

Thursday 30 November 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-11282 Mark Ruskell: Restoring Nature to Tackle Climate Change

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions
Social Justice

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

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5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Public Audit Committee

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security Committee

9:30am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

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11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what its policy is in relation to employment-based routes to teacher training. ([S6O-02822](#))
- 2. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to local authorities to ensure that any subsidised bus routes are maintained. ([S6O-02823](#))
- 3. Bob Doris:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-02824](#))
- 4. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what its priorities are for COP28. ([S6O-02825](#))
- 5. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding it is providing for regeneration and economic renewal projects in the south of Scotland. ([S6O-02826](#))
- 6. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase the use of buses across Scotland. ([S6O-02827](#))
- 7. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with East Lothian Council regarding the future of local public service provision in the area, including in relation to the Loch Centre in Tranent. ([S6O-02828](#))
- 8. Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with Glasgow City Council and Glasgow Life regarding the future provision of public services and facilities in the region, including the Glasgow National Hockey Centre. ([S6O-02829](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Douglas Ross:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02574](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02575](#))
- 3. Clare Haughey:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to tackle any stigma associated with disclosing a diagnosis of HIV, in light of World AIDS Day on 1 December. ([S6F-02595](#))
- 4. Liam Kerr:** To ask the First Minister when the Scottish Government will publish the results of the A96 Corridor Review. ([S6F-02577](#))
- 5. Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that some young people are leaving school struggling to read. ([S6F-02596](#))
- 6. Rona Mackay:** To ask the First Minister what steps the Scottish Government is taking to mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence. ([S6F-02606](#))

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-11282](#) Mark Ruskell: Restoring Nature to Tackle Climate Change—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the success of the Nature Restoration Fund, which it understands has

now granted over £30 million worth of funding to 150 projects across all of Scotland's 32 local authority areas; understands that the funding is supporting a wide range of nature restoration work, including habitat and species restoration, tackling invasive species, and health and wellbeing projects for local communities; notes that, in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, this includes funding for Argaty Farm to protect water courses and integrate beavers, for Forth Rivers Trust to improve natural flood management and support wading birds, and for the University of St Andrews to restore coastal habitats; recognises that the fund was announced on Nature Day at COP26 in Glasgow in 2021; notes the belief that restoring nature and halting biodiversity loss are key components in tackling the climate crisis; understands that nature will once again be a key theme in the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference in Dubai, and notes the calls for a recommitment to supporting urgent action on the twin nature and climate crises, to ensure that there is a liveable planet for future generations of people in Scotland.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Social Justice

- 1. Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to mitigate any impact of the Illegal Migration Act on the provision of support for refugees, asylum seekers and displaced people living in Scotland. ([S6O-02814](#))
- 2. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to calls from Age Scotland and others to improve plans for the new Pension Age Disability Payment by including extra mobility and travel support for recipients. ([S6O-02815](#))
- 3. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what single-use items will be removed from the Baby Box, in light of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill. ([S6O-02816](#))
- 4. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what plans it has to review property factor legislation. ([S6O-02817](#))
- 5. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what Scottish social security support is available for terminally ill people and their carers. ([S6O-02818](#))
- 6. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent correspondence it has had with the UK Government regarding any impact on its housing policies in Scotland of Local Housing Allowance rates. ([S6O-02819](#))
- 7. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with Inverclyde Council to discuss any impact of depopulation on the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency. ([S6O-02820](#))
- 8. Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking with Social Security Scotland to help with the heating costs of households in the north east. ([S6O-02821](#)) **R**

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-11496](#) **Gillian Martin: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill.

followed by Financial Resolution: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-11498](#) Gillian Martin: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Public Audit Committee 31st 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 and 4 in private.
2. **Scotland's colleges 2023:** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from—
Stuart Brown, National Officer, Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS);
Ellie Gomersall, President, National Union of Students Scotland;
John Mooney, Regional Organiser, UNISON;
Derek Smeall, Principal and Chief Executive, Glasgow Kelvin College (representing the College Principals' Group);
Andrew Witty, Director of Strategic Policy, Colleges Scotland.
3. **Scotland's colleges 2023:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Audit Director;
Tricia Meldrum, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Scotland's colleges 2023:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 31st Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Risga Summers, Policy Manager, and Kirsten Simonnet-Lefevre, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
3. **Delivering Scottish Social Security:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Sally Witcher OBE FRSA, Founder and Director, Inclusive New Normal.
4. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 33rd Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Historic Environment Strategy:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Alex Paterson, Chief Executive, and Dr Adam Jackson, Head of Strategy and Policy, Historic Environment Scotland.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 29 November 2023

