

Wednesday 23 September 2020

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Prioritising Education Over Independence

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-22646 David Stewart: Heart Valve Disease Awareness Week

Committee Meetings

9:00am Finance and Constitution Committee

9:00am Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

10:00am Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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Education and Skills

- 1. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to provide the outdoor learning and youth work sector with the financial support required to prevent the permanent closure of outdoor residential centres. ([S5O-04609](#))
- 2. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what additional measures it is considering to support pupils and teachers who were shielding before the return to school. ([S5O-04610](#))
- 3. Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the impact of COVID-19 on the attainment gap. ([S5O-04611](#))
- 4. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government what the procedure and timescale is for probationary teachers to secure posts in schools. ([S5O-04612](#))
- 5. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it has put in place in schools to reinforce the message that pupils need to adhere to social distancing guidelines. ([S5O-04613](#))
- 6. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made with its commitment to recruit 850 extra teachers and around 200 additional support staff to help schools deal with the pressures arising from their reopening following the lockdown. ([S5O-04614](#))
- 7. Johann Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it has provided to disabled children and young people during the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S5O-04615](#))
- 8. Anas Sarwar:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-04616](#))

Health and Sport

- 1. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made on ensuring that a range of treatment options are available for people living with addiction. ([S5O-04617](#))
- 2. Maureen Watt:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to reassure people in the north east and elsewhere that signing up to the Protect Scotland app does not make them more at risk of scamming. ([S5O-04618](#))
- 3. Alison Johnstone:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to Common Weal's paper, *Warning Lights: Ten Actions for Covid Elimination*. ([S5O-04619](#))
- 4. Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to restore chronic pain treatment services, in light of official statistics for the quarter ending 30 June 2020, which recorded that over half of new patients waited over 18 weeks for a first appointment. ([S5O-04620](#))
- 5. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what financial support it has put in place for NHS dentists during the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S5O-04621](#))
- 6. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that suicide prevention support services are still available to people in light of the recent lockdown measures. ([S5O-04622](#))

7. John Scott: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with NHS Ayrshire and Arran regarding measures to control the spread of COVID-19. ([S5O-04623](#))

8. Dean Lockhart: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is giving to small community-based football clubs that are facing financial difficulties and closure due to the COVID-19 crisis. ([S5O-04624](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Prioritising Education Over Independence

[S5M-22780](#) Jamie Greene: Prioritising Education Over Independence—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should drop its plans for a further Referendum Bill and focus on closing the attainment gap.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

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followed by Business Motions

[S5M-22795](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 29 September 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee debate: Complaints against MSPs, amendment of the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 30 September 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Question Time: Social Security and Older People; Finance

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 1 October 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Ministers Questions

2.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 6 October 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 October 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy and Tourism; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 October 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 28 September 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

[S5M-22796](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 15 January 2021.

[S5M-22797](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 6 November 2020.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-22805](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Rent Arrears Pre-Action Requirements (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-22800](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/262) be approved.

[S5M-22803](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-22798](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Amendment of Expiry Dates) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-22799](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-22801](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/263) be approved.

[S5M-22802](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/271) be approved.

[S5M-22804](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:40 pm Decision Time

**followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—**

[S5M-22646](#) David Stewart: Heart Valve Disease Awareness Week—That the Parliament welcomes Heart Valve Disease Awareness Week, which takes place from 14 to 20 September 2020; notes what it sees as the need to improve early detection of heart valve disease in Scotland; acknowledges the reported increasing prevalence of severe heart valve disease in an ageing population; notes what it considers the missed opportunities to detect the disease during the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions; believes that, in the medium term, this may result in a second wave of deaths from non-COVID-19-related diseases, and notes the calls for more funding to be made available for minimally invasive, proactive and curative treatments, which it considers have a huge advantage of reducing critical care occupancy by shortening the convalescence period and increasing treatment capacity.

Committee Meetings

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

Finance and Constitution Committee 21st Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in a virtual meeting and will be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of a draft report on the UK Internal Market Bill LCM should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **UK Internal Market Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill from—
Professor Michael Dougan, Professor of European Law and Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law, University of Liverpool;
Dr Emily Lydgate, Senior Lecturer, Sussex Law School;
Professor James Foreman-Peck, Cardiff Business School, Cardiff University.
Not before 10.30 am
3. **Trade Bill 2020:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill from—
The Rt. Hon. Greg Hands MP, Minister of State for Trade Policy, UK Government.
4. **Trade Bill 2020:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's LCM from—
Ivan McKee, Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation, Reuben Aitken, Head of Trade Policy Division, Francesca Morton, Solicitor, and Steve Sadler, Head of Trade Strategy Team, Scottish Government.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 23rd Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Stephen Young, Head of Policy, Scottish Land & Estates;
Charlie Adam, Vice President, NFU Scotland;
Yvonne White, Chair, Scottish Crofting Federation;
Jennifer Craig, Chair, National Sheep Association (NSA) Scotland;
and then from—
Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Rural Affairs and Natural Environment, Phil Burns, Policy Manager, Animal Welfare Branch, and Jim Wilson, Head of Safer Communities and Justice Directorate Covid Hub, Scottish Government.
2. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals —

The Agriculture (Payments) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

The Fertilisers and Ammonium Nitrate Material (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

3. **Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard at agenda item 1.

