

Thursday 13 August 2020

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism.

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3:20 pm Motion of No Confidence

4:20 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Equalities and Human Rights Committee

9:30am Finance and Constitution Committee

10:00am Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

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Finance

- 1. Iain Gray:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding the finance secretary will allocate to supporting workers in the longer-term once the furlough scheme ends. ([S5O-04460](#))
- 2. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment has been made of the financial pressures facing local authorities as they seek to reopen leisure and community facilities. ([S5O-04461](#))
- 3. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the additional UK Government funding to support Scotland's people and businesses through the COVID-19 outbreak. ([S5O-04462](#))
- 4. Gil Paterson:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions the finance secretary has had with the UK Government regarding the financial response to the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S5O-04463](#))
- 5. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what additional funding the finance secretary has made available to allow schools to return from 11 August. ([S5O-04464](#))
- 6. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding the finance secretary will make available to prepare for the possibility of a no-deal Brexit, including to the NHS. ([S5O-04465](#))
- 7. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what further measures the finance secretary will introduce to help businesses recover from the COVID-19 crisis. ([S5O-04466](#))
- 8. Stewart Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding the finance secretary will allocate to support people who are looking for work or at risk of redundancy as a result of COVID-19. ([S5O-04467](#))

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

- 1. Maureen Watt:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding environmental issues. ([S5O-04468](#))
- 2. James Kelly:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to tackle fly-tipping. ([S5O-04469](#))
- 3. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to prevent the persecution of raptors. ([S5O-04470](#))
- 4. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason source emissions rose by 1.5% from 2017 to 2018. ([S5O-04471](#))
- 5. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans to tackle climate change. ([S5O-04472](#))

6. Johann Lamont: To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to households in Glasgow to improve access to recycling. ([S5O-04473](#))

7. Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that the country meets the targets set out in the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019. ([S5O-04474](#))

8. Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its creation of a nitrogen balance sheet. ([S5O-04475](#))

Rural Economy and Tourism

1. Jackie Baillie: [Not Lodged] ([S5O-04476](#))

2. Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme on the rural and tourism economies in Scotland. ([S5O-04477](#))

3. David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what representations it has received regarding future development of the NC500. ([S5O-04478](#))

4. David Torrance: To ask the Scottish Government what importance it places on the role and contribution of showpeople and funfair operators to tourism. ([S5O-04479](#))

5. Liz Smith: [Not Lodged] ([S5O-04480](#))

6. Alasdair Allan: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that the post-lockdown economy in rural communities benefits from, but does not become overly dependent on, tourism. ([S5O-04481](#))

7. Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to tourism businesses involved in the organising, planning and hosting of weddings in Dumfries and Galloway and other rural economies that are reliant on the wedding industry. ([S5O-04482](#))

8. Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what the impact of COVID-19 has been on the availability of workers in the rural economy and tourism sectors. ([S5O-04483](#))

3:20 pm Motion of No Confidence

[S5M-22392](#) **Iain Gray: Motion of No Confidence**—That the Parliament has no confidence in the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, in light of his mismanagement of schools' education and, in particular, of this year's awarding of grades to school pupils and the unfairness of the system applied by the SQA.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-22424](#) **Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that Murdo Fraser be appointed to replace Donald Cameron as a member of the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints.

followed by Business Motions

4:20 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 13th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in a virtual meeting.

1. **Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on Equalities and Human Rights (in private):** The Committee will consider its ongoing approach to the inquiry
2. **Race Equality, Employment and Skills inquiry (in private):** The Committee will further consider its approach paper to the inquiry.
3. **Budget Scrutiny 2021/22 (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Budget 2021/22.

