

Thursday 14 December 2023

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

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

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

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

Committee Meetings

9:00am Public Audit Committee

9:15am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9:30am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

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11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Ruth Maguire:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-02886](#))
- 2. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government how many GP surgeries are not currently accepting new patients. ([S6O-02887](#))
- 3. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the current options available to record the relationship status of a deceased person are sufficient for the purposes of this information being accurately represented on death certificates. ([S6O-02888](#))
- 4. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its cladding remediation programme. ([S6O-02889](#))
- 5. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that rural populations have convenient and appropriate access to care homes. ([S6O-02890](#))
- 6. James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government how the proposals outlined in its latest *Building a New Scotland* paper, *Social Security in an independent Scotland*, would support Scotland's social security system. ([S6O-02891](#))
- 7. Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce waiting times for ambulances in north east Scotland. ([S6O-02892](#))
- 8. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Public Health Scotland publication, *Care home census for adults in Scotland*, which showed that the number of care homes across the country has dropped by nearly a fifth in the past decade. ([S6O-02893](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Douglas Ross:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02636](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02637](#))
- 3. Liz Smith:** To ask the First Minister whether the Scottish Government will commit to any reform of Scotland's planning regulations in order to generate growth, as recommended by CBI Scotland in a statement on 7 December. ([S6F-02642](#))
- 4. Kevin Stewart:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to grow the green economy. ([S6F-02655](#))
- 5. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the recent report by Highland Council, which reportedly warns of a "significant risk" of parts of its region being "drained" of people. ([S6F-02648](#))
- 6. Gillian Mackay:** To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made of any social benefit of extending free bus travel to all under 22s. ([S6F-02641](#))

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-11294](#) Graham Simpson: Antisocial Behaviour on Buses—That the Parliament notes with concern reports of antisocial behaviour on buses and by those using buses throughout Scotland; acknowledges reports that people travelling using the national Young Persons' (Under 22s) Free Bus Travel scheme have been responsible for incidents that have led to buses being withdrawn, or diverted, and notes the calls for perpetrators to have their entitlement to free travel under the scheme removed.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

1. **Kaukab Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with local authorities regarding promoting the use of public transport services throughout the festive season. ([S6O-02878](#))
2. **Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting Aberdeen's journey to net zero through investment in bus infrastructure. ([S6O-02879](#))
3. **Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government, following the first meeting of the National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board, what progress has been made towards introducing a national smart ticketing scheme. ([S6O-02880](#))
4. **Mark Griffin:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-02881](#))
5. **Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what conclusions it has drawn following COP28, including what has been learned as a result of the conference. ([S6O-02882](#))
6. **Finlay Carson:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-02883](#))
7. **Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with Transport Scotland in relation to the Shawhead flyover junction in Coatbridge ([S6O-02884](#))
8. **Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the next steps for implementation of 20mph zones across Scotland, following the October meeting of the multi-stakeholder 20mph Task Group. ([S6O-02885](#))

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

[S6M-11652](#) Neil Gray: Application of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 in Scotland—That the Parliament considers the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 to be unnecessary, unwanted and ineffective; further considers that the legislation, and any associated secondary legislation that could be applied in Scotland, encroaches on the devolved responsibilities of the Scottish Parliament in matters relating to health, transport, fire and rescue and education; notes that its measures seek to undermine legitimate trade union activity and do not respect fair work principles; recognises that trade unions are key social and economic partners in Scotland in responding to the cost of living crisis, creating a wellbeing economy and working towards a just transition to net zero; agrees that a progressive approach to industrial relations and to trade unionism is at the heart of a fairer, more successful society, and makes clear, therefore, its opposition to the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 and to any associated secondary legislation that could be applied in Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-11652.1 Murdo Fraser: Application of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-11652 in the name of Neil Gray (Application of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 in Scotland), leave out from second "the" to end and insert "that the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 strikes an appropriate balance between the ability to strike and the protection of lives and livelihoods; notes that most European countries have provisions in place for minimum service levels during certain public service strikes; recognises that public service employees have a right to strike, and that an element of disruption is inherent to any strike, but believes that the wider public expect a minimum level of service during industrial action; notes that the legislation currently only applies in Scotland to the reserved areas of border security, HM Passport Office and nuclear decommissioning, and does not impact on devolved responsibilities in health, transport, fire and rescue and education, considering that the Scottish Government has stated that it will not mandate minimum service levels under the legislation during a potential strike, and calls on the Scottish Government to use the powers that it has been given under the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 to ensure that people in Scotland have the same protections for devolved public services in the event of a strike that those elsewhere in the UK benefit from."

