gas Partners With The Trussell Trust to Provide Food Parcels to Vulnerable Households (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Stewart Stevenson*, Emma Harper*

[S5M-21532](#) Brian Whittle: Stewarton Knitwear Manufacturer Supports PPE Efforts (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S5M-21531](#) Brian Whittle: We Hae Meat (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Rachael Hamilton*

[S5M-21530](#) Gillian Martin: Sandy Brown, Landlord of the Blue Lamp (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-21528](#) Murdo Fraser: Country Sports Businesses (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Rachael Hamilton*

[S5M-21527](#) Bill Kidd: International Workers' Memorial Day 2020 (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Emma Harper*, Neil Findlay*, Sarah Boyack*

[S5M-21526](#) Peter Chapman: The Generosity of the Klondyke Fishing Company (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S5M-21525](#) Ruth Maguire: NHS Virtual Band Spreads Joy (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Sandra White*, Richard Lyle*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stewart Stevenson*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*

[S5M-21524](#) Ruth Maguire: Kilwinning's Scott Renton Completes Lockdown Half-marathon (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Sandra White*, Richard Lyle*, Stewart Stevenson*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*

[S5M-21523](#) Ruth Maguire: Ayrshire Children's Gift to Care Homes (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S5M-21522](#) Ruth Maguire: Kilwinning Scouts Indoor Challenge (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S5M-21521](#) Kenneth Gibson: Recognising the Generosity of TR Bonnyman Son & Co Ltd (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Jeremy Balfour*

[S5M-21520](#) Donald Cameron: Kinlochleven Power Station (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Jeremy Balfour*, Rachael Hamilton*

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[S5M-21519](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: National Tea Day 2020 (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Kenneth Gibson*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Neil Findlay*, Maureen Watt*, Murdo Fraser*

[S5M-21518](#) Annabelle Ewing: Maci's Rainbows Raise £1,000 for Foodbank (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Emma Harper*

[S5M-21517](#) Annabelle Ewing: NHS Fife Connecting Families During the COVID-19 Outbreak (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*

[S5M-21516](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Stalking Awareness Week 2020 (lodged on 22 April 2020)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S5M-21510](#) Finlay Carson: Douglas Ewart High School Creates Visors to Protect Health Care Staff (lodged on 21 April 2020)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Rachael Hamilton*

[S5M-21509](#) John Mason: John Muir Day (lodged on 21 April 2020)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-21502](#) Edward Mountain: Sharon Whitham, 20 Years of Service at Mo Dhachaidh (lodged on 21 April 2020)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Finlay Carson*, Richard Lyle*, Peter Chapman*, Jeremy Balfour*, Rachael Hamilton*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-21501](#) Colin Beattie: One Dalkeith Secures Community Hub (lodged on 21 April 2020)

New Support: Neil Findlay*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21497](#) Clare Adamson: Motherwell FC Community Trust (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21496](#) Clare Adamson: Scran4TheClan (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21495](#) Emma Harper: Fly-tipping in Scotland (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21494](#) Clare Adamson: Wishaw Beauty Company Producing Hand Sanitiser to Help Frontline NHS Workers (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21493](#) Clare Adamson: Egg-xcellent Easter Egg Donation from Morrisons Wishaw (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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[S5M-21492](#) Clare Adamson: “The Expeerience Counts” Exercise Encouragement (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21491](#) Clare Adamson: Motherwell Health and Wellness Hub Helping Those In Need (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21490](#) Ross Greer: UWS Café Staff (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: John Finnie*, Neil Findlay*

[S5M-21489](#) David Torrance: Faz Latif, Local Hero (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21488](#) David Torrance: Fifer Donates £500,000 to Help Patients and Healthcare Staff (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21487](#) Murdo Fraser: Chess in Schools and Communities (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21486](#) Alexander Stewart: Greens of Tillicoultry (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21485](#) Stewart Stevenson: Banff Bakers Retire (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21483](#) Finlay Carson: Stranraer's Gentex Helps to Produce Ventilators to Tackle COVID-19 (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21482](#) Clare Adamson: North Lanarkshire Youth Council’s Success at SYP Awards 2020 (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21481](#) Clare Adamson: Wishaw MSYP’s Communications Success at Scottish Youth Parliament Awards 2020 (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21480](#) Clare Adamson: Coltness High School Joins PPE Effort (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21479](#) Clare Adamson: St Aidan’s High School Joins PPE Effort (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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[S5M-21478](#) Clare Adamson: NHS Lanarkshire Choir Lifting Spirits (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21476](#) Gordon MacDonald: Wester Hailes Connect Gives Internet Tablets to the Vulnerable (lodged on 17 April 2020)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Neil Findlay*

