

Monday 11 December 2023

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

10.30 am Scottish Commission for Public
Audit

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Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

Scottish Commission for Public Audit

2nd Meeting, 2023 (Session 6) Monday, 11 December 2023

The Commission will meet at 10:30 am in the Smith Room (CR5).

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Commission will decide whether to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Audit Scotland's Budget Proposal for 2024/25:** The Commission will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Professor Alan Alexander, Chair of the Board, Martin Walker, Director Corporate Support and Stuart Dennis, Corporate Finance Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **Consideration of evidence:** The Commission will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme:** The Commission will consider its work programme.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 6 December 2023

Tuesday 12 December 2023

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Chibuzor Tina Amadi, UK Parliamentary Liaison for CSW

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Literacy and Numeracy

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: Asylum Seekers in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-10961 Kaukab Stewart: 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Wednesday 13 December 2023

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy

Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Education and Skills

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 — S6M-11225 Keith Brown: Fighting With Pride and Advocacy for LGBT+ Veterans

Thursday 14 December 2023

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-11294 Graham Simpson: Antisocial Behaviour on Buses

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Application of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 December 2023

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

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 20 December 2023

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 21 December 2023

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

1:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

<http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm>

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

12 December 2023

30th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Annual Report of the Ethical Standards Commissioner 2022-23:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Lorna Johnston, Executive Director, and Richard Wilson, Case Manager, Standards Commission for Scotland.
3. **Annual Report of the Standards Commission 2022-23:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ian Bruce, Ethical Standards Commissioner, and Sarah Pollock, Hearings and Investigations Officer, Ethical Standards Commissioner.
4. **Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Kate Hall, Director, Cladding Remediation Division, Rachel Sunderland, Deputy Director, Cladding Remediation Division, and Micheila West, Solicitor, Housing Branch, Scottish Government.
5. **Annual Report of the Ethical Standards Commissioner 2022-23:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Annual Report of the Standards Commission 2022-23:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
8. **Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Euan Donald on 85212 or at ewan.donald@parliament.scot

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

12 December 2023

38th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Healthcare in remote and rural areas:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Michael Dickson, Chief Executive, Scottish Ambulance Service;

Nicola Gordon, Policy Manager, Royal College of Nursing Scotland;
Jaki Lambert, Director, Royal College of Midwives Scotland;
Dawn MacDonald, NHS Highland Branch Secretary, UNISON.

3. **Healthcare in remote and rural areas (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the [Scottish Government's response](#) to its letter of 7 November 2023.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its future work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Alex Bruce on 85229 or at Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

12 December 2023

36th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
The Committee will also decide whether to consider its work programme in private at its next meeting.
2. **Scottish Biodiversity Strategy (draft Delivery Plan):** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Clare Cavers, Senior Projects Manager, Fidra;
Calum Duncan, Head of Conservation, Scotland, Marine Conservation Society;
Elspeth Macdonald, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen's Federation;
Vicki Paxton, Partnership Manager, Moray Firth Coastal Partnership;
Tavish Scott, Chief Executive, Salmon Scotland;
Phil Taylor, Head of Policy and Operations, The Open Seas Trust.
3. **Scottish Biodiversity Strategy (draft Delivery Plan):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Adviser:** The Committee will consider a list of candidates for the post of adviser on climate change and net zero targets.
5. **Appointments to the Board of the Scottish Land Commission:** The Committee will consider a list of recommended candidates for appointment to the Board of the Scottish Land Commission.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Peter McGrath on 0131 348 6039 or at netzero.committee@parliament.scot

Finance and Public Administration Committee

12 December 2023

33rd Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2024-25: UK context:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Richard Hughes, Chair, Professor David Miles CBE, Member, Budget Responsibility Committee, and Tom Josephs, Member, Budget Responsibility Committee, Office for Budget Responsibility;

and then from—

Carl Emmerson, Deputy Director, and David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies.

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

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Joanne McNaughton, on FPA.committee@parliament.scot.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

12 December 2023

34th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Welfare of Farmed Animals \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
3. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2023](#) (SSI 2023/361)
[Good Food Nation \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Commencement No. 1\) Amendment Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/362 (C. 24))
4. **Documents subject to parliamentary control:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs \(Revocation\) \(Scotland\) Notice 2023](#) (SG 2023/304)
5. **Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Greg Black at Greg.Black@parliament.scot

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

12 December 2023

27th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will receive a briefing from the Scottish Government's Bill Team.

2. **Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
3. **Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a key issues paper.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katrina Venters on 86244 or at Katrina.Venters@Parliament.scot

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

13 December 2023

33rd Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Wine (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 from—
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, Kevin Matheson, Policy Manager, Food and Drink Industry Growth Team, and Judith Brown, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands to move—S6M-11343—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Wine (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 be approved.
3. **Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Tim Bailey, Chief Executive, Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society;
Jonnie Hall, Director of Policy, National Farmers Union Scotland;
Joe Hind, Policy Manager, Scotland Food & Drink;
Professor Jennie Macdiarmid, Director, Interdisciplinary Centre for Health, Wellbeing and Nutrition, Rowett Institute;
Sarah Millar, Chief Executive, Quality Meat Scotland;
Lesley Mitchell, Policy Director, Sustainable Food Trust;
Pete Ritchie, Director, Nourish Scotland;
David Thomson, Chief Executive, Food and Drink Federation Scotland.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at emma.johnston@parliament.scot

Economy and Fair Work Committee

13 December 2023

32nd Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Petroineos Grangemouth:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Iain Hardie, Head of Legal and External Affairs, Petroineos Manufacturing Scotland Limited;

Colin Pritchard, Sustainability Director, INEOS Grangemouth;
and then from—

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy, Kenneth MacDermid, Head of Critical Energy Infrastructure and Commercial Projects, Energy Industries Division, and Susie Townend, Interim Deputy Director Energy Industries Division, Scottish Government.