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followed by Business Motions

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5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Public Audit Committee 33rd Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Adult mental health:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Caroline Lamb, Chief Executive of NHS Scotland and Director-General for Health and Social Care, Gavin Gray, Deputy Director Improving Mental Health Services, and Dr Alastair Cook, Principal Medical Officer, Mental Health Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Adult mental health:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, and Eva Thomas-Tudo, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Adult mental health:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 35th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Ukraine:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Emma Roddick, Minister for Equalities, Migration and Refugees, Kirstin McPhee, Head of Ministerial Support, and Fraser Dick, Head of Ukraine Resettlement Finance, Scottish Government.
3. **National Outcomes:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Catriona Radcliffe, Head of Beijing Office, Katrine Feldinger, Head of Copenhagen Office, and Christopher Thomson, Head of Washington DC Office, Scottish Government.
4. **Evidence Sessions:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda items 2 and 3.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 21st Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee will consider an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Civil Nuclear Industry, and take evidence from—
Oliver Mundell, MSP, Scottish Parliament.

3. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Civil Nuclear Industry.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 13 December 2023

Tuesday 19 December 2023

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget 2024-25

followed by Ministerial Statement: Implementing the Medication Assisted Treatment Standards

followed by Scottish Government Debate: From a Warm Scots Welcome to a Warm Scots Future for Ukrainians in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:50 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-09747 Alex Rowley: Supporting the Work of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust

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 Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standing Order Rule Changes - Proxy Voting

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 — S6M-10702 Clare Adamson: Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month

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 — S6M-09975 Bob Doris: 75 Years of Marie Curie

Tuesday 9 January 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: How Devolution is Changing Post-EU

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 10 January 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Government Business

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 11 January 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
- *...* 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

[S6M-11652](#) Neil Gray: Application of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 in Scotland—That the Parliament considers the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 to be unnecessary, unwanted and ineffective; further considers that the legislation, and any associated secondary legislation that could be applied in Scotland, encroaches on the devolved responsibilities of the Scottish Parliament in matters relating to health, transport, fire and rescue and education; notes that its measures seek to undermine legitimate trade union activity and do not respect fair work principles; recognises that trade unions are key social and economic partners in Scotland in responding to the cost of living crisis, creating a wellbeing economy and working towards a just transition to net zero; agrees that a progressive approach to industrial relations and to trade unionism is at the heart of a fairer, more successful society, and makes clear, therefore, its opposition to the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 and to any associated secondary legislation that could be applied in Scotland.

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-11583](#) Martin Whitfield: Fair Funding for East Lothian Campaign**—That the Parliament notes reports of East Lothian Council's projected £71 million plus cumulative funding shortfall over the next five years; understands that, despite the latest Scottish Census confirming that it was the second fastest growing local authority area over the last decade, East Lothian Council is also currently the third worst funded per head of population out of Scotland's 32 local authorities; notes what it sees as the council's urgent demands for additional funding from the Scottish Government to tackle this discrepancy; welcomes the launch of the Fair Funding for East Lothian campaign by the Labour Group on East Lothian Council, which, it understands, is calling for the significant growth that the county has experienced to be recognised with the allocation of additional Scottish Government revenue and capital funding in order to help ensure that its infrastructure and public services are able to fully meet the requirements of what it sees as the rapidly growing population, and notes the calls for the establishment of a dedicated growth fund to support infrastructure development in the fastest growing council areas.