[S5M-21475](#) Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh Academy Supporting the NHS (lodged on 17 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21474](#) Neil Findlay: Livingston Young People Help the Community (lodged on 17 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21472](#) Dean Lockhart: Raytheon UK to Manufacture and Assemble Ventilators in Glenrothes (lodged on 17 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21468](#) Edward Mountain: Margaret Payne (lodged on 20 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-21465](#) Ross Greer: Mind Yer Time (lodged on 17 April 2020)

New Support: Iain Gray*, John Finnie*, Emma Harper*

[S5M-21457](#) Angela Constance: Councillor Peter Johnston Retires (lodged on 16 April 2020)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S5M-21456](#) Colin Beattie: Newbattle High School Receives Recognition from Royal Family (lodged on 16 April 2020)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-21454](#) Finlay Carson: Galloway Community Hospital Receives Silver Award for Care (lodged on 16 April 2020)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S5M-21453](#) Colin Beattie: Lasswade High School Produces Protective Visors (lodged on 16 April 2020)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-21446](#) Gail Ross: Sunflower Packs for the Children of Wick (lodged on 16 April 2020)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S5M-21433](#) Daniel Johnson: Children 1st Receives People's Postcode Lottery's Dream Trust Grant (lodged on 14 April 2020)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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[S5M-21350](#) Claudia Beamish: Consultation on Wild Wrasse Fisheries (lodged on 26 March 2020)

New Support: John Finnie*

[S5M-21254](#) Patrick Harvie: Concerns over Casualisation at the University of Glasgow (lodged on 13 March 2020)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-21244](#) Christine Grahame: Glue Traps (lodged on 12 March 2020)

New Support: Liam McArthur*, Beatrice Wishart*

[S5M-21242](#) Iain Gray: Macmerry Miners' Welfare Society & Social Club (lodged on 12 March 2020)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

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Written Questions

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

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

Government initiated questions lodged on 23 April 2020

[S5W-28662](#) George Adam: To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish more detail on Scotland's approach to transition through the COVID-19 crisis.

[S5W-28670](#) Tom Arthur: To ask the Scottish Government what costs were incurred by it as a result of the UK Government's unlawful attempt to prorogue the UK Parliament in 2019.

Written questions lodged on 23 April 2020

[S5W-28658](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government when it was advised by (a) its and (b) the UK advisory group on COVID-19 that there should be a lockdown in response to the outbreak, and whether it will publish the advice that was provided.

[S5W-28660](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government when it decided to introduce a lockdown in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and whether it will publish the advice that it received that led to this decision.

[S5W-28661](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is considering removing or lowering the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) membership scheme fee, in light of the need for volunteers during the COVID-19 outbreak.

[S5W-28663](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how many people have been contacted through contact tracing following a patient testing positive for COVID-19 on each day since 1 February 2020.

[S5W-28664](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what its position was up until 21 April 2020 on discharging patients from hospitals to care homes without first testing them for COVID-19; what its position has been since then, and for what reason there has been any change in its position.

[S5W-28665](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on the (a) status and (b) location of patients who were in hospitals waiting on care packages (delayed discharge cases) and who have been discharged to increase capacity for COVID-19 patients on each day since 1 February 2020.

[S5W-28666](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what action it has been taking to tackle scams since the announcement in the 2019 Programme for Government of a scams prevention strategy; whether it is on track to publish this strategy before September 2020, and what estimate it has made of the scale in any increase of scams during the COVID-19 outbreak.

[S5W-28669](#) Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the concerns regarding the potential impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on the higher education sector, what action it is taking to reassure staff and students that it has a coherent plan to retain capacity across the sector following the end of lockdown period, which will aim to ensure stability and maintain the positive impact that higher education can bring to the country.

