

Wednesday 27 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

There are no meetings today.

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## Committee Meetings

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## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 20 December 2023

### 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 — S6M-10378 Jeremy Balfour: Addressing the Availability of Changing Places Toilets

### 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 Debate: The Impact of UK Government Asylum Policy and Legislation in Scotland

**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-11664 Collette Stevenson: Protecting FCDO Jobs in East Kilbride

### 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 — S6M-11518 Rhoda Grant: Bank of Scotland Ending Mobile Branch Services across Scotland

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions  
Education and Skills

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Public Service Values

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

## **Tuesday 16 January 2024**

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Financial Resolution: Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

## **Wednesday 17 January 2024**

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

**followed by** Scottish Labour Party Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

**5:10 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

## **Thursday 18 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: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

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## Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

### Education, Children and Young People Committee

10 January 2024

1st Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Post School Education and Skills Reform:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Graeme Dey, Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans,  
Scottish Government.
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](mailto:Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot)

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## Motions

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

### Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- \* before the number indicates publication for the first time
- \*...\* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

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

### Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

**\*[S6M-11728](#) Ariane Burgess: Celebrating Scotland's National Native Woodlands**—That the Parliament notes the 10th anniversary, on 29 January 2024, of Scots pine becoming Scotland's national tree; understands that Caledonian pinewoods are unique to Scotland, and are the natural home of Scots pine; considers that Scotland is globally important for Caledonian pinewoods and Atlantic rainforest, and therefore has a special responsibility to protect and restore them; understands that both types of woodland support a wealth of biodiversity and can help mitigate against the impacts of climate change; notes the belief that browsing by deer and the spread of invasive non-native species means that many Caledonian pinewoods and Atlantic rainforests will not survive without urgent action; believes that these pressures impact all native woodlands across Scotland; notes the support for landscape-scale deer management and targeted grant funding to enable their restoration; further notes the view that Forestry and Land Scotland should continue to take a leadership role in this restoration, especially in the removal of invasive non-native species such as rhododendron; notes what it sees as the growing number of private landowners involved in pinewood and rainforest restoration, including at Glen Loyne in East Glen Quoch, Highlands, and thanks environmental groups like Trees for Life, Woodland Trust Scotland and Plantlife, as well as community groups such as Arkaig Community Forest in the Highlands, Langholm Initiative in the Borders, Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust, Argyll Coast and Communities Trust, and others in the Community Woodlands Association, for their efforts to restore Scotland's native woodlands.

### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S6M-11745](#) Jeremy Balfour: World Braille Day 2024**—That the Parliament recognises World Braille Day on 4 January 2024; understands that this day raises awareness about the importance of Braille and celebrates the legacy of Louis Braille; recognises that, in 2018, the United Nations General Assembly decided to make it an official observance; understands that World Braille Day promotes awareness of the importance of accessibility and inclusion in education and information in the digital age; believes that much can be done for people who have a visual impairment, and commends all of the advocacy that those celebrating World Braille Day do to promote Braille literacy and inclusion for people with visual impairments.

**\*[S6M-11742](#) Carol Mochan: The Importance of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust's Work to Support Women**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of the work carried out by the Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) in Scotland; understands that CRT provides support to communities in former coalfield areas that, to this day, face challenges as a result of what it sees as rapid deindustrialisation and lack of investment; further understands that much of this work focuses on the improvement of health, skills, and employment opportunities, often with a specific focus on supporting women, who, it believes, are understood to spend fewer years in good health than men, are underrepresented in key areas related to STEM, and are disproportionately impacted when it comes to matters such as the gender pay gap; believes that any reduction in the CRT budget would have an adverse impact on its ability to support women and girls living in former coalfield areas in a time when they require greater levels of support, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to reinstate the £100,000 that it understands has been removed from the CRT budget to ensure that CRT can continue to sustain its levels of work, including supporting projects aimed at improving the outcomes and opportunities of women and other key groups in former coalfield areas.