***[S6M-11567](#) Finlay Carson: AMD Motorsport Honda Team Crowned 2023 Pirelli National Champions**—That the Parliament congratulates Richard Kerr and the AMD Motorsport Honda Team on being crowned the 2023 Pirelli National Superstock Champions; understands that the Dumfries-based team, which is run by Fraser and Mary Dykes, achieved the top honour, winning the title by 22 points with the victory in race two taking Richard's winning tally to two along with seven further podium positions; believes that this outcome vindicated the hard work put in by Richard and the AMD Motorsport Team; understands that Fraser Dykes has dedicated this title win to his late father, Albert Munro Dykes, who founded AMD, and other absent friends, and wishes the team further success in future competitions.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, David Torrance*, Douglas Ross*, Kenneth Gibson*, Edward Mountain*, Jeremy Balfour*, Meghan Gallacher*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Russell Findlay*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Jim Fairlie*, Pam Gosal*, Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Brian Whittle*, Sue Webber*, Colin Beattie*

***[S6M-11521](#) Audrey Nicoll: Fiona Jones Wins the Real Heroes Award** —That the Parliament congratulates Ms Fiona Jones, of Portlethen, Aberdeenshire, on being awarded the Real Heroes Award by Real Life Options, a charity that supports and empowers people with learning disabilities and autism; recognises what it sees as Fiona's excellent work to raise autism and disability awareness, both in the north east and across Scotland; notes that Fiona has worked with a number of national autism and disability groups, including the National Autistic Society and Autism and Neurodiversity North East, to share her experiences as an autistic woman and improve accessibility for disabled and autistic people; recognises what it sees as her determination and all of her hard work, and wishes Fiona well in her future endeavours.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-11668](#) Michael Matheson: Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 [draft] (lodged on 13 December 2023)

New Support: Maree Todd*, Jenni Minto*

***[S6M-11651.1](#) Douglas Ross: Business Programme** (lodged on 13 December 2023)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Brian Whittle*, Tess White*, Graham Simpson*, Liz Smith*, Edward Mountain*, Liam Kerr*, Oliver Mundell*, Alexander Stewart*, Stephen Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*, Craig Hoy*, Sue Webber*, Roz McCall*, Murdo Fraser*, Jackson Carlaw*, Maurice Golden*, Jamie Greene*, Rachael Hamilton*, Finlay Carson*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Meghan Gallacher*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Russell Findlay*, Pam Gosal*, Sharon Dowey*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Burnett*, Donald Cameron*, Jeremy Balfour*

[S6M-11649](#) Brian Whittle: Celebrating Scottish Sport's Community Hero 2023, Billy Robertson (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Craig Hoy*, Stuart McMillan*, Russell Findlay*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11648](#) Roz McCall: Woodmill High Pupils Raise Awareness on Gender-based Violence (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11647](#) Jeremy Balfour: Universities Accepted More Applicants with Disabilities than Ever in 2023 (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, John Mason*, Craig Hoy*, Mercedes Villalba*, Russell Findlay*, Maggie Chapman*, Karen Adam*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11646](#) Roz McCall: Fife Charities Benefit from Apprenticeship of the Year Awards (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11645](#) Alasdair Allan: Dòmhnall Bàn MacDonald Named Tutor of the Year (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-11644](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Glasgow Science Centre Wins Thistle Inclusive Tourism Award (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Edward Mountain*, Russell Findlay*, Karen Adam*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11639](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Open University in Scotland and Children in Scotland Partnership (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, John Mason*, Mercedes Villalba*, Maggie Chapman*, Karen Adam*, Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-11638](#) Pam Gosal: Clyde 1 Radio of Clydebank Celebrates 50 Years on Air (lodged on 12 December 2023)

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New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Craig Hoy*, Foysol Choudhury*, Edward Mountain*, Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*, Alexander Stewart*, Meghan Gallacher*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Douglas Ross*, Jeremy Balfour*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Russell Findlay*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*, Bob Doris*, Brian Whittle*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11637](#) Paul O'Kane: Temporary Closure of Neilston Post Office (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Mercedes Villalba*, Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-11636](#) Sandesh Gulhane: The Burrell Collection Wins Best Visitor Attraction Award (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11633](#) Jackie Baillie: West Dunbartonshire Council's Rediscovering the Antonine Wall Project Wins Scottish Thistle Award (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11632](#) Jackie Baillie: SEA LIFE Loch Lomond Wins Scottish Thistle Award (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11631](#) Pam Gosal: Creatovators CIC Milngavie Celebrates 10th Anniversary (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11630](#) Rona Mackay: Top Award for Founder of Bishopbriggs-based Powerchair Football Club (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11628](#) Christine Grahame: Happy Galashiels (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-11627](#) Pam Gosal: Visit Scotland Thistle Award Won by Rediscovering the Antonine Wall Project (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11626](#) Jim Fairlie: MacRosty Park Awarded Dementia Friendly Environment Accreditation (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11625](#) Pam Gosal: Visit Scotland Thistle Award Won by SEA LIFE Loch Lomond (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11624](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Bothwell Hairstylist Wins Scots Hairdresser of the Year (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*