3. **Petroineos Grangemouth:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Post-legislative scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (in private):** The Committee will consider next steps.
5. **Data Protection and Digital Information Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
6. **Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
7. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Anne Peat on 85182 or at anne.peat@parliament.scot

Education, Children and Young People Committee

13 December 2023

31st Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **AI and education:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ollie Bray, Strategic Director, Education Scotland;
Helena Good, Director, Daydream Believers;
Chris Ranson, Physics Teacher and Lead for AI Integration, Dunblane High School;
Professor Judy Robertson, Chair in Digital Learning, University of Edinburgh.
2. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot

Criminal Justice Committee

13 December 2023

34th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on part 4 of the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Michael Meehan KC, Faculty of Advocates;
Stuart Munro, Law Society of Scotland;
Stuart Murray, President, Scottish Solicitors Bar Association;
and then from—

Laura Buchan, Procurator Fiscal Policy and Engagement, and Alisdair Macleod, Principal Procurator Fiscal Depute, Policy Division, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

2. **Victims, Witnesses and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at Stephen.Imrie@scottish.parliament.uk

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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.

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

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-11607](#) Maggie Chapman: International Migrants Day 2023**—That the Parliament acknowledges that every year on 18 December, the world marks International Migrants Day, which is a day set aside to recognise what it sees as the important contribution of migrants, while highlighting what it considers to be the challenges that they face; notes with concern reports that, due to persistent lack of safe and regular migration pathways, millions continue to take perilous journeys each year, and that, since 2014, more than 50,000 migrants have lost their lives on migratory routes across the world, including migrants headed to the UK; believes that, regardless of the reasons that compel people to move, migrants and displaced people represent some of the most vulnerable and marginalised groups in society, and are often exposed to abuse and exploitation, have limited access to essential services including healthcare, and are faced with xenophobic attacks and stigma fuelled by misinformation; highlights what it sees as the vital support that organisations, such as No Recourse North East Partnership (NRNE), Grampian Regional Equality Council (GREC) and Dundee International Women's Centre (DIWC), provide for migrants in the North East Scotland region, and believes that strengthening the contribution that migrants can make to sustainable and resilient communities requires collective effort to address the challenges that they face.

Supported by: Kevin Stewart*, Ross Greer*, Audrey Nicoll*, Gillian Mackay*, James Dornan*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*

***[S6M-11606](#) Sharon Dowey: Gathering South Wins Club of the Year at the MG ALBA Scots Trad Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Lee McGilvary and Gathering South Sessions on winning Club of the Year on 2 December 2023 at Dundee's Caird Hallon; understands that the prestigious 21st MG ALBA Scots Trad Music Awards celebrated the very best of Scottish folk music; commends Ayrshire-born Lee for his great music passion and purpose; recognises what it understands is his desire to make music accessible with house concerts, studio sessions, and live events; applauds Lee for this achievement, and wishes him and Gathering South a very musical future.

***[S6M-11605](#) Mercedes Villalba: Right to Boycott**—That the Parliament recognises the Right to Boycott campaign, which is defending the right of public bodies to decide not to purchase or procure from, or invest in, companies involved in human rights abuse, abuse of workers' rights,

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destruction of the planet, or any other harmful or illegal acts; understands that the UK Government intends to pass legislation preventing public bodies from exercising this right; notes the reported support of the campaign from many trade unions, including ASLEF Union, BFAWU, CWU, FBU, NEU, PCS, RMT, TSSA, Unite, UNISON and UCU; further notes the reported support from a wide range of organisations, including the Campaign Against Arms Trade, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Cuba Solidarity Campaign, Friends of the Earth Scotland, Global Justice Now, Greenpeace UK, Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Stop the War Coalition, Quakers in Britain, and War on Want; acknowledges what it considers to be the powerful role that boycotts have played in challenging injustice, including against apartheid in South Africa; believes that the proposed UK law presents a threat to freedom of expression; calls on the UK Government to immediately halt this bill, and further calls on civil society to mobilise in support of the right to boycott in the cause of justice. **R**

***[S6M-11604](#) Clare Adamson: Coltness High School Pupil Selected for Lanarkshire**

Secondary Schools FA Select—That the Parliament recognises that Hannah Gray, a Coltness High School pupil sports ambassador, has been selected to the Lanarkshire Secondary Schools FA Select for its upcoming fixtures in the girls' under-18 National Trophy; understands that Hannah, who also plays for Glasgow City's under-19 side, recently joined fellow sports ambassadors to attend a sportscotland conference at Hampden Park, where they met with other peers from throughout the country, and completed a series of team building and training exercises for their new roles, to gain a better understanding of the sports ambassador role at school; congratulates Hannah on her selection, and wishes her all the best for the future.

