Thursday 19 March 2020

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



Royal Assent

The Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 received Royal Assent on Wednesday 18 March 2020.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

1:45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:45 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Education

- COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: UK

Coronavirus Legislation

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance)

(Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:30am Social Security Committee

9:30am Standards, Procedures and Public

Appointments Committee

10:00am Public Audit and Post-legislative

Scrutiny Committee

10:00am Public Petitions Committee

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11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Mark Griffin: [Withdrawn] (S5O-04294)
- **2. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what action NHS Lothian is taking to recruit additional clinical staff, in light of recent ISD figures suggesting that one in three young people in the area are waiting over a year for mental health support. (\$50-04295)
- 3. Alison Harris: [Withdrawn] (S50-04296)
- 4. Rachael Hamilton: [Withdrawn] (S50-04297)
- **5. Angus MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on discussions with Falkirk Council and West Lothian Council regarding upgrading the A801 Avon Gorge crossing. (S50-04298)
- 6. Mike Rumbles: [Withdrawn] (S50-04299)
- **7. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has for addressing potholes on Scotland's roads. (S50-04300)
- **8. Adam Tomkins:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and what was discussed. (<u>S5O-04301</u>)
- **9. Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government what advice is being given to women who are pregnant regarding the coronavirus, COVID-19. (\$50-04302)
- **10. James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding is available to local authorities and charities for urban planting programmes. (<u>S5O-04303</u>)

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Jackson Carlaw: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S5F-04053)
- 2. Richard Leonard: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S5F-04054)
- 3. Patrick Harvie: Question to be taken in Chamber. (\$5F-04055)
- **4. Willie Rennie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (<u>S5F-04056</u>)

1:45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:45 pm Portfolio Questions

Economy, Fair Work and Culture

- **1. Colin Smyth:** [Withdrawn] (\$50-04286)
- 2. Stewart Stevenson: [Withdrawn] (S5O-04287)

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- **3. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it takes to ensure that its labour market strategy protects the rights and pay of people in sectors perceived as undervalued or insecure. (S50-04288)
- 4. Annie Wells: [Withdrawn] (S5O-04289)
- **5. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what meetings it has had with the STUC regarding the potential impact of the coronavirus, COVID-19, on the workforce, including those who will require sick leave. (\$50-04290)
- **6. Finlay Carson:** [Withdrawn] (<u>S50-04291</u>)
- **7. Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the Scottish Government what role it has in promoting the uptake of UK Government employability services. (<u>\$50-04292</u>)
- **8. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported concerns that the suspension of grants by Scottish Enterprise is because of organisational mismanagement and not success in stimulating demand for strategic investment. (S5O-04293)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Education - COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: UK Coronavirus Legislation

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill

<u>S5M-21307</u> Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour.

<u>S5M-21279</u> Christina McKelvie: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Committee Meetings

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

Social Security Committee 8th Meeting, 2020

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
- 2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Carer's Allowance Uprating (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] from—

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Veronica Smith, Cross-Cutting Policy Officer, and Niall Wilson, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

- 3. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move—S5M-21020—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Carer's Allowance Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.
- 4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Funeral Expense Assistance and Young Carer Grants (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] from—

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Veronica Smith, Cross-Cutting Policy Officer, and Niall Wilson, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

- 5. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move—S5M-21019—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Funeral Expense Assistance and Young Carer Grants (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
- 6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

Carer's Allowance Up-rating (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/32)

The Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/25)

The Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/64)

7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider a paper from the Fiscal Framework Working Group.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 9th Meeting, 2020

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

 Subordinate legislation: The Committee will take evidence on the Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] from—

Graeme Dey, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans;

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Sadif Ashraf, Deputy Director, Solicitors: Local Government and Economy Division, Maria McCann, Head of Elections Team, and Kenneth Pentland, Senior Policy Officer, Elections Team, Scottish Government.

- 2. **Subordinate legislation:** Graeme Dey to move—S5M-21239 —That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
- 3. Committee Bill to amend the process for complaints against MSPs (in private): The Committee will consider a draft proposal report.
- 4. **Standing Order Rule changes (in private):** The Committee will consider Standing Order Rule changes.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 9th Meeting, 2020

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. Approach to future work programme: The Committee will take evidence from-

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland.

3. **Approach to future work programme:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland.

Public Petitions Committee 5th Meeting, 2020

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- 2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—

PE1741 on Human rights, citizenship and legal protection for people with lifelong learning disabilities;

PE1742 on Amend anti-social behaviour legislation to tackle neighbouring household odours;

PE1743 on Amend the law to protect the rights of pre-1989 Scottish Secure Tenants;

PE1744 on Psychiatric service dogs in Scotland;

PE1745 on Statutory Right for Families to Request a Fatal Accident Inquiry; and PE1749 on Financial viability of listed buildings.