Finance and Constitution Committee 15th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in a virtual private meeting

1. **UK Internal Market (in private):** The Committee will consider its submission to the consultation on the UK Government's Internal Market White Paper.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 14th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in a virtual meeting

1. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 12 August 2020

Tuesday 18 August 2020

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Internal Market

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 19 August 2020

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Preliminary Stage Debate: Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Redress Scheme for Survivors of Historical Child Abuse in Care

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 20 August 2020

12:20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12:20 pm First Minister's Questions

2:45 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan – Second Year Progress Report

4:15 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 25 August 2020

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 26 August 2020

12:20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12:20 pm First Minister's Questions

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 27 August 2020

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Economy, Fair Work and Culture; Education and Skills; Health and Sport

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

14 August 2020

17th Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Homelessness and COVID-19:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning, Janine Kellett, Head of Homelessness and Housing-Related Social Security Policy Unit, and Graham Thomson, Supported and Temporary Accommodation Team Leader, Scottish Government.
3. **Homelessness and COVID-19:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, please email the Committee
LocalGovernmentandCommunities@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-22418](#) Graeme Dey: Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2020 [draft]**—That the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee recommends that the Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Michael Russell*

***[S5M-22417](#) Kevin Stewart: Rent Arrears Pre-Action Requirements (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]**—That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Rent Arrears Pre-Action Requirements (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Aileen Campbell*

***[S5M-22416](#) Ash Denham: International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]**—That the Justice Committee recommends that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Humza Yousaf*

***[S5M-22415](#) Alex Rowley: Crossgates and Mossgreen Community Council Secures Defibrillators**—That the Parliament congratulates Crossgates and Mossgreen Community Council in Fife on making a concerted effort in the last year to install defibrillators in the local community; commends the group for successfully managing to secure funding for five defibrillators at a cost of almost £13,000; recognises that four out of five of the planned defibrillators have been accepted by the NHS and the Scottish Ambulance Service and have been installed at locations across Crossgates and Mossgreen, including the Coledge Tavern, Lodge St John 540, Mossgreen Service Station and MRS Training and Rescue, with the last defibrillator still awaiting paperwork to be completed before being installed at Crossgates Primary School and Nursery; understands that a defibrillator is a life-saving machine that gives the heart an electric shock in some cases of cardiac arrest; appreciates that for every minute that passes without defibrillation, the chances of survival decrease by 10%, with research showing that applying a controlled shock within five minutes of collapse provides the best possible chances of survival, and further praises

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the work of the community council on its success, which it considers has the potential to save lives in the local community.

***[S5M-22414](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Funding for Pilkington Buildings Repair Work**—That the Parliament recognises that the Pilkington Buildings in Penicuik have been awarded over £330,000 for high-priority repair work; understands that the Grade A-listed buildings, which were designed and built in 1860 by the prominent high-Victorian architect, Frederick Thomas Pilkington, were awarded the money as part of the Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Project, which is funded by the National Lottery, Historic Environment Scotland and Midlothian Council; notes that the funds will be divided between the different properties that comprise the buildings and will cover repairs for the roof, chimneys, dormer windows, guttering and downpipes; recognises the need to support town centres, and hopes that the regeneration work will bolster Penicuik's local economy.

***[S5M-22413](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Melrose Rugby Coaches' Fundraiser**—That the Parliament commends the Melrose rugby coaches, Bruce Ruthven, Nicholas Alston and Blair Roden, on raising £3,000 for the Borders General Hospital and Western General Hospital; understands that the trio raised the money through a sponsored 41-mile journey from Moffat to Melrose, which involved a 15-mile run, a one-mile kayak, a 400m-open swim and a 25-mile cycle; notes that the money was raised as part of the Move with Mark fundraiser, which was founded by Hannah and Lachlan Gaddie after their father, Mark, was diagnosed with cancer; thanks Bruce, Nicholas and Blair for their efforts in raising this money, and wishes them and the Move with Mark fundraiser all the best.

***[S5M-22412](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Craig Lowrie's Charity Running Tour**—That the Parliament congratulates Craig Lowrie, who is from Galashiels, on completing his charity running tour of Borders towns and raising £7,000; understands that Craig completed a 10km run in 12 Borders towns over the festival season to raise money for the festivals that had to be cancelled due to COVID-19; notes that Craig dedicated the challenge to his sister, Donna Cameron, who died in a road collision in 2019 and that he will also be donating some of the money to the Borders General Hospital; commends Craig for his hard work in completing this challenge, and thanks him for raising the money to support future Borders festivals.