***[S6M-11603](#) Sarah Boyack: The Scottish Green Energy Awards 2023**—That the Parliament congratulates the winners of the Scottish Green Energy Awards 2023, hosted by Scottish Renewables on 30 November in the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC); understands that the annual awards ceremony seeks to recognise the many inspirational organisations, people and projects going above and beyond for Scotland's clean energy transition to net zero; notes that the 15 categories award best practice, commitment and talent across many key areas, such as community engagement, sustainable development, carbon reduction, project delivery, innovation and skills; believes that all of the nominees have made significant contributions to their local communities and as part of Scotland's wider renewable energy industry, which is reportedly worth more than £5.6 billion to the Scottish economy; commends Scottish Renewables for organising another successful event, and thanks everyone working across Scotland's growing renewable energy industry for their hard work to deliver the country's net zero ambitions.

***[S6M-11602](#) Clare Adamson: A Slice Pizzeria Receives Scotland's Best Pizzeria Title at Italian Awards**—That the Parliament recognises A Slice Pizzeria on being awarded Scotland's Best Pizzeria at the Italian Awards; notes that A Slice Pizzeria is a joint venture between experienced hospitality manager, Simonas Griauzde, and professional chef, Carmine Barretta; understands that the business partners met while working in a restaurant and that their mutual passion for pizza led them to setting up their own eatery in Kilmarnock over a year ago, and later opening a location in Wishaw; further understands that A Slice Pizzeria has a focus on quality ingredients, with tomatoes, cheese, flour and meats being imported from Italy; understands that the pizza recipe is authentic, and indeed a special one, passed to Carmine by his Nonna, who sold pizza in Naples; congratulates Simonas and Carmine on their success, and wishes them all the best for the future.

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[S6M-11601](#) Clare Adamson: Kate Fridriks's Debut Novel, *Real Gone Kid—That the Parliament congratulates Kate Fridriks on the release of her debut novel, *Real Gone Kid*, which it understands is a captivating and heart-warming coming-of-age story, set in a fictional steel town within sight of Ravenscraig Steelworks in 1984; understands that Kate, from Wishaw, has announced the release of her new audiobook, which tells the tale of one woman's struggle in the shadow of the Ravenscraig Steelworks; further understands that the book has been praised for its emotional depth and relatable characters, including being longlisted for the Cheshire Novel Prize; notes that Keira Luccesi, from the popular programme, *River City*, will narrate the audiobook, and wishes Kate all the best with the release of *Real Gone Kid*.

Supported by: Emma Harper*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*

***[S6M-11600](#) Clare Adamson: ScotRail's Megan Moore Receives Samaritans Lifesaver Award** —That the Parliament congratulates Megan Moore, from Wishaw, who works for ScotRail, on receiving the Samaritans Lifesaver Award at the 2023 RailStaff Awards; understands that the award recognises individuals who have intervened to potentially save the life of a vulnerable person on the rail network, as well as demonstrating the power that talking and listening to someone in need can have; commends Megan for her kindness and diligence, and wishes her all the best for the future.

Supported by: Emma Harper*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*

***[S6M-11599](#) Clare Adamson: Christopher's Saving Lives Campaign Safety Ropes to be Installed in Strathclyde Country Park**—That the Parliament recognises that Duncan and Margaret Spiers, of the Christopher's Saving Lives Campaign, have provided new safety ropes to North Lanarkshire Council for installation at Strathclyde Country Park; understands that Duncan and Margaret Spiers began to raise awareness of water safety in memory of their son, Christopher, who tragically lost his life after falling into the River Clyde in 2016; notes that Duncan and Margaret have been working with manufacturer Ibex Marina to produce a floating lifebelt rope, with unique colour-coding that is designed to counteract vandalism and theft of this crucial safety equipment, with purple being Christopher's favourite colour, and orange being associated with mental health awareness; recognises that the ropes will be placed on the life rings along the bank of the River Clyde, which runs through Strathclyde Country Park; commends the commitment of Duncan and Margaret, who it considers have given extraordinary efforts to improving water safety, which is testament to their incredible resilience in the face of unimaginable adversity, and believes that the rope installations in Strathclyde Country Park will be a lifeline for anyone in an emergency, but that they should also serve as a reminder of the need to be careful around water. **R**

Supported by: Emma Harper*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Monica Lennon*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*

***[S6M-11598](#) Monica Lennon: Congratulating Taylor Swift, Time Magazine's Person of the Year 2023** —That the Parliament congratulates Taylor Swift on being named *Time* magazine's Person of the Year for 2023; notes that *Time*'s editor-in-chief, Sam Jacobs, explained that the magazine "picked a choice that represents joy" and "Someone who is bringing light to the world"; acknowledges that the singer-songwriter has spoken with pride about her Scottish roots, and welcomes the music star bringing joy to thousands of "Swifties" in Scotland when she performs *The Eras Tour* at Murrayfield Stadium in June 2024.