- 3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—PE1786 on Prosecutions under the Mental Health Act 2003; and PE1788 on CMV Screening for Pregnant Women.
- 4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider a Note by the Clerk in connection with its Inquiry into mental health support for young people in Scotland.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 18 March 2020

Tuesday 24 March 2020

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: UK COVID-19 Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 25 March 2020

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport

Education and Skills Health and Sport

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Consumer Scotland Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 26 March 2020

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government

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

followed by Financial Resolution: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 31 March 2020

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2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 1 April 2020

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 2 April 2020

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

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Future Committee Meetings

The future business of the Parliament has not yet been agreed to.

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Motions

Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
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The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

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

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*S5M-21307 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress: Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour.

*S5M-21302 Miles Briggs: Edinburgh Evening News Establishes COVID-19 Facebook Group—That the Parliament commends the *Edinburgh Evening News* on its initiative in establishing a Facebook group to help coordinate the response in the city to the COVID-19 outbreak to act as a community hub for people throughout the outbreak; recognises that it will be a resource for sharing useful information, advice and contact details, and notes that it will act as a forum to coordinate community efforts, including sharing appeals to help older or vulnerable neighbours, highlighting offers of assistance from businesses working proactively to help the community and providing details of groups supporting the people who need help the most.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Margaret Mitchell*, Iain Gray*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Brian Whittle*, Jackson Carlaw*, Finlay Carson*, Peter Chapman*, Bill Kidd*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

*S5M-21301 Alexander Stewart: Alloa Amateur Gymnastics Club—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Alloa Amateur Gymnastics Club has received £2,879 from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT), which will help purchase asymmetric bars for junior members to reach competition standard; notes that, with over 150 members of all ages, the club offers training to anyone from beginner stage to people who perform at elite national and international levels; thanks to the CRT for its magnanimous work, and wishes the clubs' members and coaches all the very best.

Supported by: Brian Whittle*, Finlay Carson*, Edward Mountain*, Miles Briggs*, Margaret Mitchell*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Richard Lyle*, Murdo Fraser*, Peter Chapman*, Bill Kidd*

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*S5M-21300 Alexander Stewart: Home Start Clackmannanshire Awarded Chance to Flourish Funding—That the Parliament congratulates Home Start Clackmannanshire (HSC) on being awarded £10,000 by Chance to Flourish; understands that, with funding from the Scottish Children's Lottery, Chance to Flourish works with charities, communities, families and carers to help projects across the country; acknowledges that HSC has been helping families with young children for over 30 years; commends it and Chance to Flourish on their highly magnanimous work for the benefit of communities, and wishes them all the very best.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Richard Lyle*, Brian Whittle*, Alison Harris*, Bill Kidd*, Margaret Mitchell*, Stuart McMillan*, Murdo Fraser*, Peter Chapman*

*S5M-21299 Alexander Stewart: Forth Valley Radio to Launch Across Clackmannanshire—
That the Parliament welcomes the news of a new Tillicoultry-based digital community radio station, which is due to launch in Clackmannanshire; understands that Forth Valley Radio will go live on 23 March 2020; congratulates the founder and local DJ, Steve Mac, on this excellent community initiative; understands that the police will be contributing with a weekly community report; further understands that news, weather reports, live sport and music covering all genres will be featured; commends Forth Valley Radio for its plans to educate school pupils on how to become presenters; notes that any money made will be reinvested back into the station, and wishes Steve, and everyone involved, the very best of luck for the radio station's ultimate success.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Brian Whittle*, Richard Lyle*, Finlay Carson*, Stuart McMillan*, Murdo Fraser*, Margaret Mitchell*, Peter Chapman*, Bill Kidd*

*S5M-21298 Alexander Stewart: Susie Lambert, Clackmannanshire Young Citizen of the Year—That the Parliament congratulates Susie Lambert, who is a pupil at Alloa Academy, on being named Clackmannanshire Young Citizen of the Year 2019 in recognition of her work in leading the school's Anti-bullying Leadership Team; recognises the dedication, commitment and contribution of Susie and her fellow pupils throughout the year, including with the preparation and delivery of events; notes that Susie, who also chairs her local youth council, collected her accolade from the Provost of Clackmannanshire, Tina Murphy, on 10 March 2020; commends Suzie on her sterling work, and wishes her, everyone on the anti-bullying team and the other finalists all the very best with their future endeavours.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Brian Whittle*, Bill Kidd*, Murdo Fraser*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Finlay Carson*, Margaret Mitchell*, Richard Lyle*, Peter Chapman*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-21281 Elaine Smith: Cuba and COVID-19 (lodged on 17 March 2020)