**\*[S6M-11741](#) Katy Clark: GEOAmeY's Court Custody and Prisoner Escort Services Contract**—That the Parliament expresses its concern at the findings of the Audit Scotland report of December 2023, which outlines what it considers to be failures on the part of GEOAmeY in delivering its contractual obligations for Scottish Court Custody and Prisoner Escort Services; understands that the PCS and GMB trade unions have expressed concern at what they regard as endemic failings on the part of GEOAmeY in relation to the contract; further understands that the PCS union has written to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs to present evidence on these matters; notes the reported concerns of solicitors that a lack of custody staff is leading to delays in courts across Scotland; further notes with concern that GEOAmeY is reportedly no longer being fined for contractual breaches; believes that insufficient staffing levels compromise the safety of workers in the justice system, jurors and the wider public; notes that GEOAmeY's contract is worth hundreds of millions of pounds, and calls on the Scottish Government to review GEOAmeY's contractual obligations with a view to taking further action.

**\*[S6M-11716](#) Annie Wells: Docks and Piers Trust Charity Raises Monies for Govan Dry Docks**—That the Parliament congratulates the charity, Docks and Piers Trust, on raising £40,000 to carry out the first phase of the reactivation work at Govan Dry Docks, which saw the dock emptied and works carried out on the gate; notes that the charity has also secured £25,000 to fund the next phase, which will include work on the culvert; understands that BAE systems is supporting the charity by providing the keel blocks for the dock by way of a gift, saving the charity £150,000 of its entire budget; acknowledges that the charity was formed in 2020 with the purpose of acquiring the historic docks and piers on the Clyde, with the aim of preserving and improving the structures so that they can be returned to operational condition, enabling the public to experience their heritage and historical significance; recognises that the charity is also interacting with local businesses and philanthropists, with a view to raising the remaining £85,000 needed to cover the cost of new fencing and pumps; notes that the charity has granted a licence to Govan Drydock Ltd to operate Dock No1 on its behalf when the dock reopens, and acknowledges that the budget to reactivate Dock No1 was set at £300,000 and that the charity signed a lease with its owner, Bishop Loch Development Scotland, in 2022.

Supported by: Sandesh Gulhane\*, Colin Beattie\*

**\*[S6M-11715](#) Sharon Dowey: Congratulating Multi Award-winning Family Business, We Hae Meat**—That the Parliament congratulates Carly and Alex Paton and their family-run business, We

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Hae Meat, on winning two prestigious titles at *The Herald* Family Business Awards 2023, held in association with Business Gateway; applauds the Paton family on winning the Green Family Business of the Year Award and the Scottish Family Business of the Year (small-medium) Award on the night; understands that the awards recognise legacy and the desire to see family business play a part in communities; further understands that the Girvan-based business launched in 2007 and was named as one of Scotland's top 10 fastest growing food brands by Kantar earlier in 2023; commends Alex and his family for their hard work and commitment to their business, championing diversification and sustainability, and wishes them all continued success in future endeavours.

**\*[S6M-11714](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Rugby Club U18 Team Wins SRU National Bowl Final**—That the Parliament congratulates Kirkcaldy Rugby Club U18 team after it won the SRU National Bowl Final at the town's Beveridge Park recently; understands that the team, which is led by Balwearie High School Head Boy, Euan Stewart, won the final against Hamilton/Strathaven U18s after having an unbeaten start to the competition; notes that the Kirkcaldy Rugby Club U18 team was coached to victory through some of its toughest matches to date by Kawe Enoke, Alan Pratt, Steve Montgomery with Cara Montgomery in the management roles; recognises that the squad is made up of local boys from Kirkcaldy and the surrounding area, with many of the young men having played together for many years, through the Kirkcaldy Rugby Club's junior team, the Wee Blues, and up into the youth ranks; commends the team for its exceptional teamwork in winning a national competition, especially as for many of the squad it was their last major competition before moving on to senior rugby, and wishes the squad and its management and coaching team all the very best for the future.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser\* R, Karen Adam\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Bill Kidd\*, Colin Beattie\*, Miles Briggs\*

### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**[S6M-11740](#) Mercedes Villalba: Welcoming New PCS General Secretary, Fran Heathcote**  
(lodged on 20 December 2023)