***[S5M-22411](#) Alex Rowley: Disappearances of Birds of Prey Over Driven Grouse Moors**—That the Parliament is concerned by reports of the suspected death of another bird of prey on a driven grouse moor in Highland Perthshire; understands that a young golden eagle's satellite tag suddenly stopped working on the grouse moor in the east of Scotland, an area where seven other golden eagles have gone missing in what it considers suspicious circumstances in recent years; is alarmed that Scotland is reportedly the only place in the world where satellite tagged birds of prey seem to suffer catastrophic tag "malfunctions" at 25 times the rate of other countries and, it understands, overwhelmingly over areas used for driven grouse shooting; understands that, this year alone, at least two satellite-tagged hen harriers and golden eagles have disappeared over grouse moors, as well as a satellite-tagged white-tailed eagle found illegally poisoned in the east of Scotland; recognises that this is on top of at least 43 hen harriers that have reportedly gone "missing" in suspicious circumstances or have been confirmed killed across the UK since 2018 alone; believes that more should be done to prosecute those responsible for illegal killings of iconic and endangered wild birds of prey, and further believes that more actions should be taken to address the health and balance of moorland ecosystems while protecting the diversity of species and recognising carbon commitments.

Supported by: Elaine Smith*, Kenneth Gibson*, John Finnie*, Mark McDonald*, Iain Gray*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Pauline McNeill*, Jackie Baillie*, Claudia Beamish*

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***[S5M-22410](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Return to Practise for Pipe Bands**—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to consider the current situation for pipe and silver bands that wish to hold practise sessions; notes the strong pipe and silver band tradition both in South Scotland and across the whole country; understands that recent developments in piping technology mean that pipes are no longer wet; recognises that Scotland is the only country in the UK where outdoor band practise is currently forbidden; acknowledges the major role that pipe and silver bands play in civic life; appreciates that many young pipers, drummers and silver musicians receive their instrumental teaching from these bands and that, without the lifting of restrictions, they are unable to continue their musical development, and calls on the Scottish Government to consider measures to allow these bands to practise indoors during the coming winter months, as well as to examine the current restrictions in place around outdoor gatherings in relation to musical practice.

***[S5M-22409](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow and Clyde Rape Crisis Achieves LGBT Charter at Silver Level**—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow and Clyde Rape Crisis on achieving the LGBT Charter at Silver Level; recognises the hard work and dedication of staff in achieving this prestigious award from LGBT Youth Scotland; notes that it has worked with local schools and updated their equalities policies, and welcomes the training and the review of policies, practice and resources that aim to ensure that Glasgow and Clyde Rape Crisis goes beyond meeting legislative needs and is as inclusive as it can be for service users, staff and the wider community.

Supported by: Brian Whittle*, Bill Kidd*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Alexander Stewart*, Sandra White*, Donald Cameron*, Edward Mountain*, Alison Harris*, Bill Bowman*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Margaret Mitchell*, Richard Lyle*

***[S5M-22403](#) Liz Smith: Dunfermline Cub Scout, Liam King**—That the Parliament congratulates Liam King, a Cub Scout from Dunfermline, with the 39th Fife Scout Group, who has earned all his activity badges in under three years; notes that Liam earned over 60 badges, including 37 activity badges, a Thistle Award, eight challenge badges (including a Chief Scouts Silver Award) and the recently launched Great Indoors badge; further notes that Liam has learned a diverse range of skills during his time as a Cub Scout, such as lighting a fire, identifying different constellations, paddleboarding and kayaking, and wishes Liam and the 39th Fife Scout Group all the best for the future.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, Claire Baker*, Alexander Stewart*, Brian Whittle*, Alison Harris*, Annie Wells*, Alex Rowley*, Margaret Mitchell*, Bill Kidd*, Donald Cameron*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S5M-22401](#) Alasdair Allan: New Gaelic Worship Resource from the Church of Scotland (lodged on 11 August 2020)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S5M-22399](#) John Finnie: UNESCO Heritage Site Hebron (lodged on 11 August 2020)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-22394](#) Alasdair Allan: Western Isles Lottery Celebrates its Third Year (lodged on 10 August 2020)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