New Support: Angus MacDonald*

<u>S5M-21276</u> Gordon Lindhurst: Heriot-Watt Team Develop New Artificial Intelligence Software (lodged on 17 March 2020)

New Support: Peter Chapman*

S5M-21275 Gordon Lindhurst: Wester Hailes Education Centre Reopens After Fire (lodged

on 17 March 2020)

New Support: Peter Chapman*

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<u>S5M-21274</u> Maurice Golden: Free Braille and Audio Books for Visually Impaired Children (lodged on 17 March 2020)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Peter Chapman*

<u>S5M-21269</u> Alexander Stewart: Clacks Business Week Lunch Raises Funds for Scottish Autism (lodged on 16 March 2020)

New Support: Peter Chapman*

<u>S5M-21268</u> Jeremy Balfour: Understanding Negative Attitudes Towards Disabled People (lodged on 16 March 2020)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Peter Chapman*

<u>S5M-21267</u> Mark McDonald: Garden Schools Project Success (lodged on 16 March 2020)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Maureen Watt*, Annabelle Ewing*

<u>S5M-21264</u> Liz Smith: Mid Scotland and Fife Farm Shops Named Among the Top Five in Scotland (lodged on 16 March 2020)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Jackson Carlaw*, Peter Chapman*

S5M-21262 Alexander Burnett: Blaine Lyon Awarded Dee Bursary (lodged on 16 March 2020)

New Support: Peter Chapman*

<u>S5M-21261</u> Alexander Burnett: Deeside Rugby Nominations for the Caledonia North Regional Awards (lodged on 16 March 2020)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Rachael Hamilton*, Peter Chapman*

<u>S5M-21244</u> Christine Grahame: Glue Traps (lodged on 12 March 2020)

New Support: Patrick Harvie*

S5M-21216 Claire Baker: Commonwealth Gender Equality Month, March 2020 (lodged on 10

March 2020)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 25 March 2020

Education and Skills

- 1. Anas Sarwar: [Not Lodged]
- **2. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the impact of COVID-19 on modern apprenticeship programmes. (S50-04307)
- **3. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has for the curriculum for excellence to include the study of agriculture. (S50-04308)
- **4. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support remote learning. (S50-04309)
- **5. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase the number of apprenticeships for heat pump and hydrogen engineers. (S50-04310)
- 6. Stewart Stevenson: [Not Lodged]
- 7. Dean Lockhart: [Not Lodged]
- **8. Alasdair Allan:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the SQA regarding the potential impact of COVID-19 on the exam timetable for 2020. (S50-04313)

Health and Sport

- **1. Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what coordination is taking place regarding supplies for community pharmacies, in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. **(\$50-04314)**
- 2. Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what training it is putting in place to enable additional staff to support the social care sector during the COVID-19 outbreak. (\$50-04315)
- **3. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde regarding the supply of essential medication to individuals, including those who are having to self-isolate due to the current pandemic. **(S50-04316)**
- **4. Gordon Lindhurst:** To ask the Scottish Government what assurances it can provide that any real-terms reductions to council funding will not impact on its commitment to provide sport and physical exercise, as set out in its Active Scotland Delivery Plan and other national strategies. **(S50-04317)**
- **5. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether GPs, nurses and staff at medical practices are being tested for COVID-19, and also carers making home visits. (S50-04318)
- **6. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government whether there will be a role for volunteers to ease pressure on health and social care during the COVID-19 outbreak. (S50-04319)
- **7. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Baird Family Hospital and Anchor Unit project at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. (S50-04320)
- **8. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what additional support will be given to the Inverclyde Royal Hospital in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. (\$50-04321)

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- **1. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with local government regarding advice for small businesses on how to cope with expected shortfalls in turnover due to COVID-19 and the impact of insurance companies not willing to pay out on policies that cover such risks. (S5O-04322)
- **2. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to communities and community organisations as part of its response to COVID-19. (S50-04323)
- **3. Alison Johnstone:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking, in conjunction with local authorities, to ensure local council meetings can take place remotely while social distancing measures are in place. **(S50-04324)**
- **4. James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made with public sector housebuilding in Glasgow. (S50-04325)
- 5. Gail Ross: [Not Lodged]
- **6. Bill Bowman:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to tackle inequality and poverty in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak. **(\$50-04327)**
- 7. Finlay Carson: [Not Lodged]
- **8. James Kelly:** To ask the Scottish Government what financial support is being given to local authorities to support action to deal with the outbreak of COVID-19. (S50-04329)