***[S6M-11595](#) Daniel Johnson: University of Edinburgh Launches GAIL**—That the Parliament celebrates the successful launch of the Generative Artificial Intelligence Lab (GAIL) at the University of Edinburgh on 9 November 2023; acknowledges that the University is a leader in

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artificial intelligence (AI), as exhibited by its celebration of 60 years of AI research this year; supports that GAIL will develop techniques for generative AI in key areas such as robotics, drug discovery, medical diagnoses, semi-conductor development, and tackling climate change; understands that experts will also work with the University's Centre for Technomoral Futures to develop the ethical, legal and regulatory frameworks necessary to ensure the safe and responsible use of AI; supports the University's development of relationships with various public and private sector partners, which it believes will allow for even more innovative discovery and economic growth in Scotland and the wider UK with the implementation of GAIL, and congratulates the University once more on its successful launch of GAIL and its continued work on AI.

***S6M-11594 Annabelle Ewing: Kids Come First Donates Bikes to Local Families—**That the Parliament recognises Kids Come First, in Benarty, for its recent donation of bikes to children of local families; understands that, in conjunction with Cycle Scotland, it delivered 15 new bikes to local children and young people; notes that families were invited to apply to benefit from this initiative; recognises that the group intends to run a similar donation scheme, alongside a safety campaign, around Easter 2024; notes that the group also intends to provide secure storage facilities to allow local people to borrow bikes day to day; thanks the organisation for the donation, and for its continued work with children and young people in the local community, and wishes everyone involved all the very best for the future.

***S6M-11586 Rachael Hamilton: 40-inch Salmon Wins Borders Fishing Prize—**That the Parliament congratulates David Harris on his 40-inch "whopper" salmon, which scooped the River Tweed's largest catch award, the Bemersyde Trophy; understands that the Bemersyde Trophy is the most prestigious trophy that can be won for fishing for salmon on the Tweed; notes that the winning salmon was caught on Carham beat, and was a very impressive 40 inches in length; understands that, due to the nature of the Tweed's position, the catch occurred on the border of Scotland and England, with the salmon caught in Scotland and landed in England as a gesture of support for the Union; further understands that the junior Bemersyde Trophy was won jointly by brothers, Jacob and Finlay Ellis, with their 11 and a half pound catch; notes that the Bemersyde Trophy, initiated in 2012, grew out of Lord and Lady Haig's dedication to promoting sustainable fishing on the River Tweed; understands that salmon fishing on the Tweed contributes around £24 million per year to the local economy and supports over 500 jobs, and wishes all those who will take part in the fishing season the best of luck in trying to beat the current winning size.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Pam Gosal*, Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, Russell Findlay*, Douglas Ross*, Bill Kidd*, Liam Kerr*

***S6M-11584 Maggie Chapman: The Legacy of the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide—**That the Parliament marks 9 December as International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime, an annual observance marking its 75th year in 2023; understands that this year's theme is "A Living Force in World Society: The Legacy of the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide", which seeks to highlight some of the achievements that emanate from the Convention, showcasing its legacy and reminding of the efforts that led to its drafting and adoption, but also reflecting on the challenges that remain for its effective implementation today; recognises that genocide is still a threat in the world today and that, around the world, populations remain at risk of this crime, and further recognises that the need to invest in prevention, as envisaged by the Convention drafters 75 years ago, remains as relevant as ever.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Ross Greer*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, John Mason*

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***[S6M-11582](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders Fashion Show Raises Awareness of Endometriosis**—That the Parliament congratulates The Big Yellow Force for putting on a fashion show in Selkirk to raise awareness and funds for what it sees as the vital project of endometriosis and the Menstrual Health Project; notes that the colour Yellow is the internationally recognised colour for endometriosis awareness and that it was a key theme of the whole night, with guests encouraged to wear clothing with the colour; understands that a large number of local Borders businesses also attended, with local textile and clothing companies providing items for those on the catwalk to show off, and Borders Distillers in Selkirk launching a bespoke Yellow alcohol for the event; further understands that nearly £4,000 was raised on the night, to be split between The Big Yellow Force and the Menstrual Health Project, and wishes the mum and daughter duo who founded The Big Yellow Force the best of luck at their future fundraising events, such as The Big Yellow Ball, which is scheduled for the end of March 2024 in Galashiels.

***[S6M-11580](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders Tourism Business Takes Home Top Prize at Thistle Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Rory and Vicki Steel of Ettrickbridge on winning the Best Bar or Pub prize at the Scottish Thistle Awards; understands that the co-owners only took over the Cross Keys Inn at the start of 2023, after receiving £81,000 from South of Scotland Enterprise, showing the remarkable achievement of winning a national award for their business, having opened less than 12 months prior; understands that this achievement came after the Cross Keys Inn won the same award in the South of Scotland ceremony in November; further understands that businesses in the South of Scotland picked up six awards in total at the ceremony in Glasgow, making it the best year so far for businesses across the region; wishes Rory and Vicki Steel the best for the year to come, and hopes that it is just as successful as the previous year.