New Support: Sarah Boyack\*, Monica Lennon\* R, Ash Regan\*

**[S6M-11739](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Congratulating Multi Cultural Family Base on its 25th Anniversary** (lodged on 21 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-11738](#) Tess White: Aberdeen International Airport Donates £62,000 to Charity Partners**  
(lodged on 21 December 2023)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Bill Kidd\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Craig Hoy\*, Jamie Greene\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Liam Kerr\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Russell Findlay\*

**[S6M-11735](#) Clare Haughey: Cambuslang Resident Opening Business on Christmas Day to Offer Company for Others** (lodged on 21 December 2023)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing\*, James Dornan\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-11734](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Lewis McGill** (lodged on 21 December 2023)

New Support: Emma Harper\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Bill Kidd\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Karen Adam\*, Paul Sweeney\*

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**[S6M-11732](#) Alexander Stewart: Wee County Health Centres Go Green to Cut Emissions**  
(lodged on 21 December 2023)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Craig Hoy\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Russell Findlay\*

**[S6M-11729](#) Sharon Dowey: A Musical Tribute to Miners who Lost their Lives at Pits in Ayrshire and Across Scotland** (lodged on 21 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-11727](#) Mercedes Villalba: Dundee's Outstanding MAXwell Centre and Community Garden** (lodged on 21 December 2023)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Sarah Boyack\*, Bill Kidd\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-11721](#) Annie Wells: Allied Vehicles Glasgow Donates Christmas Gifts to Local Children** (lodged on 21 December 2023)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Russell Findlay\*

**[S6M-11720](#) Annie Wells: Asda Maryhill Treats Young People to Christmas Dinner** (lodged on 20 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11719](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow School Teachers Collect Toys to Donate to Children**  
(lodged on 20 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11718](#) Sue Webber: Currie Chieftans Win National Youth Boys Under-16s Rugby Cup Final at Murrayfield** (lodged on 20 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*, Gordon MacDonald\*

**[S6M-11717](#) Alexander Stewart: Wee County Nature Group Awarded Top Accolade** (lodged on 20 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11713](#) Sue Webber: Professor Mercedes Maroto-Valer from Heriot-Watt University Receives Net-Zero Industries Award 2023 at COP28** (lodged on 21 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-11712](#) Sue Webber: Congratulating St Kentigern's Academy on Being Crowned Scotland's Champions of the CyberFirst Girls Competition** (lodged on 20 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11711](#) Stephen Kerr: Newmarket Street, Falkirk** (lodged on 20 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11710](#) Stephen Kerr: Falkirk Forgotten Villages** (lodged on 20 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11709](#) Stephen Kerr: St James' Research Centre** (lodged on 20 December 2023)

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New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11708](#) Stephen Kerr: East Stirlingshire Eco Drive** (lodged on 20 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11707](#) Stephen Kerr: Sustainable Thinking Scotland** (lodged on 20 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11705](#) Stephen Kerr: Bo'ness Recreation Centre** (lodged on 19 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11700](#) Rona Mackay: Definition of Deafblindness** (lodged on 21 December 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-11691](#) Tess White: Montrose Community Groups Awarded Seagreen Wind Energy Micro-grant Funding** (lodged on 18 December 2023)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*

**[S6M-11690](#) Tess White: NHS Grampian Launches Staff Support Hub** (lodged on 18 December 2023)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*

**[S6M-11682](#) Pam Gosal: Saving the Milan Day Centre in Kirkintilloch** (lodged on 18 December 2023)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*

**[S6M-11681](#) Pam Gosal: Milngavie and Bishopbriggs Police Stations Earmarked for Closure** (lodged on 18 December 2023)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*

**[S6M-11680](#) Jackie Dunbar: ABZ Propeller Fund Donates over £25,000 to Local Projects** (lodged on 18 December 2023)

New Support: Kevin Stewart\*, Colin Beattie\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Emma Harper\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Bill Kidd\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Karen Adam\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*