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[S6M-11623](#) Fulton MacGregor: Robert Maxwell Named Visitor Attraction Manager of the Year at the 2024 Whisky Magazine Awards (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11622](#) Maggie Chapman: Universal Declaration of Human Rights Turns 75 (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Mercedes Villalba*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-11620](#) Christine Grahame: Queen's Nurse Title Returns to NHS Borders for Seventh Consecutive Year (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11619](#) Ariane Burgess: Celebrating Roy Dennis Winning the Species Champion Award for his Lifetime Work on Osprey Conservation (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11618](#) Stuart McMillan: Riverside Youth Band Members are History Makers (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11615](#) Sharon Dowey: Parkinson's Excellence Network Awards 2023 (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-11614](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Uddingston's Anderson Aromatics Wins Best Green Sunscreen for a Toddler Gold Award (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11613](#) Katy Clark: Ongoing Dispute at the MoD DES Site in Beith (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S6M-11605](#) Mercedes Villalba: Right to Boycott (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Carol Mochan* R

[S6M-11604](#) Clare Adamson: Coltness High School Pupil Selected for Lanarkshire Secondary Schools FA Select (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11603](#) Sarah Boyack: The Scottish Green Energy Awards 2023 (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11596](#) Ariane Burgess: Nature of Scotland Awards 2023 – Highlands and Islands Winners (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

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[S6M-11594](#) Annabelle Ewing: Kids Come First Donates Bikes to Local Families (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Colin Beattie*

[S6M-11587](#) Kevin Stewart: UK Gold Reserves and the Cost of Living Crisis (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11582](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders Fashion Show Raises Awareness of Endometriosis (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Craig Hoy*, Douglas Ross*, Alexander Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Karen Adam*, Annie Wells*, Sue Webber*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Foysoyl Choudhury*, Bill Kidd*, Meghan Gallacher*, Russell Findlay*, Pam Gosal*, Edward Mountain*, Miles Briggs*, Christine Grahame*

[S6M-11580](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders Tourism Business Takes Home Top Prize at Thistle Awards (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Craig Hoy*, Russell Findlay*, Karen Adam*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11576](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Congratulating St Mungo's Primary School on Opening its New STEM Room (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Maggie Chapman*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11550](#) Ariane Burgess: 2023 MG Alba Scots Trad Awards – Congratulating Fèis Rois on Winning Community Project of the Year (lodged on 06 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: Brian Whittle*, Pam Gosal*, Rachael Hamilton* R

[S6M-11523](#) Ivan McKee: Physics Powering the Green Economy (lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11510](#) Jackie Dunbar: Iconic Fountain Returns to Woodside (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*, Christine Grahame*

[S6M-11473](#) Alexander Burnett: Aberdeenshire Architectural and Landscape Design Awards (lodged on 29 November 2023)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Russell Findlay*, Karen Adam*, Sue Webber*

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[S6M-11450](#) Karen Adam: Seabird Census (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-11023](#) Fulton MacGregor: Fathers Network Scotland Publishes Dads' Survey Report 2023 (lodged on 01 November 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10934](#) Jeremy Balfour: Marie Curie Services in Edinburgh and Lothian (lodged on 24 October 2023)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S6M-10615](#) Martin Whitfield: 2023 Beautiful Scotland Award Winners (lodged on 26 September 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-09975](#) Bob Doris: 75 Years of Marie Curie (lodged on 18 July 2023)

New Support: Kaukab Stewart*, Ben Macpherson*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 20 December 2023