Local Government and Communities Committee 23rd 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 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Insolvency Act 1986 (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] from—
Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning, and James Hamilton, Solicitor, Housing and Local Government, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning to move—S5M-22618—That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Insolvency Act 1986 (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on The Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Amendment (Coronavirus) Order 2020 (SSI 220/268) from—
Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning, and Graham Thomson, Temporary Accommodation and Programme Strategy Team Leader, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Andy Wightman to move—S5M-22768—That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that The Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Amendment (Coronavirus) Order 2020 (SSI 220/268) be annulled.
6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Reverse Vending Machines) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (220/269); and
The Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (220/275).
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 16 September 2020

Thursday 24 September 2020

12:20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12:20 pm First Minister's Questions

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities and Local Government

followed by Ministerial Statement: Draft Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-22 to 2025-26

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

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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>

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

24 September 2020

22nd Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in a virtual meeting and will be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Future relationship negotiations: internal market:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Professor Catherine Barnard, Professor of European Union and Labour Law, University of Cambridge;

Professor Michael Dougan, Professor of European Law and Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law, University of Liverpool;

Professor Michael Keating, Director, Centre on Constitutional Change.

3. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider draft correspondence.
5. **Committee adviser (in private):** The Committee will consider candidates for the post of adviser on international trade.

Proposed future business

The next meeting of the Committee is on 1 October. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Herbert, on europe@parliament.scot.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee

24 September 2020

18th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Race Equality, Employment and Skills:** The Committee will take evidence from—

David McGill, Clerk/Chief Executive, and Aneela McKenna, Inclusion and Wellbeing Manager, Scottish Parliament;

and then from—

Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills, and Mandy Watts, Directorate for Fair Work, Employability and Skills, Scottish Government;

and then from—

Claire Marr, Deputy Director, People Development within People Directorate, and Uzma Khan, Deputy Director for Economic Policy and Capability, Scottish Government.

2. **Race Equality, Employment and Skills (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at item 1.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 1st October, the Committee expects to consider oral evidence on the Pre-budget scrutiny 2021-22 – impact of COVID-19 on equalities and human rights inquiry. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Claire Menzies Claire.Menzies@parliament.scot

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

24 September 2020

20th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Adam Tomkins will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda item 4 in private.
3. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of Bòrd na Gàidhlig:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Shona MacLennan, Chief Executive, Mary MacInnes, Chair, and Dr Stewart MacLeod, Chair, Audit and Assurance Committee, Bòrd na Gàidhlig;
Paul Johnston, Director-General, Education, Communities and Justice, and Douglas Ansdell, Head of Gaelic and Scots Team, Scottish Government.

4. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of Bòrd na Gàidhlig:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Michael Oliphant, Audit Director, Audit Services, Audit Scotland.
5. **Post-legislative scrutiny: The Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (in private):** The Committee will consider the written evidence received and its next steps.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee Lucy Scharbert at papls.committee@parliament.scot.

Public Petitions Committee

24 September 2020

14th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in a virtual meeting and will be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE1819: NHS bursary for Scottish paramedic students and will take evidence from Rory J Maclean, on behalf of the petitioner;
PE1805: Provision of NHS Hospitals in Scotland;
PE1806: Improving survival from pancreatic cancer;
PE1811: Independent sport ombudsman;

PE1813: Reform the national curriculum to include all African Scottish history; and
PE1814: Compulsory education of Black, Asian, and minority ethnic history in Scottish schools.

2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—

PE1766: Legal aid for private criminal prosecutions for unwaged and/or learning-disabled victims of abuse;

PE1768: Children Hearing proceedings should be minuted and or recorded;

PE1769: Higher Education in Scotland;

PE1773: Reform rape law; and

PE1774: Formally record vaping-related illnesses and deaths.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the clerk to the Committee, Lynn Russell, on 0131 348 5254 or petitions@parliament.scot

Social Security Committee

24 September 2020

17th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on scottishparliament.tv

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on The Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020 and The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Procedure and Composition) Amendment Regulations 2020 from —
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Scottish Government;
Hannah Graham, Scottish Child Payment Policy Team Leader, Social Security Policy Division;
Stephanie Virlogeux, Lawyer, Veronica Smith, Cross-Cutting Policy Officer, and Susan Robb, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move —
S5M-22674 – That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move —
S5M-22675 – That the Social Security Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Procedure and Composition) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on The Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2020 from —
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Scottish Government;
David George, Disability Benefits Team Leader, Social Security Policy;
Kirsten Simonnet-Lefevre, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move —

S5M-22602 – That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 1 October, the Committee expects to hold an evidence session with the Scottish Fiscal Commission on the Scottish Government's 2021-22 pre-budget forecasts. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

24 September 2020

16th Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Complaint (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
Not before 11.00 am
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
3. **Complaint:** The Committee will announce its decision at Stage 3 on a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
4. **Complaint (in private):** The Committee will consider its draft report.