**[S6M-11675](#) Liam Kerr: Rosie's Social Enterprises Congratulated for its Work** (lodged on 15 December 2023)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11674](#) Claire Baker: Celebrating the Success of Stirling High School Pupils at St Andrew's Day Debating Competition** (lodged on 21 December 2023)

New Support: Emma Harper\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-11669](#) Miles Briggs: Opening of New MND Research Institute in Edinburgh** (lodged on 15 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

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**[S6M-11653](#) Sue Webber: Congratulating West Lothian College on Winning Awards at the CDN College Awards 2023** (lodged on 19 December 2023)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*

**[S6M-11634](#) Gordon MacDonald: The WHY Project's Kevin Brown, Local Hero Award Winner** (lodged on 19 December 2023)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*

**[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: Audrey Nicoll\*

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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 22 December 2023

**[S6W-24040](#) Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23014 by Neil Gray on 28 November 2023, until such time as the review of the carbon calculator is completed, how it plans to comply with policy 5(c)(ii) of the National Planning Framework 4 by ensuring that developers correctly calculate emissions from the development versus the carbon savings to be made from displacing fossil fuels from the grid.

**[S6W-24060](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23433 by Joe FitzPatrick on 13 December 2023, what its response is to reported concerns that (a) local authority planning teams are unable to process planning applications for renewable technologies beyond onshore wind, such as hydrogen, due to gaps in knowledge around these new types of technology and (b) current legislation, including the National Planning Framework provisions of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019, is not keeping up with the development of new technologies.

**[S6W-24063](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Scottish House Condition Survey not taking account of low carbon heating technologies in domestic buildings, such as heat pumps and solar, what consideration it has given to including such types of heating systems in the Scottish House Condition Survey in the future.

**[S6W-24064](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22664 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, what its position is on how the proposal that "Owner occupied homes that have ended their use of polluting heating by 2033 will not be required to meet the minimum energy efficiency standard", as set out in its consultation on proposals for a Heat in Buildings Bill, promotes a "fabric first approach".

**[S6W-24065](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the ClimateXChange report, *Clean heat and energy efficiency workforce assessment*, finding that "Most small businesses interviewed had a low awareness of current funding available for training and upskilling/reskilling, only mentioning the Flexible Workforce Development Fund and the Skill Development funding", what action it is taking to increase awareness of such funding among businesses.

**[S6W-24245](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S6W-23685 and S6W-23686 by Graeme Dey on 21 December 2023, in light of the budgets for the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) and Skills Development Scotland (SDS) being reduced in the Scottish Budget 2024-25, what its position is on how the Scottish Budget will impact its engagement with SFC and SDS to monitor enrolments and destinations after course completion for courses that impact the energy efficiency and low-carbon heating sector.

**[S6W-24246](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government on what date it expects to publish the minutes of the meeting of the Scottish Advisory Group on Relationships and Behaviour in Schools that took place on 12 December 2023.

**[S6W-24250](#) Foyso Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to prevent non-communicable diseases (NCD), in light of a recent report by a group of cross-party MSPs and NCD Alliance Scotland calling for further action on NCD prevention.

**[S6W-24251](#) Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what public funding is currently available to support community-scale participation in the seaweed cultivation industry, and what additional funding might become available during this early development phase of the industry.

**[S6W-24252](#) Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether local authorities will be statutory consultees in relation to the licensing of seaweed aquaculture in their areas.

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**S6W-24253 Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what role local authorities will have in relation to the regulation of seaweed aquaculture in their area.

**S6W-24254 Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the forthcoming Regional Marine Plans will be required to identify locations where seaweed cultivation is to be supported. **R**

**S6W-24255 Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will require NatureScot to publish a guidance document on seaweed cultivation.

**S6W-24256 Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what pre-application consultation procedures relating to marine licensing of seaweed aquaculture will be introduced.

**S6W-24257 Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether seaweed cultivation will be included under schedule 2 of the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017.

**S6W-24262 Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what immediate actions it is taking in relation to the INEOS Grangemouth site, in light of the Just Transition Commission's 2023 annual report.