General Questions selected for answer on 26 March 2020

- 1. Tom Mason: [Not Lodged]
- **2. Maurice Corry:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with supermarkets regarding any support they may require to ensure there is an adequate food supply during the current pandemic. (S50-04331)
- **3. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to IAM RoadSmart's survey, which found that 90% of motorists in Scotland have been affected by potholes in the last year. **(S50-04332)**
- **4. Angus MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support Falkirk district's tourism industry. (S50-04333)
- **5. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether a right to food will be incorporated into its Good Food Nation Bill. **(\$50-04334)**
- **6. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of court cases in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. (\$50-04335)
- **7. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what action the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service is taking in response to COVID-19. (S50-04336)
- **8. Sandra White:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on preparations for COP26. (S50-04337)
- **9. Alex Rowley:** [Not Lodged]
- **10. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the finance secretary will make funding available to assist local authorities in reducing the risk of homelessness in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. (\$50-04339)

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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 18 March 2020

<u>S5W-28005</u> Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to recent concerns raised regarding the physical infrastructure of HMP Barlinnie.

Written questions lodged on 18 March 2020

<u>S5W-27998</u> Elaine Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that hospitals and GPs are referring an increased number of patients to optometrists for treatment during the COVID-19 outbreak, placing an increased financial burden on these private businesses. <u>S5W-27999</u> Elaine Smith: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports of an increased number of referrals by GPs and hospitals for patients with conjunctivitis and red eye, which can reportedly signs of COVID-19, what the relevant guidelines are for (a) optometrists and (b) other non-NHS frontline healthcare staff.

<u>S5W-28000</u> Elaine Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what additional protections and support will be given to (a) optometrists, (b) dentists and (c) other non-NHS frontline healthcare staff who do not have the same protections as NHS staff working in hospitals and surgeries. <u>S5W-28001</u> Elaine Smith: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports of an increased number of referrals by GPs and hospitals, whether personal protective equipment will be made available to (a) optometrists, (b) dentists and (c) other non-NHS frontline healthcare staff who are having difficulty sourcing masks and sanitisers.

<u>\$5W-28002</u> **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with universities about ensuring best practice and consistency across institutions in relation to exams and awards in light of COVID-19 restrictions.

<u>S5W-28003</u> **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government whether an equality impact assessment for the Scottish Child Payment will be published when the regulations are laid and, if so, on what date.

<u>S5W-28004</u> Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to implement the childcare recommendations in its paper, *Women in Farming and the Agriculture Sector*.

<u>\$5W-28006</u> **Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the Scottish Government whether, in light of COVID-19, it will consider allocating funding to NHS Borders to allow for the continued operation of the Borderline helpline service during the outbreak.

<u>S5W-28007</u> Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government whether, in light of the Montgomery v Lanarkshire Health Board Judgment of 11 Mar 2015, it considers that clinicians and alcohol drug partnerships are obtaining informed consent from patients at regular intervals, and informing those patients about the adverse consequences of prescribing methadone over long periods.

<u>S5W-28008</u> Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review the (a) 18-week waiting time for and (b) provision of psychological therapies.

<u>S5W-28009</u> **Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the guidance that it provides to non-domestic rate assessors on its approach to renewable energy installations.

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<u>S5W-28010</u> **Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has carried out of the impact of non-domestic rates on its plan to reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2045.

<u>S5W-28011</u> Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to alter the non-domestic rates system to assist it in its plan to reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2045. <u>S5W-28012</u> Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what the impact of solar panels is on the rateable value of properties that are eligible for non-domestic rates. <u>S5W-28013</u> Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the guidance that it provides to non-domestic rate assessors on its approach to solar installations. <u>S5W-28014</u> Elaine Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Optometry Scotland regarding guidelines for managing COVID-19 and staff safety.

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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 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 26 March 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 (LegislationTeam @parliament.scot)

Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill (G)

Royal Assent, 18 March 2020

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

Consumer Scotland Bill (G)

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

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

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

Stage 3 (debate meeting of the Parliament), 19 March 2020

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health and Sport Committee)), 17 March 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 Biometrics Commissioner Bill (G)

Passed, 10 March 2020

Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill (G)

Passed, 20 February 2020

Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (debate meeting of the Parliament), 31 March 2020

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Tuesday 24 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

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

Preliminary Stage (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 31 March 2020 Preliminary Stage Report, 15 January 2020

Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 3 February 2020

Lead committee – Economy, Energy and Fair Work

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

Passed, 21 March 2018

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

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

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 22 March 2020

<u>Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Specified Type A Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020)</u> (3 February 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Lead Committee report due 25 March 2020