***[S6M-11576](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Congratulating St Mungo's Primary School on Opening its New STEM Room**—That the Parliament congratulates St Mungo's Primary School in Glasgow on opening its new STEM room; notes that this includes a cooking area for pupils, and recognises that this room will provide pupils with practical life skills and learning that will benefit them greatly in the future.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-11616](#) Martin Whitfield: Standing Order Rule changes - Proxy Voting (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

[S6M-11593](#) Martin Whitfield: Murals at Prestonpans Railway Station Win National Prize (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Karen Adam*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-11592](#) Ruth Maguire: West of Scotland Padel Club Scottish Cup Win (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11591](#) Ruth Maguire: Stevenston Santa's Charity Appeal (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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[S6M-11590](#) Ruth Maguire: Three Awards for Ayrshire College (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11589](#) Kevin Stewart: Languages at the University of Aberdeen (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Ivan McKee*, Alasdair Allan*, Mercedes Villalba*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jim Fairlie*, James Dornan*, Ruth Maguire*, David Torrance*, Rona Mackay*, Audrey Nicoll*, Michelle Thomson*, Evelyn Tweed*, Kate Forbes*

[S6M-11588](#) Craig Hoy: Energise Galashiels Wins Scotland Loves Local's Creative Community Award 2023 (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11585](#) Michelle Thomson: Community Spirit on Show to Support Stenhousemuir FC (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Audrey Nicoll*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-11579](#) Bill Kidd: Scotstoun Primary School, School of the Year (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Rona Mackay*, Evelyn Tweed*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Bob Doris*, Stuart McMillan*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Karen Adam*, Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-11578](#) Willie Coffey: Darvel Volunteers Secure King's Award (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11575](#) Stuart McMillan: Cappielow Makes the Ultimate Scottish Football Bucket List (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Rhoda Grant*, Ivan McKee*, Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*, Tess White*

[S6M-11574](#) Stuart McMillan: McGill's Buses Wins Big at UK Bus Awards (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-11572](#) Jamie Greene: 10th Anniversary of the Rainbow Laces Campaign (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11571](#) Kevin Stewart: Carbon Reduction at the Port of Aberdeen (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-11570](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Aberdeen City Council (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-11569](#) Christine Grahame: 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*, Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-11568](#) Annie Wells: Govan Group Re-created Calendar Girls Calendar (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11566](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Folk Festival Declared Trad Event of the Year (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11559](#) Alexander Stewart: Bryan Keye from Tillicoultry Smashes Record During Charity Run (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane*, Paul Sweeney*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11558](#) Alexander Stewart: Dollar Academy Wins Scottish Independent School of the Year 2024 (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11557](#) Keith Brown: Congratulating People's Postcode Lottery Winners in Fishcross, Sauchie (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-11556](#) Liz Smith: Lucinda Russell, Jumps Trainer of the Year (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane*, Paul Sweeney*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11555](#) Finlay Carson: Sheelagh Rusby Wins Prestigious National Teaching Award (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11554](#) Audrey Nicoll: Aberdeen City Council Awarded Royal Town Planning Institute Award for Excellence in Plan Making Practice (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11553](#) Jackie Dunbar: Get Active @ Northfield Wins Facility of the Year (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11552](#) Colin Smyth: South Scotland Region Winners in the 2023 Thistle Awards (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Carol Mochan*

[S6M-11551](#) Colin Smyth: South West Scotland Regenerative Farming Network Wins the Food and Farming Award at Nature of Scotland Awards 2023 (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-11548](#) Rona Mackay: One Million Pounds of Debt Cleared Through Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Kirkintilloch Centre (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11547](#) Collette Stevenson: Congratulations to East Kilbride's Taekwon-Do Medal Winners (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Karen Adam*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Emma Harper*, Gillian Mackay*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-11545](#) Claire Baker: Celebrating Prestigious Queen's Nurse Award for Fife Nurse (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-11544](#) Monica Lennon: STUC Tax Report, Raising Taxes to Deliver for Scotland (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman* R

[S6M-11543](#) Michelle Thomson: Forth Valley College Named Winners at CDN College Awards 2023 (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11542](#) Christine Grahame: Congratulating the Winners of the Scottish Thistle Awards (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11541](#) Marie McNair: St Margaret of Scotland Hospice Shop Opens New Premises in Clydebank Shopping Centre (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11540](#) Marie McNair: Milngavie Restaurant Comes Highly Recommended in Italian Awards Gala (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11539](#) Evelyn Tweed: McLaren High School, Callander, Named Scottish Secondary School of the Year 2024 (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11538](#) Jackie Dunbar: Stephen Brown Nominated for Service Superstar Award (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*, Douglas Lumsden*, Tess White*

[S6M-11536](#) Annie Wells: MasterChef Winner Visits Glasgow Primary School to Unveil New Room (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11535](#) Colin Beattie: Midlothian Library Services Awarded the 2023 SLIC Service Excellence Award (lodged on 05 December 2023)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11532](#) Kevin Stewart: Omission of the Audit and Corporate Governance Bill from the King's Speech (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11531](#) Kevin Stewart: Import and Export Data (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11530](#) Daniel Johnson: Treating Retail and Hospitality Workers with Kindness in the Festive Period (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Michelle Thomson*