Proposed future business

The Committee will next meet on 1 October 2020.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katy Orr, at SPPACcommittee@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.

Motions for Debate

[S5M-22780](#) Jamie Greene: Prioritising Education Over Independence—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should drop its plans for a further Referendum Bill and focus on closing the attainment gap.

***[S5M-22780.3](#) John Swinney: Prioritising Education Over Independence**—As an amendment to motion S5M-22780 in the name of Jamie Greene (Prioritising Education Over Independence), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "supports work to close the attainment gap; confirms that closing the attainment gap and raising standards for all must remain the top priority for the education system; recognises that the attainment gap is caused by the underlying poverty and inequality in society, which are exacerbated by the policy choices of the Conservative administration at Westminster; further recognises that the impact of COVID-19 has disrupted teaching and learning and risks exacerbating the attainment gap and considers therefore that the Scottish Government, local authorities and all education agencies must do everything practicable to support early learning and childcare, schools, colleges and universities through the pandemic; commends the hard work and dedication of teachers, staff and pupils in adapting to the impact of coronavirus, and believes that in education, and across a broad range of powers of the Scottish Parliament, the UK Government is using the EU exit to enact a power grab against the people of Scotland, demonstrating beyond all doubt that decisions about Scotland should be taken by the people who live here and not by a Conservative administration at Westminster led by Boris Johnson, which has been comprehensively rejected by the people of Scotland."

Supported by: Maree Todd*, Michael Russell*, Richard Lochhead*

***[S5M-22780.2](#) Beatrice Wishart: Prioritising Education Over Independence**—As an amendment to motion S5M-22780 in the name of Jamie Greene (Prioritising Education Over Independence), insert at end "; further believes that it is critical that there is a focus on making Scottish education the best again; calls on the Scottish Government to therefore bring forward new plans to accelerate the existing timetable for the entitlement to 1,140 hours of high-quality and flexible early learning and childcare, strengthen the Pupil Equity Fund to recognise the urgent need for additional catch-up support for these pupils, provide for the safe operation of schools and guarantee that staff and pupils can access testing quickly and benefit from a robust Test and Protect system, secure additional teaching and support staff, urgently set out how it will address

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concerns raised in the Morgan Review, transform mental health provision, provide financial support to outdoor education centres to prevent their closure and the loss of critical opportunities for pupils, help colleges and universities prepare to train and retrain more people with a particular focus on a green recovery, and further calls on the Scottish Government to request in its discussions with the OECD that it produces an interim report as part of its independent review before the conclusion of the parliamentary session."

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Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S5M-22783](#) Neil Findlay: Job Losses and Compulsory Redundancies at Heriot-Watt University**—That the Parliament understands that Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh is seeking to make £9 million of savings from staff costs, and is in a period of voluntary redundancy seeking to lose between 110 and 130 jobs; further understands that, if this target is not met, a programme of compulsory redundancies is proposed; notes the calls on the management at Heriot-Watt University to avoid all compulsory redundancies and protect employees' terms and conditions, the student experience and learning conditions by ensuring good staff to student ratios and not pursuing job cuts at a critical time in the students' educational journey; acknowledges the importance of a vibrant teaching and research community to the economic recovery, student learning and future sustainability of the education system in Scotland; notes the view that jobs on Scottish campuses should not be sacrificed to compensate for any financial losses incurred through unsuccessful investments, including in overseas campuses, and further notes the view that any moves towards compulsory redundancies must be immediately halted and that a strategy for a sustainable future for the university must be developed in negotiation with campus trade unions.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*, Elaine Smith*, Iain Gray*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S5M-22805](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Rent Arrears Pre-Action Requirements (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

***[S5M-22804](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

***[S5M-22803](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

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*[S5M-22802](#) **Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/271) be approved.

*[S5M-22801](#) **Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/263) be approved.

*[S5M-22800](#) **Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/262) be approved.

*[S5M-22799](#) **Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

*[S5M-22798](#) **Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Amendment of Expiry Dates) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

*[S5M-22797](#) **Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 6 November 2020.

*[S5M-22796](#) **Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 15 January 2021.