Tuesday 5 December 2023

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Post School Education and Skills Reform

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Championing Disability Equality and Human Rights

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-11367 Beatrice Wishart: Future Island and Rural Transport Infrastructure

Wednesday 6 December 2023

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: Fiscal Framework Review

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-11352 Sue Webber: Charitable Hospice Care to Meet Future Need

Thursday 7 December 2023

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-09401 John Swinney: Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Katharine Stewart-Murray, Duchess of Atholl's Election to the UK Parliament

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Skills

followed by Reconsideration Stage Proceedings: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 12 December 2023

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 13 December 2023

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 14 December 2023

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

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

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
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- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

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

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

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-11476](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Edinburgh Diwali 2023**—That the Parliament congratulates Edinburgh Diwali, a registered charity, on organising and hosting the Diwali 2023 celebration in Edinburgh on 19 November 2023; understands that the charity is an initiative by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh to bring Diwali, the most famous Indian festival, to Edinburgh; recognises that Diwali celebrates the victory of good over evil and light over darkness; commends Edinburgh Diwali for celebrating the festival in what it believes was a truly multicultural way, with participation and attendance by different communities in and around Edinburgh; notes that the Edinburgh Diwali Committee is made up of representatives from different faiths, from across different regions of India, who are settled in Edinburgh; further notes that the event included a parade, led by the Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, including the Stockbridge Pipe Band and the Glencorse Pipe Band, with dancers from the Bihari dance group and from the Edinburgh Junoon Dance Society, followed by an eclectic mix of dance, drama, and music performances in Princes Street Gardens and culminated in a spectacular fireworks display; recognises that the event was free and open to all to enjoy, and congratulates Edinburgh Diwali on putting together a successful and vibrant celebration that attracted thousands of spectators.

Supported by: Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*, Pam Gosal*, Alexander Stewart*, Ivan McKee*, Russell Findlay*, Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Marie McNair*, Meghan Gallacher*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

***[S6M-11475](#) Finlay Carson: Team Mouat Wins European Championship for a Fourth Time**—That the Parliament congratulates, and recognises the phenomenal success of, Scotland ice curling stars, led by skip Bruce Mouat, alongside Grant Hardie, Bobby Lammie and Hammy McMillan Jr, both from Stranraer, on winning the European Championships for a third consecutive time, and their fourth time overall; notes that they beat Sweden 6-5 in an extra-end thriller to claim the title at Curl Aberdeen at the weekend; acknowledges that this latest triumph by Team Mouat comes after it won the World Championships earlier in 2023, and took the silver medal at the Olympics in 2022, as well as five national titles, and wishes this remarkable curling team continued success in future competitions.

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***[S6M-11473](#) Alexander Burnett: Aberdeenshire Architectural and Landscape Design**

Awards —That the Parliament congratulates the winners of the 2023 Aberdeenshire Architectural and Landscape Design Awards (AALDA); acknowledges that the awards highlight sustainable design principles, and the creative use of materials and existing buildings in residential and commercial developments; applauds GD Lodge Architects for winning the Ian Shepherd Award, and overall winner of the scheme, for the Vinery; notes that the judges chose the Vinery, by GD Lodge Architects, as an excellent example of reusing unusual buildings in development, rather than building a brand-new structure; congratulates all category winners, including Quarry Studios by Moxon Architects, in the Business and Community Enterprise category and in the Landscape and Biodiversity Enhancement category, The Old School, Ballater, by Ian Rodgers, in the Building Communities for the Future category, the Steading by Allison Joy Architects, in the Innovative Single House Design category, the Vinery by GD Lodge, in the Conservation and Building Adaption category, and wishes them well in their future architectural and landscape design efforts.

***[S6M-11471](#) Tess White: The Widening Gender Pain Gap**—That the Parliament notes the findings of Nurofen's *Gender Pain Gap Index Report: Year 2*, which was published in November 2023; understands that the "Gender Pain Gap" refers to the number of women who feel that their pain has been ignored or dismissed by healthcare professionals, compared with the number of men; notes with concern that the report, based on the insights of more than 5,000 UK respondents, has observed over the past year that the Gender Pain Gap has widened, from 7% to 11%; acknowledges the finding that women are experiencing longer diagnosis times than men, even when reporting the same pain; understands that many of the women surveyed felt that gender bias and gender stereotypes meant that men's pain was taken more seriously by healthcare professionals; further understands that more women than men are likely to experience pains such as headaches, abdominal or stomach pains and migraines, but that nearly one-quarter of those women surveyed have not tried to seek a diagnosis for the pain they experience, compared with 13% of men; considers that more must be done to address the barriers to women receiving treatment for pain, and believes in the report's mission to improve pain management and close the "Gender Pain Gap".