[S6M-11529](#) Donald Cameron: Gigha's Boathouse Restaurant Wins Good Food Award (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11528](#) Donald Cameron: NHS Western Isles Macmillan Team Wins Whatever it Takes Award at Macmillan Professionals Excellence Awards (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11526](#) Tess White: Congratulations to New Queen's Nurse, Rosie Crighton (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11524](#) Alex Rowley: Ending the Cross-border Train Drivers Dispute (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Rhoda Grant*, Carol Mochan*, Jackie Baillie*, Collette Stevenson*

[S6M-11522](#) Gillian Mackay: Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire Awarded Equally Safe at Work Accreditation (lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11517](#) Murdo Fraser: Highland Perthshire Chocolatier's Winning Streak Continues (lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11515](#) Jackie Baillie: Alexandria Woman Raises £13,340 for Two Charities in Memory of Mum and Sister (lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-11507](#) Audrey Nicoll: Greyhope Bay Photographer of the Year and People's Choice Winners Announced (lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11492](#) Sharon Dowey: Congratulating Ayr's Gary Burgess (lodged on 05 December 2023)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11490](#) Maggie Chapman: International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People 2023 (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: James Dornan* R

[S6M-11485](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Young Bellshill Man Saves Life with CPR (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11472](#) Bob Doris: 100th Anniversary of "The Shakey" (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11471](#) Tess White: The Widening Gender Pain Gap (lodged on 29 November 2023)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S6M-11446](#) Gillian Mackay: 100 Years since the Passing of John Maclean (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Bob Doris*

[S6M-11435](#) Craig Hoy: Dino's Fish and Chip Shop Wins Best Pizza for the East of Scotland (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11419](#) Mercedes Villalba: Towards a Fossil Fuel Non-proliferation Treaty (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-11409](#) Jackie Baillie: Rhu Woman Retires After 50 Years of Service to the NHS (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*, Tess White*

[S6M-11397](#) Michelle Thomson: Teenage Cancer Trust Christmas Card Design Triumph for Bo'ness's Olivia Thom (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11394](#) Richard Leonard: John Maclean Centenary (lodged on 24 November 2023)

New Support: Bob Doris*

[S6M-11393](#) Rona Mackay: Impact of Conflict in Gaza and Israel on Pregnant Women, Babies and Children (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Pauline McNeill*

[S6M-11019](#) Katy Clark: Arms Sales to Israel (lodged on 08 November 2023)

New Support: Pauline McNeill*

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 08 December 2023

[S6W-23331](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has had any meetings with the Scottish National Investment Bank (SNIB) to discuss any alleged cases of conflict of interest in relation to SNIB employees while involved in SNIB investments in external companies.

[S6W-23457](#) Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its potential impact on the delivery of emergency services, transport and health services in Scotland, what its position is on whether the UK Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 undermines (a) trade unions and (b) the fair work principle of effective worker voice, and whether it plans to cooperate with this legislation.

[S6W-23644](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what immediate action it is taking in light of reports that the Scottish Parliament building was forced to close to the public in October due to a lack of security staff.

[S6W-23704](#) Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports of antisocial behaviour remaining "stubbornly high", what its position is on whether current levels of antisocial behaviour on trains exceed any thresholds set by ScotRail's safety committee, and whether it will provide an update on its plans to tackle antisocial behaviour on trains.

[S6W-23706](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many heat engineer apprenticeships were available in the current financial year.

[S6W-23707](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of all grants that are currently available for the installation of heat humps in private homes.

[S6W-23708](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to increasing the income threshold for free school meal eligibility for families that are not currently covered by any free school meal entitlement, and whether it has (a) conducted any modelling and (b) had any discussions with local authorities on this issue.

[S6W-23709](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government how it is promoting midwifery as a career path for (a) school leavers, (b) college and university graduates and (c) the general public.

[S6W-23710](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government how it is promoting podiatry as a career path for (a) school leavers and (b) college and university graduates.

[S6W-23711](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of nursing graduate retention within the NHS at (a) one year, (b) three years and (c) five years post-graduation.

[S6W-23712](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Police Scotland regarding digital development within the police force, particularly in relation to support for and access to up-to-date technology for local policing teams.

[S6W-23713](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether its commitment to fund 320 additional child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) staff refers to WTE staff or headcount.

[S6W-23714](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the update on child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) staff set out in its publication, *NHS Recovery Plan 2021-26: Annual Progress Update 2023*, how many additional CAMHS cases have been taken on since 2021, and whether the "potential to increase capacity for CAMHS cases by over 10,000" includes the caseload from the last two years.

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[S6W-23715 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government which four child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) services had not yet managed to effectively eliminate long waits as of June 2023, as referenced in its publication, *NHS Recovery Plan 2021-26: Annual Progress Update 2023*, and when it expects those services to eliminate such waits.

[S6W-23716 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown by NHS board of the £4.25 million allocated specifically for clearing child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) backlogs, as referenced in its publication, *NHS Recovery Plan 2021-26: Annual Progress Update 2023*.

[S6W-23717 Sue Webber](#): To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to address the gaps in service provision for people with ME, as identified in the report, *Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) Services in Scotland: Findings from an analysis of surveys issued to NHS Boards in Autumn 2022*, published in May 2023.