*[S5M-22795](#) **Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 29 September 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee debate: Complaints against MSPs, amendment of the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

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2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Question Time: Social Security and Older People; Finance

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

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followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 1 October 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Ministers Questions

2.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 6 October 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 October 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy and Tourism; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Government Business

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

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Thursday 8 October 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 28 September 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

***[S5M-22794](#) John Finnie: Science Skills Academy Delivers Outdoor Maths Kits to Highland Primary Schools**—That the Parliament welcomes the delivery of outdoor maths kits to Highland primary schools; notes that the kits contain outdoor maths activities designed to enable children to enjoy Maths Week Scotland in the context of the pandemic; understands that the kits were put together by the Science Skills Academy, which is a partnership project led by Highlands and Islands Enterprise; supports opportunities for children to study STEM subjects while spending time outdoors; thanks the organisers for their efforts, and hopes that Highland pupils enjoy the activities prepared for them.

***[S5M-22793](#) John Finnie: TUC Congress Recognises Israel as a State Practising Apartheid**—That the Parliament welcomes reports of the TUC Congress passing a motion that recognises Israel as a state practising apartheid; understands that the motion also commits the TUC to continued partnership with the Palestine Solidarity Campaign in building opposition to Israel's annexation plans; believes that Israel's treatment of Palestinians has been regularly cited by UN Special Rapporteurs on the Human Rights Situation Palestine as evidence of an apartheid system; understands that the Boycott Divestment and Sanctions National Committee in Palestine is supported by all major trade unions; believes that acts of international solidarity can be a force for change, and thanks the TUC for its stance. **R**

***[S5M-22792](#) Humza Yousaf: Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 15) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/288)**—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 15) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/288) be approved.

Supported by: Michael Russell*, Jeane Freeman*

***[S5M-22791](#) Alasdair Allan: Global Handwashing Day**—That the Parliament welcomes 15 October 2020 as Global Handwashing Day; notes that this is particularly important in 2020 as hand hygiene is vital in preventing the spread of COVID-19; understands that an estimated three

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billion people globally do not have access to handwashing facilities at home, 900 million do not have access to handwashing at school, and 43% of healthcare facilities globally do not have handwashing facilities at the point of care; acknowledges that hygiene is one of the most cost-effective public health interventions globally; commends the work of WaterAid in this area, and particularly welcomes its work supported by Scotland's International Development Fund and Scottish Water staff to provide improved access to water, sanitation and hygiene in schools and healthcare facilities in Rwanda and Malawi; considers that Scotland's international development fund has a significant impact on the lives of thousands of people in partner countries, and believes that this is an important signal of the Scottish Parliament's support for international aid and development.

Supported by: David Torrance*, John Finnie*, Monica Lennon*, Sandra White*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Richard Lyle*, Fulton MacGregor*, Colin Beattie*, Kenneth Gibson*, Emma Harper*, Mark McDonald*, Maureen Watt*, Andy Wightman*, Christine Grahame*

***S5M-22790 Mark McDonald: The Power of Football**—That the Parliament recognises the NHS Grampian Endowment Fund's generous donation of £50,000 to Aberdeen FC Community Trust (AFCCT); notes that this grant was made possible as a result of funds allocated by NHS Charities Together, from money raised by Captain Tom's 100th birthday fundraising efforts; understands that the grant will be used to help AFCCT launch a new football-related programme to deliver physical and mental health education in areas of Aberdeen that have been hardest hit by COVID-19; believes that families in targeted neighbourhoods will be invited to take part in the project and work towards increasing their physical activity, becoming more resilient and strengthening their mental health; applauds AFCCT for its work to leverage the power of the Aberdeen FC brand and the passion for football to change lives for the better, empowering communities and individuals and developing the next generation of young people, and commends the NHS Grampian Endowment Fund, the official health charity of NHS Grampian, for making this funding available to support communities at this challenging time.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Richard Lyle*, Christine Grahame*, Colin Beattie*, Lewis Macdonald*, Stuart McMillan*, Maureen Watt*, Fulton MacGregor*

***S5M-22788 Emma Harper: Dumfries and Galloway's Ann Hill's Charity Efforts** —That the Parliament congratulates Ann Hill, who is from Dumfries and Galloway, on her selfless commitment to charitable causes, particularly during the COVI-D19 pandemic; notes that Ann, who is the Quilter in Residence of Alzheimer's Scotland, has been busy during this time making face coverings for general use and fabric clips for NHS and frontline workers to help make the wearing of surgical facemasks more comfortable; acknowledges that Ann recently made a quilt with the theme of COVID-19 to raise funds to support the vital work of the charity; understands that it has various knitted themes of the pandemic, from face coverings and NHS staff, to a rainbow, school closure sign and an acknowledgement of the friends and families who have worked so hard and followed the restrictions to limit the spread of the virus; notes that it is being shown across Dumfries and Galloway and will later be sold for fundraising; thanks Ann and Alzheimer's Scotland for their invaluable work, and wishes them continued success.