***[S6M-11470](#) Sharon Dowey: Aldo Cecchini Receives Lifetime Achievement**—That the Parliament congratulates Troon's Aldo Cecchini on receiving the Lifetime Achievement award at the Scottish Italian Awards 2023 gala final, which took place at the Doubletree by Hilton in Glasgow on 26 November 2023; understands that Cecchini's began in 1989, when Aldo and his wife, Morag, transformed the old Penny Farthing in Troon into the first Cecchini's Ristorante; further understands that, over time, the business expanded to Ayr and that, in 2007, Cecchini's moved from Troon to Ardrossan; notes that the business is family-run, with son Anthony and his wife Jacqui now at the forefront; commends Aldo for what it sees as his hard work and dedication to the hospitality industry, and wishes him, his family and all at Cecchini's continued success.

***[S6M-11468](#) Emma Harper: Dumfries and Galloway Youth Awards 2023** —That the Parliament congratulates the nominees, winners and organisers of the 2023 Dumfries and Galloway Youth Awards, which took place on 23 November at Easterbrook Hall in Dumfries; acknowledges and commends Sports award winner Matilda Brockley, from Langholm, Dumfries, and Galloway Young Women's Network for winning the Equality award, Maeve Reekie, of Maeve Reekie Makeup and Daydream Beauty, for winning the Young Enterprise and Business award, Mia Gray for winning

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the Young Change Maker award, and Helena Cochrane for winning the Culture, Arts and Entertainment award for her astronomy YouTube channel; congratulates Young Volunteer winner, Dylan Guenther, Unsung Hero award winner, Chelsay McDill, who, despite her own challenges, has cared for generations of her family, on top of her work with Let's Get Sporty; further congratulates Group of the Year winners, Amazing Summer Camp Youth Leaders, who were also awarded Young Person of the Year in a live audience vote, Youth Worker of the Year (Paid), Lisa Martin, of Wigtownshire, and finally Volunteer or Volunteer-involving Organisation winner, Angie Gilmore, for working with a group of young people interested in photography and the arts; commends Dumfries and Galloway Youth Work for its engagement with young people across Dumfries and Galloway through delivering high-quality and sector-leading opportunities in the region, and wishes every one of the nominees and winners every success for the future.

Supported by: Stephanie Callaghan*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*, Martin Whitfield*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, Marie McNair*, Colin Beattie*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*

***[S6M-11465](#) Martin Whitfield: Congratulations to Svetlana Kukharchuk - Scottish Business Woman of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Svetlana Kukharchuk, owner of the Cheese Lady store in Haddington, on her outstanding success on being named Scottish Business Woman of the Year at the National Business Women's Awards 2023; understands that these prestigious awards, which include 21 categories, recognise the exceptional achievements and contributions of women in various industries and businesses across the UK; further understands that this latest success follows the Cheese Lady having been named the regional winner for Scotland at the Farm Shop and Deli Retailer Awards in 2022, and wishes Svetlana, and her team at the Cheese Lady, continued success with the business.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Ivan McKee*, Bill Kidd*

***[S6M-11462](#) Pauline McNeill: Energy Price Cap Review**—That the Parliament notes the announcement by Ofgem that the energy price cap will increase by 5% for the first quarter of 2024; understands that this represents a rise of £94 a year for the average household; believes that this is another disappointing development for millions of households that are having to absorb rising prices and mortgage rates; further believes that the energy price cap should be subject to six-monthly, rather than three-monthly, reviews to provide greater budget certainty for consumers, supplying them with lower bills for longer and allowing greater protection than they have under the current system; is concerned that these increases will push more households into financial hardship, and calls on Ofgem and the UK Government to review the price cap system to ensure that it provides a robust protection for all consumers, particularly vulnerable households.