<u>Budget (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)</u> (6 February 2020) (Finance and the Constitution Committee)

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<u>Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Tax Rates and Tax Bands) (Scotland) Amendment Order</u> 2020 (SSI 2020/24) (6 February 2020) (Finance and Constitution Committee)

Lead Committee report due 26 March 2020

Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development (Eligible Land, Specified Types of Area and Restrictions on Transfers, Assignations and Dealing) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft) (7 February 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/draft) (7 February 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Lead Committee report due 27 March 2020

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (Judicial Members) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/draft) (13 February 2020) (Justice Committee)

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (Procedure for Appointment of Members) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft) (13 February 2020) (Justice Committee)

<u>First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Bus Lane Adjudicators) Regulations 2020</u> (SSI 2020/draft) (13 February 2020) (Justice Committee)

<u>First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Parking Adjudicators) Regulations 2020</u> (SSI 2020/draft) (13 February 2020) (Justice Committee)

<u>First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Parking and Bus Lane Cases and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)</u> (13 February 2020) (Justice Committee)

<u>First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Parking and Bus Lane Appeals</u> (Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft) (13 February 2020) (Justice Committee)

<u>Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018 (Success Fee</u>
Agreements) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft) (17 February 2020) (Justice Committee)

<u>UEFA European Championship (Trading and Advertising) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)</u> (17 February 2020) (Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Committee)

Lead Committee report due 29 March 2020

<u>Funeral Expense Assistance and Young Carer Grants (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments)</u> (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft) (19 February 2020) (Social Security Committee)

<u>Carer's Allowance Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)</u> (19 February 2020) (Social Security Committee)

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Lead Committee report due 27 April 2020

Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft) (3 March 2020) (Standards, Public Appointments and Procedures)

Lead Committee report due 28 April 2020

Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/65) (4 March 2020) (Finance and the Constitution Committee)

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 30 April 2020

Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Non-executive Directors of the Scottish National Investment Bank p.l.c. as Specified Authorities) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/draft) (6 March 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Lead Committee report due 7 May 2020

<u>UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (Ticket Touting Offence) (Exceptions for Use of Internet etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)</u> (13 March 2020) (Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Committee)

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

<u>Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)</u> (16 March 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

<u>Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)</u> (16 March 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

Negative instruments

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Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development (Applications, Written Requests, Ballots and Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/21) (7 February 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

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Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/25) (10 February 2020) (Social Security Committee)

<u>Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/26)</u> (13 February 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/30) (14 January 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

<u>Carer's Allowance Up-rating (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/32) (19 February 2020)</u> (Social Security Committee)

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

<u>Police Pensions (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/33)</u> (20 February 2020) (Justice Committee)

<u>Local Government Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/31)</u> (20 February 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/35) (20 February 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

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

Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/34) (21 February 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Non-Domestic Rates (Reverse Vending Machine Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/36) (21 February 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

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

Non-Domestic Rates (Enterprise Areas) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/38) (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)

Non-Domestic Rates (Relief for New and Improved Properties) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/40) (21 February 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Non-Domestic Rates (Telecommunication Installations) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/41) (21 February 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

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Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/42) (21 February 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/43) (21 February 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/44) (21 February 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Public health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Organisms) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/51) (21 February 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 3 April 2020 Lead Committee report due by 31 March 2020

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/54) (24 February 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/55) (24 February 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/56) (24 February 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 26 April 2020 Lead Committee report due by 20 April 2020

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/64) (2 March 2020) (Social Security Committee)

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

<u>UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (Compensation for Enforcement Action) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/79)</u> (16 March 2020) (Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Committee)

Instruments/documents laid for consultation

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The following instruments/documents were laid before the Parliament on 4 February 2020 for consideration—

<u>UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 Remedial Order 2020 (SSI SG/2020/18)</u> (4 February 2020)

<u>UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 Remedial Order 2020: Statement of Reasons (SSI SG/2020/19)</u> (4 February 2020)

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The following petitions were lodged with the Parliament on 17 March 2020;

PE1795: Maoineachadh do Spòrs Gàidhlig - Funding for Spòrs Gàidhlig

PE1796: Equality, Inclusion and the Gaelic language

A full list of petitions can be viewed on the Scottish Parliament website at:

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Committee Reports

The following report was published on 18 March 2020—

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee, 2nd Report 2020 (Session 5): The UEFA European Championship (Trading and Advertising) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SP Paper 706)

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 18 March 2020 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

NHS Scotland: Scottish Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards 2019 Annual Report SG/2020/41 laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations Compendium of Case Reports for March 2020 SPSO/2020/03 laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

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