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# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



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Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

### Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

## Meeting of the Parliament

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## Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 25 March 2020

### Wednesday 1 April 2020

**9:30 am** Stage 1 Debate: COVID-19 Emergency Legislation

**11:30 am** Ministerial Statement: COVID-19: Social Security

**12:00 pm** Ministerial Statement: First Minister

**2:00 pm** Stage 2: COVID-19 Emergency Legislation

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: COVID-19 Emergency Legislation

**6:00 pm** Decision Time

## Future Committee Meetings

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

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Motions   Gluasadan				

## 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-21348 Angela Constance: Livingston FC Caring in the Community**—That the Parliament congratulates Livingston FC on its ongoing efforts to support those in need in the local community by giving away free meals to local causes, nominated by 10 charities; understands that players, coaching and non-playing staff at the club all make a monthly contribution from their wages to cover the costs of meals for those needing help, but that, with the club shut down due to COVID-19, they decided to continue pitching in for meals by donating the food to local causes; understands that the Head Chef, Maureen O'Driscoll, attends the club daily, cooking the meals, and is permitted to continue doing so during the national lockdown; commends the club for its actions, and appreciates the efforts of all involved.

Supported by: Monica Lennon\*

**\*S5M-21347 Michelle Ballantyne: Stow COVID-19 Action Group**—That the Parliament commends Jenna Macvie on setting up the Stow COVID-19 Action Group; understands that the group is providing a delivery service for people self-isolating due to COVID-19, and will assist with the collection of parcels, prescriptions and essential comestibles; notes that the group will also be making soup to deliver at low cost to those unable to leave their homes; thanks Jenna and the volunteers for their hard work, and wishes them all the best with their service.

**\*S5M-21346 Michelle Ballantyne: Destination Tweed**—That the Parliament welcomes the National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of £299,000 for the Destination Tweed project, which is being developed by the Tweed Forum in collaboration with Scottish Borders Council and aims to create a 100-mile trail from the source of the Tweed near Moffat to where it meets the sea at Berwick-upon-Tweed; notes that the trail will encourage tourism to the Borders and will create a focal point for environmental conservation and development projects, as well as allow for archaeological interpretation; acknowledges that it will cost an estimated £20 million to develop and that the Borderlands Partnership has already committed to providing £11 million; commends the work of all the organisations involved in the planning of Destination Tweed, and wishes them all the best with its development.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Richard Lyle\*, Brian Whittle\*, Edward Mountain\*

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## Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

### [S5M-21344](#) **Angela Constance: West Lothian Mental Health Group Named Charity Partner for Music Festival** (lodged on 24 March 2020)

New Support: Richard Lyle\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Emma Harper\*, David Torrance\*, Miles Briggs\*, Bill Kidd\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

### [S5M-21342](#) **Sandra White: Thistles and Dandelions Project, Keeping Glasgow's History in Bloom** (lodged on 24 March 2020)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*

### [S5M-21329](#) **Stuart McMillan: £250,000 Investment in Wemyss Bay Caravan Park** (lodged on 24 March 2020)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*

### [S5M-21328](#) **Stuart McMillan: Autism Social Enterprise Awarded £50,000 Grant** (lodged on 24 March 2020)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*

### [S5M-21252](#) **Brian Whittle: HBSA Hospital Radio Presenters Celebrate 10-year Anniversary** (lodged on 13 March 2020)

New Support: Annie Wells\*

### [S5M-21250](#) **Brian Whittle: Yipworld Secures £5,000 Funding** (lodged on 13 March 2020)

New Support: Annie Wells\*

### [S5M-21249](#) **Brian Whittle: Ayr Gets its Own Version of Monopoly** (lodged on 13 March 2020)

New Support: Annie Wells\*

### [S5M-21248](#) **Brian Whittle: Cumnock Tryst Announces Expansion Plans** (lodged on 13 March 2020)

New Support: Annie Wells\*

### [S5M-21246](#) **Liam Kerr: Fundraising Success for Ferryhill Railway Heritage Trust** (lodged on 13 March 2020)

New Support: Annie Wells\*

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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 25 March 2020

**[S5W-28074](#) Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government whether South of Scotland Enterprise will be launched on 1 April 2020.