***[S6M-11461](#) Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Donside Resident Wins Gold at Swimming Championships**—That the Parliament congratulates June Falconer, who recently won gold at the Masters Scottish National Swimming Championships; understands that June won the 1,500m race for the 55 to 59 age group; notes that the Masters swimming community includes people from 16 to 100 years old, with members who swim for fun, recreationally, as well as those who prefer to swim competitively, and that it is inclusive of all abilities and motivations; applauds June for her continued hard work and efforts to gain the gold medal, and wishes her all the best for the future.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, David Torrance*, Emma Harper*, Miles Briggs*, Maggie Chapman*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Bill Kidd*, Audrey Nicoll*, Rona Mackay*

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***S6M-11460 Monica Lennon: Rape Crisis Scotland Campaign: Survivors Can't Wait**—That the Parliament supports the Survivors Can't Wait campaign, launched by Rape Crisis Scotland on 25 November 2023; recognises what it sees as the crucial importance of the well-resourced provision of Rape Crisis services across Scotland; believes that, when a survivor of rape and sexual violence reaches out for support, they must receive it when they need it, not months later; understands that many Rape Crisis centres are being forced to operate what it considers are unacceptably long waiting lists, due to a lack of resources; considers that emergency waiting list funding must be extended so that 28 specialist Rape Crisis workers in Scotland do not lose their jobs; believes that a failure to do this would result in survivors of rape and sexual violence being forced to wait for even longer periods of time to receive support; considers that Rape Crisis services are emergency services and must be funded as such, and believes that such crucial services should not be forced to rely on short-term precarious funding pots and that long-term funding should be guaranteed so that workers and survivors can be certain of lifesaving support continuing into the future.

***S6M-11459 Liz Smith: Scotland Wins European Curling Championships**—That the Parliament sends its congratulations to Scotland's men's curling team on winning the European Curling Championships in Aberdeen; understands that Team Mouat, represented by Bruce Mouat, Grant Hardie, Bobby Lammie and Hammy McMillan, made it four European Championship titles out of four after defeating Sweden 6-5 in the final; notes that the final was a repeat of the Olympic final last year, in which the Swedish side, captained by Niklas Edin, had come out on top; celebrates the continued success of Scotland's curling teams on the international stage, and gives its full support to this historic Scottish sport.

Supported by: Craig Hoy*, Alexander Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Meghan Gallacher*, Miles Briggs*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Brian Whittle*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kevin Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, David Torrance*, Jeremy Balfour*, Edward Mountain*, Jamie Greene*, Stuart McMillan*, Marie McNair*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Rhoda Grant*, Bob Doris*, Russell Findlay*, Pam Gosal*, Murdo Fraser*, Audrey Nicoll*, Ivan McKee*, Bill Kidd*

***S6M-11458 Monica Lennon: Welcoming Victory for the Stop Ecocide Movement as Landmark EU Decision Criminalises Severe Environmental Harms**—That the Parliament notes that the EU has agreed to create a new offence, which, it understands, is intended to punish the most serious crimes against the environment, with new penalties available, including tougher prison sentences for individuals, exclusion from access to public funds for companies and the ability for EU member states to introduce fines for companies; understands that the aim of the new law is to prevent and punish "cases comparable to ecocide" and draws on text proposed by the European Parliament to tackle ecocide-level crime, as well ecocide legislation progressing in Europe and around the world; further understands that the language used follows the proposed definition of ecocide as an international crime drafted by an independent panel of experts convened by the Stop Ecocide Foundation; recognises that more than 600,000 people signed a petition asking the EU to make ecocide a crime; understands that the EU Environmental Crime Directive will be formally passed in early 2024, and that EU member states will have two years to put it into national legislation; believes that the Scottish Government should review this development in light of its commitment to maintain alignment with the EU on environmental protection law, the calls by several organisations in Scotland recommending the crime of ecocide be introduced into Scottish criminal law, including the Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland and Stop Climate Chaos Scotland, and what it considers is the urgent need to tackle the climate and nature crisis; notes that a public consultation on the proposed Ecocide (Prevention) (Scotland) Bill is open until 9 February 2024, and encourages people and organisations to have their say. **R**

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Supported by: Alex Rowley*

***[S6M-11457](#) Gordon MacDonald: Edinburgh College Head of School, Sam Blyth, Awarded Technology Champion in Education**—That the Parliament congratulates Edinburgh College Computing Head of School, Sam Blyth, on being named Technology Champion in Education at the Scotland Women in Technology Awards 2023; recognises Sam's efforts in establishing a number of initiatives to encourage women and girls to consider a career in tech, and acknowledges what it sees as her immense contribution towards addressing a gender imbalance in tech industries, as well as advocating for those from other underrepresented groups to be given equal opportunities and driving positive change within the field.