[S5W-28671](#) Keith Brown: To ask the Scottish Government whether, as part of the economic recovery phase from the COVID-19 outbreak, it will consider an approach similar to that being planned by Bavaria regarding the temporary re-purposing of some public sector jobs, in

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consultation with the trade unions, and the creation of new job opportunities arising from contact tracing or other similar initiatives.

S5W-28672 Keith Brown: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the COVID-19 outbreak, what flexibility will be given to local authorities regarding the submission of their annual accounts.

S5W-28673 Keith Brown: To ask the Scottish Government how many businesses in Clackmannanshire are in receipt of the Small Business Bonus.

S5W-28674 Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide transport to test centres for social care staff with suspected COVID-19, in line with what is offered to healthcare workers.

S5W-28675 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how many deaths there have been in care homes in each local authority area since 1 March 2020, also expressed per head of the population for each council.

S5W-28678 Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government what support is being provided to autistic children who are unable to attend the COVID-19 hubs because (a) their parents or guardians are not considered to be key workers, (b) they are not considered a child protection risk or (c) they are unable to social distance.

S5W-28679 Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government whether a phased return to school is being considered for children with additional needs for whom social distancing during the COVID-19 outbreak is more difficult, particularly for those with physical requirements.

S5W-28680 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that all personal protective equipment (PPE) being used by female health and social care staff fits properly, in light of concerns that some PPE may be designed for male sizes only.

S5W-28681 Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government how it will support children with additional support needs who will not be able to benefit from transition support because of the COVID-19 outbreak, particularly between (a) Nursery-P1 and (b) P7-S1.

S5W-28682 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to increase the frequency of publication during the COVID-19 outbreak of statistical and management information regarding (a) applications, (b) decisions, (c) payments and (d) expenditure for (i) the Scottish Welfare Fund and (ii) locally administered council tax reduction.

S5W-28683 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government whether Scottish Choices for universal credit remains operational, and what management information regarding applications for the scheme it has received from the DWP since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak.

S5W-28684 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what management information it has received from the DWP regarding increases in universal credit caseload in Scotland as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

S5W-28685 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what change in (a) Best Start Grant applications, (b) Funeral Support Payment applications and (c) Carer's Allowance Supplement caseload Social Security Scotland (i) has experienced and (ii) expects to experience since the start of the of the COVID-19 outbreak.

S5W-28686 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People on 1 April 2020 (*Official Report*, c. 53), whether contingent workers on the Social Security Programme are being retained.

S5W-28687 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what the rate of staff absence has been in (a) Social Security Scotland and (b) the Social Security Directorate during the COVID-19 outbreak.

S5W-28688 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People on 1 April 2020 (*Official Report*, c. 53), whether work on the Social Security Programme has been paused.

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[S5W-28689](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it is giving to the implications of holding Scottish parliamentary elections in May 2021 if full or partial social distancing restrictions are in place.

[S5W-28690](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has examined the feasibility of conducting Scottish parliamentary elections exclusively by postal ballot should social distancing restrictions remain in place in whole or in part in May 2021.

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New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 23 April 2020

Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the aggravation of offences by prejudice; to make provision about offences relating to stirring up hatred against a group of persons; to abolish the common law offence of blasphemy; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Humza Yousaf

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 67-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 67-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 67-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 67-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

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Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 22 April 2020 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Education (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/128)

Laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and section 34(4) of the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004.

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 23 April 2020 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/129)

Laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Laid Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 23 April 2020 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 7) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/127 (C.14))

Laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 debate, 5 May 2020

Stage 1 Report - Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee (3rd Report, 2020)

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

Stage 1 completed, 12 March 2020

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Children (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice)), 25 February 2020

Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities and Human Rights)), 5 March 2020

Stage 1 Report – Equalities and Human Rights Committee (1st report, March 2020)

Consumer Scotland Bill (G)

Stage 3 debate, 6 May 2020

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 29 April 2020 with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

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Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice Committee)), 17 March 2020

Disclosure (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 11 March 2020

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

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

Passed, 19 March 2020

Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health and Sport Committee)), 24 March 2020

Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 23 April 2020

Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 2 March 2020

Lead committee – Economy, Energy and Fair Work

Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 9 March 2020

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

Stage 1 completed, 25 February 2020

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy, Energy and Fair Work)), 3 March 2020

Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 12 March 2020

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

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

Preliminary Stage Report, 15 January 2020

Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 3 February 2020

Lead committee – Economy, Energy and Fair Work

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

Passed, 21 March 2018

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

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill-LCM-S5-34

Lodged on 26 February 2020
Lead committee – Justice
Meeting of the Parliament, 24 March 2020

Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill LCM-S5-31

Lodged on 30 January 2020
Lead committee – Health and Sport
Meeting of the Parliament, 4 March 2020

Domestic Abuse Bill LCM-S5-35

Lodged on 16 March 2020

Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill LCM-S5-37

Lodged on 30 March 2020

Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill LCM-S5-32

Lodged on 5 February 2020
Lead committee – Justice
Meeting of the Parliament, 17 March 2020

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

Affirmative instruments

Lead Committee report due 29 April 2020

[Town and Country Planning \(Changing Places Toilet Facilities\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (5 March 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Lead Committee report due 7 May 2020

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[Fuel Poverty \(Targets, Definition and Strategy\) \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Scottish Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel and Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\) \(13 March 2020\)](#) (Local Government and Communities)

Lead Committee report due 10 May 2020

[Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\) \(16 March 2020\)](#) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

[Environmental Regulation \(Enforcement Measures\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\) \(16 March 2020\)](#) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

Lead Committee report due 17 May 2020

[Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Part 2 Further Extension\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\) \(23 March 2020\)](#) (Finance and the Constitution Committee)

Lead Committee report due 20 May 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/126\) \(21 April 2020\)](#) (COVID-19 Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 30 March 2020
Lead Committee report due by 30 March 2020

[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/31\) \(20 February 2020\)](#) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to annulment by 31 March 2020
Lead Committee report due by 30 March 2020

[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/37\) \(21 February 2020\)](#) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/39\) \(21 February 2020\)](#) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to annulment by 10 May 2020
Lead Committee report due by 4 May 2020

[UEFA European Championship \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Compensation for Enforcement Action\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/79\) \(16 March 2020\)](#) (Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Committee)

Subject to annulment by 20 May 2020
Lead Committee report due by 18 May 2020

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[Non-Domestic Rates \(Coronavirus Reliefs\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/1010\)](#) (26 March 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to annulment by 26 May 2020
Lead Committee report due by 25 May 2020

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) \(Coronavirus\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/108\)](#) (1 April 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to annulment by 27 May 2020
Lead Committee report due by 25 May 2020

[Carer's Allowance \(Coronavirus\) \(Breaks in Care\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/117\)](#) (2 April 2020) (Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment by 28 May 2020
Lead Committee report due by 25 May 2020

[Gender Representation on Public Boards \(Scotland\) Act 2018 \(Reports\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/120\)](#) (3 April 2020) (Equalities and Human Rights Committee)

Subject to annulment by 29 May 2020
Lead Committee report due by 25 May 2020

[Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2020 \(SSI 2020/122\)](#) (7 April 2020) (Justice Committee)

[Electricity Works \(Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/123\)](#) (14 April 2020) (Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee)

[Town and Country Planning \(Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/124\)](#) (14 April 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to annulment by 31 May 2020
Lead Committee report due by 25 May 2020

[Education \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/128\)](#) (22 April 2020) (Education and Skills Committee)

Subject to annulment by 1 June 2020
Lead Committee report due by 1 June 2020

[Town and Country Planning \(General Permitted Development\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/129\)](#) (23 April 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 23 April 2020—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 24th Report 2020 (Session 5): Disclosure (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 720)

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 23 April 2020 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Supplementary Report: Fiscal Update - April 2020 SFC/2020/3 laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

West Lothian College Annual Report and Accounts 2018-2019 SG/2020/63 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

West College Scotland Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2019 SG/2020/62 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

South Lanarkshire College, East Kilbride - Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st July 2019 SG/2020/61 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

University of the Highlands and Islands: Perth College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2019 SG/2020/60 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The North Highland College Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2019 SG/2020/59 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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