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[S5M-22393](#) Alexander Stewart: Forth Valley Royal Hospital Team to Run 10k for The Gate Charity (lodged on 10 August 2020)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S5M-22387](#) Margaret Mitchell: NHS Lanarkshire and Patientrack (lodged on 07 August 2020)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-22359](#) Bill Bowman: Appointment of the Earl of Forfar as Royal Patron of Strathmore Community Rugby Trust (lodged on 04 August 2020)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Donald Cameron*

[S5M-22328](#) Miles Briggs: The Don't Trash our Future Campaign (lodged on 29 July 2020)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-22319](#) Peter Chapman: Jack Gatacre and Antonio Vastano Kayak 700 Miles for Charity (lodged on 28 July 2020)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-22312](#) Jeremy Balfour: -Aidan Dodds, 10, Donates Savings to Save the Children (lodged on 24 July 2020)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-22276](#) Brian Whittle: Commending the Efforts of The All England Lawn Tennis Club Following Wimbledon Cancellation (lodged on 15 July 2020)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-22273](#) Bill Bowman: Dundee V&A to Reopen in August (lodged on 15 July 2020)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-22151](#) Maureen Watt: The River Dee Trust (lodged on 25 June 2020)

New Support: Mike Rumbles*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 20 August 2020

Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

- 1. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government what role public transport has in ensuring a green economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S50-04484](#))
- 2. Keith Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government how the recently announced £63 million fund for the bus sector will help to support bus operators with maintaining and increasing services. ([S50-04485](#))
- 3. Sandra White:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit further funding to expand the provision of broadband services in the Glasgow Kelvin constituency and elsewhere in Scotland. ([S50-04486](#))
- 4. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the South West Scotland Transport Study. ([S50-04487](#))
- 5. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what conditions it has set through its financial support for bus operators to keep services viable through the pandemic and as Scotland comes out of lockdown. ([S50-04488](#))
- 6. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made with the introduction of road equivalent tariff on ferry routes across the Pentland Firth, and whether it will confirm the date that it will be introduced. ([S50-04489](#))
- 7. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of people having been discouraged from using public transport in recent months, how it plans to encourage the use of trains and buses once again. ([S50-04490](#))
- 8. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Stagecoach about proposed bus service changes. ([S50-04491](#))

Justice and the Law Officers

- 1. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take in light of NSPCC highlighting Police Scotland data showing that recorded sexual offences against children have increased by 30% in the last five years. ([S50-04492](#))
- 2. Bill Bowman:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to the issues concerning the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill that have been raised by bodies such as the Law Society of Scotland. ([S50-04493](#))
- 3. Anas Sarwar:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to engage communities across Scotland as the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill progresses. ([S50-04494](#))
- 4. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government on what date it plans to implement the disclosure provisions under the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019. ([S50-04495](#))
- 5. Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is responding to the increase in domestic abuse reports in 2020. ([S50-04496](#))
- 6. Margaret Mitchell:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent assessment it has made of the prison estate and whether it is fit for purpose. ([S50-04497](#))

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7. Joan McAlpine: To ask the Scottish Government whether the justice secretary has received a response from the UK Government to his calls for an urgent four nation ministerial meeting on fisheries and maritime security. ([S5O-04498](#))

8. Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what action Police Scotland is taking in response to littering in popular visitor areas over the summer. ([S5O-04499](#))

Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

1. Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the work of NHS preparations for the end of the Brexit transitional period. ([S5O-04500](#))

2. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to re-engaging with the UK Government on plans for the UK internal market. ([S5O-04501](#))

3. Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the contribution that the internal market makes to levels of employment in Scotland. ([S5O-04502](#))

4. Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the powers that will come to Scotland once the Brexit transition period is concluded. ([S5O-04503](#))

5. Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the constitution secretary's comments to the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee on 18 June, whether it has revisited planning for a second independence referendum. ([S5O-04504](#))

6. Peter Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government whether it supports the UK Government's position that the UK should have an independent coastline so that Scotland's fishing industry can be protected. ([S5O-04505](#))

7. Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has disengaged from discussions with the UK Government regarding the forthcoming internal market legislation. ([S5O-04506](#))

8. Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government what its latest engagement has been with the UK Government about proposals for a UK internal market. ([S5O-04507](#))

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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 12 August 2020

[S5W-31169](#) Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation and use of the Safety Huddle Template in care homes across Scotland.