**[S5W-28078](#) Alasdair Allan:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it can offer to the fishing industry in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, in light of reports of concerns in the sector that the current package of business support from the UK Government is not sufficient and not tailored to the industry.

**[S5W-28080](#) Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what advice it has issued to NHS boards regarding the management of cancer treatments throughout the COVID-19 outbreak.

### Written questions lodged on 25 March 2020

**[S5W-28069](#) Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what advice it is offering to older, ill and other at-risk people who are being advised to stay at home in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and who do not have access to (a) the internet or (b) online banking services regarding concerns that they might be penalised for delayed payment of council tax, and how this advice is being provided.

**[S5W-28070](#) Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it can offer to people on zero-hour contracts who are unable to receive assistance from the 80% wage guarantee announced by the UK Government in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

**[S5W-28071](#) Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures are in place to ensure that safe-distancing measures are followed on public transport in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

**[S5W-28072](#) Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures are in place and what advice it has provided to pharmacies regarding social-distancing in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

**[S5W-28073](#) Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to freelancers and others who have lost work or jobs in the creative and cultural industries because of the COVID-19 outbreak.

**[S5W-28075](#) David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-27290 by Jeane Freeman on 20 February 2020, how much of the remaining £703 million of Waiting Times Improvement Plan funding will be allocated to chronic pain services in 2020-21, broken down by NHS board.

**[S5W-28076](#) Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason self-catering businesses in Scotland are reported to have been excluded from the application process in respect of the Coronavirus Business Support Fund, in light of being instructed to close along with other "non-essential" businesses.

**[S5W-28077](#) Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans are in place to ensure that every residential care home is provided with adequate personal protective equipment so that staff can continue to provide care to their vulnerable and at-risk residents.



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**[S5W-28079](#) David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that there are adequate supplies of personal protection equipment on the islands, and what advice it is giving to those NHS boards with responsibility to pass on to staff regarding when such equipment should be worn.

**[S5W-28081](#) Peter Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what the monthly average sales income has been for fishermen in each of the last three years.

**[S5W-28082](#) Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to extend business rates relief to producers, in light of the impact of COVID-19 on businesses.

**[S5W-28083](#) Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what infrastructure is in place to allow for priority COVID-19 testing for offshore oil and gas workers in the North Sea.

**[S5W-28084](#) Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will clarify travel restrictions for oil and gas workers in the North Sea, in light of their role as essential workers during the COVID-19 outbreak.

**[S5W-28085](#) Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any plans to contain COVID-19 among oil and gas workers who return to shore.

**[S5W-28086](#) Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding implications for the oil and gas industry in Scotland, in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.

**[S5W-28087](#) Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what advice it has given to Royal Mail regarding the continued delivery of unaddressed mail during the COVID-19 outbreak.

**[S5W-28088](#) Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what advice it has given to Royal Mail regarding safe working distances between colleagues in sorting offices and in mail delivery vehicles during the COVID-19 outbreak.

**[S5W-28089](#) Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what advice it has given to Royal Mail regarding the provision of hand sanitiser for delivery personnel during the COVID-19 outbreak.

## Progress of Legislation

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

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/576.aspx>

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 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](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot))*

### **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)**

Stage 2 completed, 25 February 2020

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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

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### **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

### **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

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### **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 2 completed, 12 March 2020

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

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

Preliminary Stage 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:**

<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

### **Coronavirus Bill LCM-S5-36**

Lodged on 20 March 2020

Evidence, Health and Sport Committee, 24 March 2020

Evidence, Finance and Constitution Committee, 24 March 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 24 March 2020

Meeting of the Parliament, 24 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 28 April 2020**

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

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### 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

[UEFA European Championship \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Ticket Touting Offence\) \(Exceptions for Use of Internet etc.\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (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

[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)

### 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**

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

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levyng\) \(Scotland\) 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)

## New Documents

### Committee Reports

The following report was published on 25 March 2020—

Finance and Constitution Committee, 4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Committee on 24 March 2020 (SP Paper 714)

The following report was published on 26 March 2020—

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Non-executive Directors of the Scottish National Investment Bank plc as Specified Authorities) Order 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 715)

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)

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