Supported by: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Foyso Choudhury*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Emma Harper*, Bill Kidd*

***[S6M-11448](#) Foyso Choudhury: Endo Warriors West Lothian Forth One's Volunteer Charity of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Endo Warriors on winning Forth One's Volunteer Charity of the Year Award; understands that the charity is a support and awareness group that supports women with, or seeking a diagnosis of, endometriosis; further understands that the group, founded in 2017, runs monthly meetings where women can attend and speak freely, share their journey, and meet new friends; recognises the charity's important work in campaigning for more awareness of endometriosis and fundraising for endometriosis research; further recognises in particular the work of the charity's founders, Candice McKenzie and Claire Beattie, and everyone in the admin team for all of their contributions and hard work in 2023, and wishes all at Endo Warriors well in their important work in the future.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Monica Lennon*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Alex Rowley*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Marie McNair*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S6M-11447](#) Gillian Mackay: Denis McGurk is Supporting Locals**—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the valuable community work of Denis McGurk, who has been transforming and restoring used football boots to be ready for new players; believes that this will help to reduce the barriers to participation in sport for young people; understands that the catalyst for Denis creating this campaign was reading that in Dundee, at the time, one in four children were experiencing poverty; believes that football can, and should be, a safe and positive space, where young people can socialise, work together and compete with respect; understands that Denis is still taking donations of football boots now to help the community, and wishes him all the best in this endeavour.

Supported by: Jim Fairlie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Maggie Chapman*, Miles Briggs*, Stephanie Callaghan*, David Torrance*, Mark Ruskell*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Marie McNair*, Ivan McKee*, Bill Kidd*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

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

New Support: Mercedes Villalba*, Christine Grahame*

[S6M-11474](#) Mercedes Villalba: Protecting Language Study at the University of Aberdeen (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Maggie Chapman*

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[S6M-11469](#) Siobhian Brown: 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Kaukab Stewart*

[S6M-11466](#) Jeremy Balfour: International Day of Persons with Disabilities Summit (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Ivan McKee*, Paul Sweeney*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, Monica Lennon*, Craig Hoy*, Mercedes Villalba*, Jamie Greene*, Russell Findlay*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11464](#) Pam Gosal: Small Business Saturday UK 2023 (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Paul Sweeney*, John Mason*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11463](#) Pam Gosal: PC Laura Evans of West Dunbartonshire wins Community Commitment Award at Scottish Police Federation Annual Awards (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Paul Sweeney*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11456](#) Stuart McMillan: Port Glasgow Nursery First in Scotland to Receive Barnardo's Award (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Clare Haughey*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Emma Harper*, David Torrance*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*

[S6M-11454](#) Pam Gosal: Argyll and Sutherland Highlander Battalion Army Cadet Force Wins Football (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Paul Sweeney*, Brian Whittle*, Craig Hoy*, Jamie Greene*, Russell Findlay*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11453](#) Liam Kerr: Portlethen Santa Run Participants and Volunteers Recognised for Fundraising Efforts (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Paul Sweeney*, Brian Whittle*, Craig Hoy*, Jamie Greene*, Russell Findlay*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11452](#) Evelyn Tweed: Froglife Highly Commended at Nature of Scotland Awards 2023 (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-11451](#) David Torrance: NHS Fife First in Scotland Officially Accredited by Association of Perioperative Practice (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Paul Sweeney*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-11449](#) Ben Macpherson: Pilot Beer's 10th Anniversary (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Jim Fairlie*, Miles Briggs*, Kenneth Gibson*, Clare Haughey*, Edward Mountain*, Marie McNair*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*, Sarah Boyack*, Paul Sweeney*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jackie Dunbar*, Ivan McKee*, David Torrance*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Douglas Lumsden*

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Motions Glusadan				

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11445 Tess White: 30th Anniversary of NHS Grampian's Pregnancy Loss Ward](#) (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Paul Sweeney*, Brian Whittle*, Craig Hoy*, Jamie Greene*, Russell Findlay*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11444 Alexander Burnett: River Dee Trust's Campaign Wins the Nature and Climate Action Award](#) (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kenneth Gibson*, Monica Lennon*, Craig Hoy*, Pam Gosal*, Foysoyl Choudhury*, Alexander Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Kevin Stewart*, Brian Whittle*, Jamie Greene*, Stuart McMillan*, Annie Wells*, Russell Findlay*, Bill Kidd*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11443 Evelyn Tweed: Stirling Wolves Win FOSROC Super Series Championship](#) (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11442 Evelyn Tweed: Walk in the Park Killin Wins Health Walk Group of the Year 2023](#) (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11441 Evelyn Tweed: Killearn Community Futures Company Wins Silver Award from Cycling Scotland](#) (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*