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- 1. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will report on its consultation on proposals to close fishing for sandeel in all Scottish waters. ([S6O-02894](#))
- 2. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact the recently announced trilateral agreement on total allowable catch limits and management measures for jointly managed fish stocks in the North Sea will have on fishers in Aberdeen and the north east of Scotland. ([S6O-02895](#))
- 3. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of the costs of the licensing schemes contained within the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill will be covered by the licence fees. ([S6O-02896](#))
- 4. Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when the previously ring-fenced £33 million of funding allocated to the agriculture sector as a result of the Bew Review will be returned to its budget for the portfolio covering agriculture. ([S6O-02897](#))
- 5. Foyso Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government whether urban areas will be included in its land reform legislation. ([S6O-02898](#))
- 6. Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had regarding the sale of low-welfare pets ahead of the Christmas period. ([S6O-02899](#))
- 7. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its cross-government co-ordination on islands policies, what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding any impact on island communities of its proposed EPC reforms. ([S6O-02900](#)) R
- 8. Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government how it engaged with fishing industry stakeholders as part of the annual fisheries negotiations. ([S6O-02901](#))

NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

- 1. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to address obesity. ([S6O-02902](#))
- 2. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will reconsider its reported plans to downgrade the Wishaw Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. ([S6O-02903](#))
- 3. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work of its NHS Forth Valley Assurance Board. ([S6O-02904](#))
- 4. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with the Scottish Medicines Consortium. ([S6O-02905](#))
- 5. Stephanie Callaghan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent Public Health Scotland report, *Infant Feeding Statistics Scotland*. ([S6O-02906](#))
- 6. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to establish a specialist endometriosis centre within every NHS board in Scotland. ([S6O-02907](#))

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7. Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has reviewed the GP services model, including in relation to whether patients are getting appointments when they need them. ([S6O-02908](#))

8. James Dornan: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in developing the Hospital at Home service. ([S6O-02909](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 21 December 2023

Social Justice

1. Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to data from National Records of Scotland showing a rise in homelessness-related deaths since 2017. ([S6O-02910](#))

2. Willie Coffey: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact that the UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership may have on its New Scots integration strategy. ([S6O-02911](#))

3. Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what work to tackle poverty it is currently undertaking to support people who are in debt to public bodies. ([S6O-02912](#))

4. Alasdair Allan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the roll-out of its new Carer Support Payment in the Western Isles and other pilot areas. ([S6O-02913](#))

5. Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government how many children in Aberdeen have received the Scottish Child Payment since its inception. ([S6O-02914](#))

6. Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether its plans for the delivery of Employment Injury Assistance include support for firefighters diagnosed with cancer, in light of reported calls for this welfare benefit to be made available to this workforce. ([S6O-02915](#))

7. Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the MS Society's reported call for PIP applications to end the so-called 20-metre rule and replace it with a 50-metre threshold until an alternative is found. ([S6O-02916](#))

8. Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the housing minister has had with ministerial colleagues regarding any impact on the availability of housing through the private rented sector of its energy efficiency reforms. ([S6O-02917](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 21 December 2023

1. Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the small business minister has had with ministerial colleagues regarding an assessment of the total number of self-catering properties in Scotland since the introduction of its short-term let licensing scheme. ([S6O-02918](#))

2. Stuart McMillan: [Not Lodged]

3. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the steps that it is taking to tackle loss and damage in marginalised communities. ([S6O-02920](#))

4. Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what recent engagement it has had with Scottish Mountain Rescue teams regarding mountain safety this winter. ([S6O-02921](#))

5. Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government to which countries Police Scotland has delivered international training projects to date. ([S6O-02922](#))

6. Paul Sweeney: [Not Lodged]

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7. Collette Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government how its Budget will affect East Kilbride. ([S6O-02924](#))

8. Evelyn Tweed: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Scotgold Resources Ltd regarding any support that can be provided to employees who may lose their jobs at its Cononish Gold Mine near Tyndrum, in light of the reported announcement that the company has gone into administration. ([S6O-02925](#))

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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 parliament Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

Government initiated questions lodged on 13 December 2023

[S6W-23892](#) Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government when it will provide an update on the scoping study that it commissioned on historic forced adoption.

[S6W-23893](#) Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on negotiations with COSLA to agree a new Fiscal Framework with local government.

[S6W-23902](#) Evelyn Tweed: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the *Independent Review of Audiology Services in Scotland*, and what actions it plans to take.

Written questions lodged on 13 December 2023

[S6W-23311](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance to the Finance and Public Administration Committee on 21 November 2023, for what reason it is reportedly no longer funding the delivery of mental health and wellbeing in primary care services.