***S5M-22787 Jackie Baillie: Support for Marie Curie**—That the Parliament believes that Marie Curie plays a pivotal role in supporting, guiding and caring for people with terminal illness and their families; acknowledges that, in 2019-20, the charity has provided support to 8,534 people with a terminal illness across Scotland and helped 94% of its patients to die in their place of choice, which it considers is of vital importance to terminally-ill people; understands that, in West Scotland, 75% of the 17,290 people who die have a palliative care need; agrees with the findings of a recent

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report by Marie Curie, in cooperation with the University of Glasgow, that many hospitals do not sufficiently identify patients who could benefit from palliative care; appreciates that Marie Curie's services are on the frontline throughout the current pandemic, delivering physical and emotional care in its hospices and in patients' homes, as well as through community nursing services, volunteer-led helper services, and its national helpline; understands that the COVID-19 pandemic has diminished its income from its many fundraising activities; believes that the charity should be supported in its valuable work, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that Marie Curie receives the funding assistance it requires.

Supported by: Iain Gray*, James Kelly*, Sarah Boyack*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liam McArthur*, Anas Sarwar*, Monica Lennon*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Elaine Smith*, Colin Smyth*

***S5M-22786 Bruce Crawford: World Environmental Health Day 2020**—That the Parliament recognises September 26 as World Environmental Health Day 2020; endorses this year's theme of "Environmental Health, a Key Public Health Intervention in Disease Pandemic Prevention"; acknowledges the valuable work of the International Federation of Environmental Health in seeking to spread information regarding environmental health and promote cooperation between countries on issues relating to this; appreciates what it sees as the need for Scotland to advance the cause of environmental health, and supports the further multilateral efforts required to tackle the health concerns posed by climate change and environmental degradation. **R**

***S5M-22785 Bruce Crawford: FSC Friday 2020**—That the Parliament recognises 25 September as Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Friday 2020, a global celebration of the world's forests and responsible forestry; acknowledges the work of the FSC in seeking to raise awareness of responsible forest management as being the best way to keep using forest products and retaining forests; endorses this year's theme of FSC Friday, "Forests for all together", and expresses its support for responsible forestry as a means of tackling climate change.

***S5M-22784 Bruce Crawford: Organic September 2020**—That the Parliament notes Organic September 2020; acknowledges the work of the Soil Association in raising awareness of organic products and the producers and farmers involved; endorses the key benefits of organic food and farming, which include the support of biodiversity and wildlife, tackling climate change, promoting the highest standards of animal welfare and reducing pesticide use, and supports further work to ensure that Scotland fulfils its full role in international efforts to ensure a more organically-driven world.

***S5M-22782 Angela Constance: Home Start West Lothian Celebrates 20 Years of Service**—That the Parliament congratulates Home Start West Lothian on celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2020; welcomes the crucial support that Home Start has provided over the years to help parents and children through troubling times; understands that, since its inception, the charity in Livingston has grown from supporting 16 families in its inaugural year in 2000 to helping over 1,200 families and nearly 3,000 children in two decades; acknowledges the efforts of the staff and volunteers who offer assistance tailored to each family and can include advice on healthy eating, bedtime routines and sleeping, Bookbug initiatives, baby massage, music and movement and arts and crafts activities; recognises that the primary aim of Home Start has been to give children the best start in life, and wishes all staff and volunteers at Home Start West Lothian every success for the future.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, David Torrance*, Bob Doris*, Jeremy Balfour*, Neil Findlay*, Kenneth Gibson*, Richard Lyle*

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S5M-22776](#) Liam McArthur: Eday Housing Project Recognised at the Aquaculture Awards (lodged on 21 September 2020)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Stewart Stevenson*, Richard Lyle*, David Torrance*

[S5M-22775](#) Clare Adamson: Motherwell Fire Station's Doors Open Days (lodged on 21 September 2020)

New Support: Sandra White*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*, Stuart McMillan*, Monica Lennon*, Stewart Stevenson*, Annabelle Ewing*, Emma Harper*, Alasdair Allan*

[S5M-22774](#) Miles Briggs: Save Scotland's Indoor and Soft Play Centres (lodged on 21 September 2020)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst*, Donald Cameron*, Margaret Mitchell*, Mike Rumbles*, Annie Wells*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Colin Smyth*

[S5M-22772](#) David Torrance: Super Rugby Success for Kirkcaldy Rugby Player (lodged on 21 September 2020)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Sandra White*

[S5M-22771](#) Shona Robison: Changing Miscarriage Care (lodged on 21 September 2020)

New Support: Claudia Beamish*, Rona Mackay*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kenneth Gibson*, Alexander Stewart*, Alasdair Allan*, Stuart McMillan*, Bob Doris*, Monica Lennon*, Alex Neil*, Mark Griffin*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Christine Grahame*, Brian Whittle*, Mark McDonald*, Sandra White*, Edward Mountain*

[S5M-22769](#) Claire Baker: Recognising the Hard Work of The Lo'gelly Lunches Community Larder (lodged on 21 September 2020)