**S6W-24264 Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to deliver on the recommendation in *A Review of the Aquaculture Regulatory Process in Scotland*, which was published in February 2022, that a 10-year regulatory framework should be produced for the seaweed part of aquaculture within 12 months of the publication of its vision for aquaculture. **R**

**S6W-24265 Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will establish a project board to take forward the development of a regulatory framework for seaweed aquaculture in accordance with the recommendation in *A Review of the Aquaculture Regulatory Process in Scotland*, which was published in February 2022. **R**

**S6W-24266 Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that all parties with an interest in seaweed aquaculture are represented on any project board that is established to take forward the development of a regulatory framework, as recommended in *A Review of the Aquaculture Regulatory Process in Scotland*, which was published in February 2022. **R**

**S6W-24267 Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to conduct an economic appraisal of the seaweed aquaculture sector, in line with the Green Book guidance issued by HM Treasury on how to appraise policies, programmes and projects.

**S6W-24268 Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government whether there will be a chapter on seaweed aquaculture in the National Marine Plan 2 (NMP2) to reflect the value of this activity within the Scottish marine area.

**S6W-24269 Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Little Minch Routes Infrastructure Programme. **R**

**S6W-24270 Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has conducted any analysis to ascertain the estimated total value of Scotland's Intangible Cultural Heritage, and, if so, whether it can provide details of this.

**S6W-24271 Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has plans to accelerate funding for organisations in the culture sector that are facing a reported unprecedented financial crisis that could threaten their existence, in light of the spending plans in the Scottish Budget 2024-25.

**S6W-24272 Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government what level of demand for culture funding it anticipates from organisations over the next five years, and whether that will impact on its plans for future funding.

**S6W-24273 Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it can give to town-twinning organisations to help foster international relations between communities.

**S6W-24290 Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23490 by Graeme Dey on 15 December 2023, for what reason it does not hold

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specific data on the number of disabled young people supported through Developing the Young Workforce.

**S6W-24316 Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23367 by Mairi Gougeon on 18 December 2023, in light of the Scottish Budget for 2024-25 now being published, whether it will provide the information requested regarding what the eligibility criteria are for slurry storage grants under the new Agri-Environment Climate Scheme, which is due to open in early 2024, in light of reports that, if a holding or farm has been in receipt of a grant in the past, then it is ineligible.

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## New Subordinate Legislation

### Not subject to parliamentary procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 22 December 2023 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

[Importation of Animals and Related Products \(Miscellaneous Amendment and Revocation\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/391\)](#)

Laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

## 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

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

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills>

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

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (77<sup>th</sup> Report, 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)), 20 December 2023

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 19 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 (45<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

### **Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill (G)**

Introduced, 21 December 2023

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### **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](mailto: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 (10<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (64<sup>th</sup> 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 (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 19 December 2023

### **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 19 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 (13<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

*Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (11<sup>th</sup> 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 (75<sup>th</sup> 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 (70<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

### **Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 21 December 2023

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*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (72<sup>nd</sup> Report, 2023)*

### **Scottish Languages Bill (G)**

Introduced, 29 November 2023

*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)**

Passed, 20 December 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

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (78<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

### **Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 16 January 2024

*Stage 1 Report - Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee (10<sup>th</sup> 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 (65<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

## **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

**A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:**

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### **Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill LCM-S6-41**

Lodged on 19 December 2023

### **Automated Vehicles Bill LCM-S6-42**

Lodged on 20 December 2023

### **Criminal Justice Bill LCM-S6-43**

Lodged on 21 December 2023

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

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Lodged on 14 September 2023

*Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (7<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (57<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

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

Lodged on 19 July 2023

*Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (6<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (58<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

*Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

### **Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill LCM-S6-40**

Lodged on 15 December 2023

### **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 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 29 January 2024**

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## 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)

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

## Subject to annulment 7 February 2024

### Lead Committee report due by 5 February 2024

[Equality Act 2010 \(Specific Duties\) \(Use of Member Information\) \(Scotland\) Revocation Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/375\)](#) (14 December 2023) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice 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)

### Lead Committee report due by 8 February 2024

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Draft Funeral Director Code of Practice (SG/2023/300) (15 December 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

## New Documents

### Committee Reports

The following report was published on 22 December 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 78th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Victims, Witnesses and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 498)

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

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