[S6W-23312](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance to the Finance and Public Administration Committee on 21 November 2023, what consideration it gave to the time and resources used to date by health and social care partnerships to plan for the delivery of mental health and wellbeing in primary care services before making the reported decision to withdraw funding from Mental Health Recovery and Renewal Fund for this purpose.

[S6W-23313](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance to the Finance and Public Administration Committee on 21 November 2023, how it plans to support health and social care partnerships to deliver on its *Mental health and wellbeing in primary care services: planning guidance*, following its reported decision to no longer provide the funding from the Mental Health Recovery and Renewal Fund that was previously committed to support such delivery.

[S6W-23753](#) Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported concerns from environmental third sector organisations that a real-terms reduction in funding to environmental agencies could lead to Scotland failing to meet environmental and biodiversity targets.

[S6W-23754](#) Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact of the reported 40% real-terms reduction to NatureScot's funding since 2010-11 on the agency's ability to carry out its statutory duties.

[S6W-23755](#) Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact of the reported 26% real-terms reduction to SEPA's funding since 2010-11 on the agency's ability to carry out its statutory duties.

[S6W-23756](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made regarding any potential impact of a reduction in university applications from international students on the long-term sustainability of higher education institutions in Scotland.

[S6W-23757](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the number of pupils currently learning in temporary (a) buildings, (b) classrooms and (c) schools that are not part of their own campus.

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[S6W-23758 Pam Duncan-Glancy:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any additional costs associated with the phase 3 bids for the Learning Estate Investment Programme as a result of the delay in communicating who had been awarded funding.

[S6W-23759 Pam Duncan-Glancy:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what additional costs have been incurred from phase 1 and phase 2 of the Learning Estate Investment Programme projects as a result of any changes in material or build costs.

[S6W-23760 Mercedes Villalba:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report, *Killing to Kill: An Ethical Assessment of "Predator Control" on Scottish Moors*, by the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics.

[S6W-23786 Sarah Boyack:](#) To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it has made any commitments to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals within its functions, and, if so, what commitments it has made.

[S6W-23836 Mark Griffin:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken to consider the number of (a) affordable, (b) social and (c) private homes that could be delivered on Scottish Government land should the estate be rationalised. **R**

[S6W-23837 Mark Griffin:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the underoccupancy rate has been for each of its offices in each month since January 2019, also broken down by location.

[S6W-23838 Fergus Ewing:](#) To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Cabinet Secretary for Finance has reportedly declined to meet the Scottish Hospitality Group to hear its case for provision to be made in the Budget for 2024-25 to match that provided to hospitality businesses in England.

[S6W-23839 Alexander Stewart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that patients in the NHS Forth Valley area have access to assessments for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and what the waiting time currently is for ADHD assessments to be carried out by NHS Forth Valley.

[S6W-23840 Rhoda Grant:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022, for what reason the coming into force date of sections 3, 7 and 8 is proposed to be changed from 31 December 2023 to 30 June 2024.

[S6W-23841 Ash Regan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what measures are in place to ensure that the 6.5% increase in practice staff earnings, as part of the uplifted General Medical Services (GMS) contract for 2023-24, is applied to all practice staff, including general practice nurses, particularly in practices not aligned with the Agenda for Change, in light of reported instances where staff have only received a 3% pay rise.

[S6W-23842 Mark Griffin:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what plans are being considered to counter the potential impact on eviction rates of the expiry of restrictions on evictions. **R**

[S6W-23843 Mark Griffin:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether research has been conducted into the potential impact on average rental costs of the expiry of the rent cap, under Part 1 and Schedule 1 of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022. **R**

[S6W-23844 Mark Griffin:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed what additional support for tenants regarding housing costs and eviction protection may be needed between the expiry of the rent cap, under Part 1 and Schedule 2 of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022, and the commencement of any permanent rent control measures. **R**

[S6W-23846 Mark Griffin:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether rent officers working for Rent Service Scotland will use new benchmarks to assess rent increase proposals from landlords, after the expiry of the rent cap. **R**

[S6W-23848 Craig Hoy:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many civil servants are working on preparations for a National Care Service, and what the cost of these civil servants is on (a) an annualised and (b) a cumulative basis.