New Support: Richard Lyle*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Monica Lennon*, Annabelle Ewing*

[S5M-22764](#) Mark Ruskell: A Just Transition for Mossmorran (lodged on 21 September 2020)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Ross Greer*, John Finnie*, Patrick Harvie*, Andy Wightman*

[S5M-22761](#) Alexander Burnett: Banchory Pianist Receives Local Community Award (lodged on 21 September 2020)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Jackson Carlaw*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Donald Cameron*, Annie Wells*, John Scott*

[S5M-22760](#) Liam Kerr: Robert Gordon University Named Scottish University of the Year (lodged on 21 September 2020)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-22759](#) James Dornan: Shelter Scotland's Social Housing Campaign (lodged on 21 September 2020)

New Support: Sarah Boyack* R, Alasdair Allan*

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[S5M-22758](#) Lewis Macdonald: Robert Gordon Named Scottish University of the Year (lodged on 21 September 2020)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S5M-22757](#) Rachael Hamilton: Landslide Road Reviews (lodged on 21 September 2020)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

[S5M-22755](#) Maureen Watt: Robert Gordon University, Scottish University of the Year (lodged on 21 September 2020)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S5M-22754](#) Sarah Boyack: #RaiseAMug for People Living with Cancer in Scotland (lodged on 21 September 2020)

New Support: Donald Cameron*, Neil Bibby*

[S5M-22752](#) Gail Ross: University of the Highlands and Islands Launches Career Advice Podcast (lodged on 21 September 2020)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

[S5M-22743](#) David Stewart: PET Scanner for NHS Highland (lodged on 17 September 2020)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Richard Lyle*

[S5M-22735](#) Jackie Baillie: The Drop the Tariffs Campaign (lodged on 16 September 2020)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S5M-22734](#) Jackie Baillie: Scottish SPCA (lodged on 16 September 2020)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S5M-22709](#) Mary Fee: International Equal Pay Day (lodged on 14 September 2020)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S5M-22707](#) Rona Mackay: East Dunbartonshire Befriending Scheme Volunteers (lodged on 14 September 2020)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S5M-22693](#) John Finnie: Launch of Unite to Prevent Suicide (lodged on 10 September 2020)

New Support: Sandra White*

[S5M-22652](#) Liz Smith: Residential Outdoor Centres (lodged on 08 September 2020)

New Support: Mark Ruskell*, Daniel Johnson*

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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 22 September 2020

[S5W-31965](#) Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government what the outcome is of its latest review into border health measures, and whether there will be any changes to the regulations.

[S5W-31968](#) Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the works at Wards 2A/2B at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Royal Hospital for Children.

Written questions lodged on 22 September 2020

[S5W-31941](#) Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-31551 by Joe FitzPatrick on 16 September 2020, what role it believes pharmacies should play in administering the 2020 flu vaccinations.

[S5W-31942](#) Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-31551 by Joe FitzPatrick on 16 September 2020, what guidance it has offered to NHS boards and integration authorities regarding who should administer the 2020 flu vaccinations.

[S5W-31943](#) Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-31551 by Joe FitzPatrick on 16 September 2020, what role it believes GP practices should play in administering the 2020 flu vaccinations.

[S5W-31944](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government by what date mobile therapists, including massage and beauty therapists, who attend clients in their own homes will be allowed to resume business.

[S5W-31945](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) commercial energy companies and (b) community energy projects received support from the Energy Investment Fund in (i) 2018-19 and (ii) 2019-20.

[S5W-31947](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-30017 by Roseanna Cunningham on 2 July 2020, whether it expects Scottish Water to draw down all of the borrowing available to it in 2020-21.

[S5W-31948](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what the implications of a rise in council tax payment debt could be for Scottish Water in the current financial year, and what indications it has had of whether there will be such a rise.

[S5W-31949](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether any licenced provider of water has ceased trading since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[S5W-31950](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding the levels of debt that are being borne by licenced providers of water, and how much this has risen because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[S5W-31953](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic will be on the income of Business Stream in 2020-21.

[S5W-31957](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government further to the answer to S5W-31236 by Kate Forbes on 26 August 2020, whether the accountable officers in each agency outside the Scottish Government Main (SGM) arrangements are (a) issued with guidance regarding appropriate pay and grading arrangements, (b) given any pay remit specific to their organisation regarding establishment numbers and pay levels, (c) required to notify or seek the approval of

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their sponsor department of any proposed pay and grading arrangements and (d) required to have regard to any guidance offered and provide justification for arrangements that depart from the guidance.

[S5W-31958 Michelle Ballantyne](#): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had since June 2020, both internally and externally, regarding the development of a global underwater hub near Aberdeen.

[S5W-31959 Edward Mountain](#): To ask the Scottish Government what rehabilitation courses are being run at HMP Inverness; in what ways the delivery of these have been impacted by social distancing measures, and how many prisoners have (a) attended and (b) completed such courses in each month between March and August 2020.