Written questions lodged on 12 August 2020

[S5W-31164](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government how it will apply test and protect contact tracing for people who have unwittingly come into contact with someone who is infected with COVID-19 while "wild camping".

[S5W-31165](#) Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government when its Population Taskforce last met, and whether it will provide an update on (a) that meeting and (b) progress made by the group since the beginning of 2020.

[S5W-31167](#) Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government whether the work and remit of its Population Taskforce will be expanded due to the changing nature of work in the wake of COVID-19.

[S5W-31168](#) Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government whether its Population Taskforce is now gathering additional information about (a) the potential to increase homeworking and (b) marketing the Highlands and Islands as a destination to live, work and study following the COVID-19 pandemic and the shift to remote working.

[S5W-31170](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government how many businesses in the (a) South Scotland region and (b) East Lothian constituency have had their applications to the Aquaculture Hardship Fund refused, and for what reasons.

[S5W-31171](#) Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish any notes or documents produced for the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills following meetings with the SQA staff group in June and July 2020.

[S5W-31172](#) Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of the meeting between the SQA and the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills in June regarding moderation of the 2020 exam results.

[S5W-31173](#) Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government which (a) Ministers and (b) of its officials attended the meeting with the SQA staff group in June in relation to the 2020 exam results.

[S5W-31174](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason a pipe or silver band cannot practise outside while social distancing under the current COVID-19 restrictions.

[S5W-31175](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government when the COVID-19 restrictions on pipe and silver bands (a) practising and (b) performing will be lifted.

[S5W-31176](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what meetings it has had with the pipe and silver band community regarding the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

[S5W-31177](#) Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government when housing association offices will reopen.

[S5W-31178](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government how many calls the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has received since 1 March 2020 specifically in relation to home visits or visits to care homes.

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[S5W-31179 Michelle Ballantyne:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what data it has on the number of firefighters that have been (a) diagnosed with COVID-19 and (b) required to self-isolate.

[S5W-31180 Michelle Ballantyne:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many recently retired (a) firefighters and (b) specialist fire and rescue staff have been asked to return to frontline duties to cover absences and other staff shortages.

[S5W-31181 Alexander Burnett:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to extend the NHS Highland Lyme App Project to other NHS boards.

[S5W-31182 Michelle Ballantyne:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what support is available for farmers who have lost livestock due to rustling.

[S5W-31183 Michelle Ballantyne:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what measures it plans to introduce to reduce levels of livestock rustling.

[S5W-31184 Michelle Ballantyne:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many livestock rustling incidents were reported in each of the last two years, also broken down by how many led to a subsequent (a) prosecution and (b) conviction.

[S5W-31185 Stuart McMillan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it has given consideration to introducing an official form of ID for people who are exempt from wearing face coverings due to a medical condition.

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Progress of Legislation

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For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 3 debate (meeting of the Parliament), 26 August 2020

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 19th August 2020 with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

Children (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 debate (meeting of the Parliament), 25 August 2020

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Tuesday 18th August 2020 with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 1 June 2020

Lead Committee – Justice

Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee, Rural Economy and Connectivity), 24 June 2020

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European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 5 May 2020

Lead Committee – Local Government and Communities

Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 1 June 2020

Lead Committee – Local Government and Communities

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health and Sport Committee)), 23 June 2020

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

Introduced, 23 April 2020

Lead committee – Justice

Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy, Energy and Fair Work)), 23 June 2020

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

Introduced, 9 March 2020

Lead committee – Health and Sport

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

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Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 21 May 2020

Lead Committee - Justice

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Economy, Energy and Fair Work)), 16 June 2020

Stage 1 Report – Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee (6th report, 2020)

Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill (C)

Introduced, 24 June 2020

Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Social Security Committee), 10 September 2020

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 4 September 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 report, 15 January 2020

Preliminary Stage debate (meeting of the Parliament), 18 August 2020

Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill (M)

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Introduced, 3 February 2020

Lead committee – Economy, Energy and Fair Work

Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 29 April 2020

Lead committee – Local Government and Communities

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)), 11 August 2020

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.