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[S6W-23849](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government whether it supports the campaign to amend the Consumer Protection Act to remove the current 10-year longstop limitation and extend the time period to 20 years.

[S6W-23850](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many eye patients in NHS (a) Lothian, (b) Borders and (c) Fife have had to receive treatment in Glasgow due to a reported lack of theatre capacity at the Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion in Edinburgh.

[S6W-23851](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many outpatient appointments there have been at the Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion in Edinburgh in each year since 1999.

[S6W-23852](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many training opportunities have been available for students at the Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion in Edinburgh in each year since 1999.

[S6W-23854](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what support it has made available to help cover the costs of running vital medical equipment for patients at home.

[S6W-23855](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many deaths have been attributed to thrombosis in Scotland in each year since 1999.

[S6W-23856](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W- 21565 by Natalie Don on 4 October 2023, whether it will publish the outcomes of the research by The Lines Between before the end of 2023.

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New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to the affirmative procedure

The following draft instrument was laid before Parliament on 13 December 2023 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 62(10) of the Health Act 1999

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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).

Supported by: Rhoda Grant, Mark Griffin, Jackie Baillie, Willie Rennie, Liam McArthur, Alex Rowley, Foysool Choudhury, Pam Duncan-Glancy, Carol Mochan, Richard Leonard, Monica Lennon, Paul Sweeney, Mercedes Villalba

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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)

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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

Lead committee – Delegated Powers and Law Reform

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

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (75th Report, 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

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Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

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

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

Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (74th Report, 2023)

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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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)

Subject to approval by 6 February 2024

[Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (13 December 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Negative instruments

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)

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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)

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[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)

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

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[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

The following reports were published on 13 December 2023—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 20th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Flytipping (Fixed Penalties) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/335) (SP Paper 490)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 12th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 7 December 2023 (SP Paper 494)

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 13 December 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Health and Care Professions Council Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/198) laid under Articles 44(2) and 46(7) of the Health Professions Order 2001

HM Fire Service Inspectorate - Mental Health and Wellbeing Support in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SG/2023/282) laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Scottish Futures Trust Investments (SFTi) Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/307) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) Limited Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/306) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Corrections

Members' Corrections

Official Report, Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Meeting, 21 November 2023

The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition, Mairi McAllan, has identified errors in her contribution and provided the following corrections.

The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition (Mairi McAllan):

At column 3, paragraph 2—

Original text—

The schemes will put legal obligations on car and van manufacturers in the UK to sell zero emissions vehicles each year and for a percentage of their sales to constitute zero emissions vehicles, ramping up from 22 per cent of all those sold in 2024 to 80 per cent of new cars in 2030.

Corrected text—

The schemes will put legal obligations on car and van manufacturers in the UK to sell zero emissions vehicles each year and for a percentage of their sales to constitute zero emissions vehicles, ramping up from 22 per cent in 2024 to 80 per cent of new cars in 2030.

At column 6, paragraph 5—

Original text—

My colleague Fiona Hyslop recently announced our new vision for public charging in Scotland, which looks to take us to 6,000 public charging points by 2030, with £60 million of investment, some of which will be public investment, some of which will leverage in private investment. We are in the early days of working with local authorities on their plans and how to do that.

Corrected text—

My colleague Fiona Hyslop recently announced our new vision for public charging in Scotland, which looks to take us to 6,000 public charging points by 2026, with £60 million of investment, some of which will be public investment, some of which will leverage in private investment. We are in the early days of working with local authorities on their plans and how to do that.

Official Report, Education, Children and Young People Committee Meeting, 22 November 2023

The Minister for Higher and Further Education and Minister for Veterans, Graeme Dey, has identified an error in his contribution and provided the following correction.

The Minister for Higher and Further Education and Minister for Veterans (Graeme Dey):

At column 5, paragraph 6—

Original text—

If a regional board comes to the conclusion that there is something of concern to it, it has the opportunity to escalate that to the Scottish Qualifications Authority.

Corrected text—

If a regional board comes to the conclusion that there is something of concern to it, it has the opportunity to escalate that to the Scottish Funding Council.

Members' corrections are published alongside, but do not replace the original contribution and can be accessed via the Scottish Parliament website at:

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