[S5W-31960 Edward Mountain](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-30924 by Humza Yousaf on 20 August 2020, whether it will specify the current prison capacity at HMP Inverness that was determined by a dynamic risk assessment.

[S5W-31961 Edward Mountain](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many prisoners who live in the Highlands have been accommodated outwith HMP Inverness in each month between March and August 2020.

[S5W-31962 Edward Mountain](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it will consider the expressions of interest it has received in developing a new medical school, and when a final decision will be made on its preferred location.

[S5W-31963 Edward Mountain](#): To ask the Scottish Government when the Scottish Tourism Recovery Task Force will publish its report on the recovery of the industry.

[S5W-31966 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government what (a) criteria and (b) evidence was used by the Perinatal Managed Clinical Network when forecasting the funding needs of NHS boards for perinatal mental health services, and how many NHS boards currently without specialist perinatal mental health services have (i) expressed an interest in and (ii) applied for funding from the Perinatal Managed Clinical Network to establish such services in their locality.

[S5W-31967 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any additional (a) patient demands on perinatal mental health services as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and (b) resources that may be required to meet any increased demand, and what additional support will be provided for the recruitment and retention of the (i) psychiatrists and (ii) other health professionals required for specialist perinatal mental health services.

[S5W-31970 Pauline McNeill](#): To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it is giving to the balance between public health regarding the spread of COVID-19 and the mental health implications of further lockdown restrictions.

[S5W-31971 Pauline McNeill](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to improve visiting rights to residential care facilities, in light of the mental health impact on residents who are unable to see their family.

[S5W-31973 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-31492 by Fergus Ewing on 18 September 2020, whether the full £65 million budget for the Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (LFASS) will be reinstated for 2021, and how it plans to continue funding LFASS in future years.

[S5W-31975 Colin Smyth](#): To ask the Scottish Government for what reasons it considers that the current arrangements for rail infrastructure management in Scotland prevent it from running rail passenger services via a publicly-owned company.

[S5W-31976 Colin Smyth](#): To ask the Scottish Government what management fee is due to (a) Abellio ScotRail and (b) Serco Caledonian Sleeper following the expiry of the initial Emergency Measures Agreements on 20 September 2020, and how these amounts were calculated.

[S5W-31977 Colin Smyth](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether the extended Emergency Measures Agreements (EMAs) for Abellio ScotRail and Serco Caledonian Sleeper for the period

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from 20 September 2020 to January 2021 mirror the initial EMAs, or whether they have been amended in anyway.

[S5W-31978](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government whether the fee for Abellio ScotRail and Serco Caledonian Sleeper remains capped at 2% of the franchise cost base for the period from September 2020 to January 2021.

[S5W-31979](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made towards its commitment to put in a public sector bid for the ScotRail franchise when the current contract expires in March 2022.

[S5W-31980](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the option to run the ScotRail franchise via the operator of last resort from January 2021.

[S5W-31981](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government whether the terms of Abellio ScotRail's extended Emergency Measures Agreements permit the commencement of pay talks in relation to the April 2020 pay award for ScotRail employees.

[S5W-31982](#) Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers it safe for teachers who were previously shielding to now work in classrooms and, if so, for what reason.

[S5W-31983](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that (a) trans men and (b) non-binary people with a cervix have equal access to cervical screening.

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New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Accompanying Documents reprinted on 22 September 2020

Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill (As Amended at Stage 2)—A Revised Financial Memorandum has been printed. (SP Bill 68A-FM) (Government Bill).

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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)

Passed, 26 August 2020

Children (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 25 August 2020

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)), 22 September 2020

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 23 September 2020

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

Introduced, 5 May 2020

Lead Committee – Local Government and Communities

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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 debate, (Meeting of the Parliament), 1 October 2020

Stage 1 Report – Health and Sport Committee (9th report, 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)), 8 September 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 2, (*Local Government and Communities Committee*), 28 October 2020

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 8 October with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

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

Introduced, 21 May 2020

Lead Committee - Justice

Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill (C)

Introduced, 8 September 2020

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

Stage 1 debate, (Meeting of the Parliament), 24 September 2020

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

Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Education and Skills)), 19 August 2020

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

Stage 1 completed, 10 September 2020

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

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

Stage 3 debate (meeting of the Parliament), 29 September 2020

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

Consideration Stage completed, 7 September 2020

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Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee)), 1 September 2020

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 (lead committee (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)), 21 September 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.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 1 September 2020

Lead Committee – Equalities and Human Rights

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:

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Agriculture Bill LCM-S5-38

Lodged on 4 May 2020

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee report, 15 May 2020

Agriculture Bill Supplementary LCM-S5-38a

Lodged on 18 August 2020

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 26 August 2020

Meeting of the Parliament, 1 September 2020

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

Lodged on 26 February 2020

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Lead committee – Justice
Meeting of the Parliament, 24 March 2020