[S6W-23718 Sue Webber](#): To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to address the lack of services for children and young people with ME, as highlighted in the report, *Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) Services in Scotland: Findings from an analysis of surveys issued to NHS Boards in Autumn 2022*, published in May 2023, in which no services for children and young people were identified in Scotland.

[S6W-23719 Sharon Dowey](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide information on any (a) ongoing and (b) planned initiatives aimed at balancing the expansion of wind energy infrastructure with the protection of existing wind farms from the adverse effects of wind turbine shadows.

[S6W-23720 Sharon Dowey](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it currently assesses the potential impact of new wind farm applications on existing wind farms, particularly in relation to the phenomenon known as wind theft or wind shadow.

[S6W-23721 Sharon Dowey](#): To ask the Scottish Government what data it is collecting to understand the extent of wind turbine shadow effects and their impact on the overall efficiency of wind farms.

[S6W-23722 Sharon Dowey](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that proposed wind farm developments take into consideration the cumulative impact on wind energy generation in a given area, particularly in relation to any shadowing effects on existing turbines.

[S6W-23723 Oliver Mundell](#): To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to offering school teaching staff access to school counsellors, in light of similar provisions being implemented in Wales.

[S6W-23724 Oliver Mundell](#): To ask the Scottish Government what evaluation it has undertaken of any online mental health support and resources available to school pupils.

[S6W-23725 Oliver Mundell](#): To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to extending the NHS perinatal treatment period to two years.

[S6W-23726 Oliver Mundell](#): To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the effectiveness of current handover practices between community midwives and health visitors.

[S6W-23727 Mark Ruskell](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any risks to Scotland's native trees from the fungus, *Curreya pithyophila*.

[S6W-23728 Alex Rowley](#): To ask the Scottish Government what process will be used to identify the seven small ferries currently operated by CalMac staff on the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service (CHFS) network that will be replaced by 2026, and when it anticipates that the first of these replacement ferries will be in service on the CHFS network.

[S6W-23729 Alex Rowley](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will list the consultancies that Transport Scotland has signed an agreement with under the Multiple Supplier Framework Agreement for Maritime Consultancy Services.

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[S6W-23730](#) Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what the total value is of any public contracts for services procured by Transport Scotland under the Multiple Supplier Framework Agreement for Maritime Consultancy Services, since June 2021 to date.

[S6W-23731](#) Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government how many of its staff are currently employed in the Subsidy Control Team.

[S6W-23732](#) Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government when it last discussed the next contract for the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service with representatives of the UK Government.

[S6W-23733](#) Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether lifeline ferry services in Scotland are services of public economic interest under the UK Government's subsidy control rules.

[S6W-23734](#) Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the ministerial statement on 16 November 2023, what resources it has allocated for the (a) remainder of the current financial year and (b) financial year 2024-25 for the exploration of the case for directly awarding the next contract for the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service to CalMac.

[S6W-23735](#) Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-21356 by Fiona Hyslop on 29 September 2023, what advice on the direct award of the CHFS3 contract it has received from Turner and Townsend to date.

[S6W-23736](#) Collette Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government what the costs were associated with the (a) production and (b) publication of the paper, *Social security in an independent Scotland*.

[S6W-23739](#) Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to the reported decision by S-Mart in Forfar to close due to rising energy costs, in light of its aim to help social enterprise initiatives that support Scotland's wellbeing economy.

[S6W-23740](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the finding in the Carers Scotland report, *State of Caring 2023*, that over a quarter of unpaid carers said their mental health is bad or very bad, rising to 37% for those in receipt of Carer's Allowance.

[S6W-23741](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it made of the mental health of unpaid carers in the formulation of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

[S6W-23742](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to give unpaid carers access to at least two weeks of respite as a minimum.

[S6W-23743](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its progress in delivering the National Carers Strategy.

[S6W-23744](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with NHS boards to ensure that unpaid carers are involved in decisions about discharge plans for the people that they care for after they have spent time in hospital.

[S6W-23745](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that unpaid carers have access to tailored mental health support, including support for anticipatory grief, bereavement counselling and support for young carers.

[S6W-23746](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the recommendation in the Carers Scotland report, *State of Caring 2023*, to fast track unpaid carers to support by introducing vouchers or payments to access non-NHS assessments, counselling and other services.

[S6W-23747](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23651 by Siobhian Brown on 7 December 2023, as part of its plans to consult on marriage law reforms, whether it will consult on introducing so-called "no-fault" divorce, not requiring irretrievable marital breakdown.

[S6W-23748](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23651 by Siobhian Brown on 7 December 2023, as part of its plans to consult on marriage

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law reforms, whether it will consult on abolishing for opposite-sex couples, as well as same-sex couples, the rule that marriage is voidable by reason of impotence.

[S6W-23750](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Scottish Ministers have the power to direct SEPA to refuse pollution prevention and control permits to new incineration plants under regulation 60 of the Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

[S6W-23751](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government how often it has met with community groups since June 2022, when it accepted recommendation 9 of the independent review of the role of incineration to facilitate the co-production of guidelines for effective community engagement by the end of 2023.