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 1 June 2020

Lead committee – Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

Agriculture Bill LCM-S5-38

Lodged on 4 May 2020

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee report, 15 May 2020

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

Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill LCM-S5-40

Lodged on 2 June 2020

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 9 June 2020

Meeting of the Parliament, 16 June 2020

Domestic Abuse Bill LCM-S5-35

Lodged on 16 March 2020

Justice Committee, 2 June 2020

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Meeting of the Parliament, 17 June 2020

Environment Bill LCM-S5-39

Lodged on 27 May 2020

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Report, 19 June 2020

Fisheries Bill LCM-S5-41

Lodged on 15 June 2020

Lead committee – Rural Economy and Connectivity

Immigration and Social Security Coordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill LCM-S5-42

Lodged on 25 June 2020

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

Lodged on 30 March 2020

Justice Committee, 2 June 2020

Meeting of the Parliament, 17 June 2020

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

Made affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 25 August 2020

[Social Care Staff Support Fund \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/188\)](#) (25 June 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Subject to approval by 27 August 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 5\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/190\)](#) (26 June 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Subject to approval by 28 August 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 6\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/199\)](#) (2 July 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

[The Care Homes Emergency Intervention Orders \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/201\)](#) (3 July 2020) (COVID-19 Committee – please note that this was originally listed as the Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 29 August 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 7\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/210\)](#) (9 July 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

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[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/209\)](#) (10 July 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 30 August 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 8\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/211\)](#) (14 July 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Tax Rates and Tax Bands\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) \(Coronavirus\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/215\)](#) (15 July 2020) (Finance and the Constitution Committee)

Subject to approval by 31 August 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 4\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/221\)](#) (22 July 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 1 September 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 5\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/224\)](#) (27 July 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 6\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/229\)](#) (28 July 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 2 September 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 9\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/232\)](#) (31 July 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 7\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/233\)](#) (31 July 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Aberdeen City\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/234\)](#) (5 August 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Subject to approval by 3 September 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 8\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/235\)](#) (7 August 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 10\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/236\)](#) (7 August 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Affirmative instruments

Lead committee approval by 7 September 2020

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[Abertay University and Robert Gordon University \(Change of Names\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Order 2020](#) (25 June 2020) (Education and Skills Committee)

[Advice and Assistance \(Assistance by Way of Representation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020](#) (25 June 2020) (Justice Committee)

[Representation of the People \(Electoral Registers Publication Date\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020](#) (25 June 2020) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Lead committee approval by 11 September 2020

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020](#) (13 July 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

Lead committee approval by 18 September 2020

[International Organisations \(Immunities and Privileges\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (10 August 2020) (Justice Committee)

[Rent Arrears Pre-Action Requirements \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (10 August 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (10 August 2020) (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 24 August 2020
Lead Committee report due by 17 August 2020

[Glasgow Caledonian University Amendment Order of Council 2020 \(SSI 2020/172\)](#) (11 June 2020) (Education and Skills Committee)

Subject to annulment by 4 September 2020
Lead Committee report due by 31 August 2020

[Period Products in Schools \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/183\)](#) (22 June 2020) (Education and Skills Committee)

Subject to annulment by 11 September 2020
Lead Committee report due by 7 September 2020

[Education \(Fees and Student Support\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/213\)](#) (16 July 2020) (Education and Skills Committee)

Subject to annulment by 12 September 2020
Lead Committee report due by 7 September 2020

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[Personal Independence Payment \(Transitional Provisions\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/218\)](#) (17 July 2020) (Social Security Committee)

[The Scotland Act 1998 \(Agency Arrangements\) \(Specification\) \(Coronavirus\) Order 2020 \(SI 2020/776\)](#) (22 July 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

[The Scotland Act 1998 \(Agency Arrangements\) \(Specification\) \(Coronavirus\) \(No. 2\) Order 2020 \(SI 2020/777\)](#) (22 July 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 13 September 2020
Lead Committee report due by 7 September 2020

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Coronavirus Reliefs\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/230\)](#) (29 July 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to annulment by 19 September 2020
Lead Committee report due by 14 September 2020

[Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/239\)](#) (11 August 2020) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 12 August 2020—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 39th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 11 August 2020 (SP Paper 778)

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 document was laid before the Parliament on 12 August 2020 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 9 August 2020
SG/2020/154 laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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