Domestic Abuse Bill LCM-S5-35

Lodged on 16 March 2020
Justice Committee, 2 June 2020
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
Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee Report, 24 August 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 9 September 2020

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

Lodged on 25 June 2020
Social Security Committee, 20 August 2020

Medicines and Medical Devices Bill LCM-S5-43

Lodged on 18 August 2020
Lead committee – Health and Sport

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

Sentencing Bill LCM-S5-45

Lodged on 22 September 2020

Trade Bill LCM-S5-44

Lodged on 18 August 2020
Finance and Constitution Committee, 23 September 2020

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

Made affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 23 September 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 13\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/261\)](#) (27 August 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

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[Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Directions by Local Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/262\)](#) (27 August 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Subject to approval by 24 September 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 11\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/263\)](#) (28 August 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 29 September 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 12\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/271\)](#) (2 September 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 1 October 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 13\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/274\)](#) (4 September 2020)

Subject to approval by 8 October 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/279\)](#) (11 September 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 14\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/280\)](#) (11 September 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 27 October 2020

[Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 \(Meetings of Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations\) \(Coronavirus\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/284\)](#) (15 September 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to approval by 5 November 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 15\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/288\)](#) (21 September 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Affirmative instruments

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)

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Lead committee approval by 29 September 2020

[Management of Offenders \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (21 August 2020) (Justice Committee)

Lead committee approval by 2 October 2020

[Equality Act 2010 \(Specification of Public Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (24 August 2020) (Justice Committee)

[Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Acts \(Amendment of Expiry Dates\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (24 August 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Lead committee approval by 6 October 2020

[Marine Licensing \(Exempted Activities\) \(Scottish Inshore Region\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (28 August 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

Lead committee approval by 9 October 2020

[Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (31 August 2020) (Social Security Committee)

[Scottish Parliament \(Constituencies and Regions\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (31 August 2020) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Lead committee approval by 9 October 2020

[Insolvency Act 1986 \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (2 September 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Lead committee approval by 2 November 2020

[Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (8 September 2020) (Social Security Committee)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber \(Procedure and Composition\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (8 September 2020) (Social Security Committee)

Lead committee approval by 5 November 2020

[Children's Hearings \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Children's Advocacy Services\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (11 September 2020) (Education and Skills Committee)

Lead committee approval by 10 November 2020

[Welfare of Farmed Animals \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (16 September 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Lead committee approval by 11 November 2020

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[Census \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (17 September 2020) (Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Committee)

Negative instruments

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

[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 29 September 2020
Lead Committee report due by 28 September 2020

[Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland \(Practice and Procedure\) \(No. 2\) Amendment Rules 2020 \(SSI 2020/246\)](#) (21 August 2020) (Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 28 September 2020
Lead Committee report due by 2 October 2020

[Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Acts \(Early Expiry of Provisions\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/249\)](#) (24 August 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Subject to annulment by 28 September 2020
Lead Committee report due by 3 October 2020

[Town and Country Planning \(Emergency Period and Extended Period\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/254\)](#) (25 August 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to annulment 5 October 2020
Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2020

[National Health Service \(Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/258\)](#) (27 August 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 6 October 2020
Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2020

[Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Suspension: Muirburn\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/260\)](#) (28 August 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Subject to annulment 5 October 2020
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[Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Rules 2020 \(SSI 2020/264\)](#) (31 August 2020) (Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 10 October 2020
Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2020

[Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Suspension: Adults with Incapacity\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/267\)](#) (1 September 2020)(COVID-19 Committee)

[Homeless Persons \(Unsuitable Accommodation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(Coronavirus\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/268\)](#) (1 September 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to annulment 29 October 2020
Lead Committee report due by 26 October 2020

[Town and Country Planning \(General Permitted Development\) \(Reverse Vending Machines\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/269\)](#) (4 September 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

[Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Eviction from Dwelling-houses\) \(Notice Periods\) Modification Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/270\)](#) (4 September 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Subject to annulment 3 November 2020
Lead Committee report due by 2 November 2020

[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/275\)](#) (9 September 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to annulment 8 November 2020
Lead Committee report due by 2 November 2020

[Climate Change \(Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/281\)](#) (14 September 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

Documents Subject to Approval

Subject to approval 10 November 2020

[Code of Practice for the Welfare of Laying Hens \(Revocation\) \(Scotland\) Notice 2020 \(SSI SG/2020/182\)](#) (16 September 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

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Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 22 September 2020—

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Sentencing Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-45)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 22 September 2020 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Civil Justice Council Annual Report 2019/20 and Annual Programme 2020/21 SG/2020/177 laid under section 5(4) of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Act 2013

Risk Management Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/99 laid under Section 13(3) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Parole Board for Scotland Annual Report 2018/19 SG/2020/16 laid under paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 and paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

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