[S6W-23752](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to publish details of any developments that it has made in relation to an indicative cap for declining incineration capacity, which it accepted as recommendation 5 of the independent review of the role of incineration in June 2022, and, if so, when.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to the negative procedure

The following instruments were laid before Parliament on 8 December 2023 and are subject to the negative procedure—

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/369\)](#)

Laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

[Bovine Semen \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/370\)](#)

Laid under section 11(4) of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 1984

[Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/372\)](#)

Laid under section 68(1) and (2) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

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Members' Bills Proposals

Proposals for Members' Bills

A member seeking to introduce a Member's Bill must first lodge a draft proposal, together with a consultation document (or a statement of reasons why consultation is not considered necessary). Subsequently, the member may lodge a final proposal, in broadly similar terms to the draft, accompanied by a summary of consultation responses (or the statement of reasons). The member secures the right to introduce a Bill to give effect to the proposal if the final proposal secures, within one month, the support of at least 18 other members from at least half the political parties or groups represented in the Parliamentary Bureau, and provided no statement is made that the Scottish Government is planning equivalent legislation.

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at [Proposals for Members' Bills/Session 6 Proposals](#):

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Final Proposal for a Member's Bill

Katy Clark: Proposed Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to reform Freedom of Information legislation in Scotland including to:

- extend coverage to all bodies delivering public services and services of a public nature;
- increase accountability and transparency including through the proactive publication of information;
- strengthen the effectiveness of existing processes; and
- improve enforcement.

(lodged 7 December 2023)

The proposal was accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which is accessible online via the website page referred to above. The summary, and individual responses, may also be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe).

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Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 28 November 2023
 Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 12 December 2023

Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 14 November 2023
Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 13 December 2023

Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 29 November 2023
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (45th Report, 2023)

Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 24 January 2024
All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 18 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 5 December 2023

Report – Finance and Public Administration Committee (10th Report, 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (64th Report, 2023)

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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.

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

Following an Order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 made by the Secretary of State for Scotland, this Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its current form.

Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 12 December 2023

Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 12 December 2023

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 5 December 2023

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 12 December 2023

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 26 September 2023

Report – Criminal Justice Committee (letter to lead committee, 10 February 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13th Report, 2023)

Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (11th Report, 2022)

Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 20 September 2023

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 12 December 2023

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 12 December 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (70th Report, 2023)

Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 7 December 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (72nd Report, 2023)

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Introduced, 29 November 2023

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 9 November 2023

Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill (G)

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 12 December 2023

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 20 December 2023

Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 13 December with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Approved at Reconsideration Stage, 7 December 2023

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 13 December 2023

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 October 2023

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 12 December 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (61st Report, 2023)

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 22 November 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (65th Report, 2023)

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 24 January 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 18 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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Data Protection and Digital Information Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-36a

Lodged on 14 September 2023

Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 13 December 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (57th Report, 2023)

Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill LCM-S6-38

Lodged on 19 July 2023

Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 13 December 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (58th Report, 2023)

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15

Lodged on 7 February 2022

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill LCM-S6-39

Lodged on 22 November 2023

Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 16 December 2023

[Social Security Information-sharing \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (SSI 2023/Draft) (7 November 2023) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 17 December 2023

[Council Tax \(Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (8 November 2023) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to approval by 14 January 2024

[Wine \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (20 November 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 28 January 2024

[Welfare of Farmed Animals \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (4 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 31 January 2024

[Bus Services Improvement Partnerships \(Objections\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (7 December 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 11 December 2023

Lead Committee report due by 4 December 2023

[Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products \(Fruit and Vegetables\) \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/311\)](#) (2 November 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Animal Welfare and Food Safety \(International Professional Qualification Recognition Agreement Implementation\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/312\)](#) (2 November 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Gluasadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Subject to annulment 18 December 2023
Lead Committee report due by 11 December 2023

[Food \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(Compliance Notices\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/337\)](#) (9 November 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 19 December 2023
Lead Committee report due by 18 December 2023

[Fly-tipping \(Fixed Penalty\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/335\)](#) (10 November 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Producer Responsibility Obligations \(Packaging Waste\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/336\)](#) (10 November 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Feed Additives \(Authorisations\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/339\)](#) (10 November 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 29 January 2024
Lead Committee report due by 22 January 2024

[Gender Recognition \(Disclosure of Information\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/364\)](#) (5 December 2023) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2023 \(SSI 2023/366\)](#) (5 December 2023) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 31 January 2024
Lead Committee report due by 29 January 2024

[Meat Preparations \(Import Conditions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/367\)](#) (7 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Bus Services Improvement Partnerships and Local Services Franchises \(Provision of Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/368\)](#) (7 December 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Welfare Foods \(Best Start Foods\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/371\)](#) (7 December 2023) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment 1 February 2024
Lead Committee report due by 29 January 2024

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/369\)](#) (8 December 2023) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Bovine Semen \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/370\)](#) (8 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/372\)](#) (8 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Instruments / Documents subject to approval

Lead Committee report due by 28 January 2024

[Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs \(Revocation\) \(Scotland\) Notice 2023 \(SG/2023/304\)](#) (4 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 8 December 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Delivering for Scotland 2020-2023 National Transport Strategy Report to Parliament (SG/2023/192) laid under Section 5(1)(b) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

Food Standards Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2023/73) laid under Section 19(4) of the Public Finance and Accountability Scotland Act 2000

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