[S6M-11440 Evelyn Tweed: Lynne McNicoll OBE Celebrates Fundraising Achievements with Lynne's Last Ball](#) (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*

[S6M-11439 Evelyn Tweed: Sahara Trekkers Raise over £15,000 for Strathcarron Hospice](#) (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*

[S6M-11438 Willie Rennie: SRUC's Queen's Anniversary Prize](#) (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11437 Ruth Maguire: Kilwinning Gym Fundraiser for Charity](#) (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11436 Craig Hoy: The Cheese Lady Wins Scottish Business Woman of the Year](#) (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Russell Findlay*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-11433](#) Finlay Carson: Murray Farmcare Scores Double Award Win at National SQP Awards (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*

[S6M-11431](#) Collette Stevenson: Celebrating 20 Years of Healthy and Active in East Kilbride (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-11430](#) Clare Adamson: St Ignatius Primary Hosts Red Wednesday Coffee Morning (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*

[S6M-11429](#) Pam Gosal: Kirkintilloch Players Receives £5,300 National Lottery Award (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Miles Briggs*, Meghan Gallacher*, Alexander Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Russell Findlay*, Annie Wells*

[S6M-11427](#) Pam Gosal: Acorn Shed Music, Bishopbriggs, Receives £5,550 National Lottery Award (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Meghan Gallacher*, Alexander Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Russell Findlay*, Annie Wells*

[S6M-11420](#) Stuart McMillan: Celebrating St Andrews First Aid's Inverclyde Company during World Restart a Heart 2023 (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: David Torrance*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kevin Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Bill Kidd*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Maggie Chapman*

[S6M-11415](#) Emma Harper: The Role of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S6M-11408](#) Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Dumbarton's Our Lady and Saint Patrick's High School (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, Foysoyl Choudhury*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Sarah Boyack*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Paul O'Kane*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie* R, Marie McNair*, Miles Briggs*

[S6M-11407](#) Jackie Baillie: Cardross Community Organic Garden Raises £500 for Local Train Station Revamp (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Sarah Boyack*, Paul O'Kane*, Miles Briggs*, Foysoyl Choudhury*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Edward Mountain*, Pam Gosal*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-11406 Jackie Baillie: Helensburgh Lifeboat Volunteer Retires after 32 Years of Service](#) (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Martin Whitfield*, Marie McNair*, Sarah Boyack*, Paul O'Kane*, Foyso Choudhury*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Edward Mountain*, Pam Gosal*

[S6M-11405 Jackie Baillie: Dumbarton Bowler Wins Bronze at World Championships in Australia](#) (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: David Torrance*, Martin Whitfield*, Miles Briggs*, Marie McNair*, Sarah Boyack*, Foyso Choudhury*, Paul O'Kane*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Pam Gosal*

[S6M-11395 Bill Kidd: Global Day of Action Against Nuclear Weapons](#) (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Katy Clark*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*, Maggie Chapman*, Katy Clark*

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

New Support: Katy Clark*

[S6M-11390 Rachael Hamilton: Hawick Pump Track Receives Royal Accolade](#) (lodged on 24 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Craig Hoy*, Pam Gosal*, Meghan Gallacher*, Brian Whittle*, Edward Mountain*, Douglas Ross*, Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-11389 Richard Leonard: Recognising the Contribution of Michael \(Mick\) McGahey](#) (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S6M-11388 Jackie Dunbar: Fusion Whisky Launches Sixth Edition of The Glover](#) (lodged on 24 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-11387 Marie McNair: Clydebank Artistic Swimming Judge Awarded SportsScotland Official of the Year 2023](#) (lodged on 24 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-11383 Kevin Stewart: Gambling Harm](#) (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S6M-11380 Alexander Burnett: Wellie Boots Childcare Services Graded Excellent](#) (lodged on 24 November 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*, Miles Briggs*

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[S6M-11372 Gillian Mackay: Nursing Support Workers' Day 2023](#) (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba*

[S6M-11371 Rona Mackay: Kirkintilloch Business Improvement District \(BID\) is Launched](#) (lodged on 24 November 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*, Kaukab Stewart*

[S6M-11368 Pam Duncan-Glancy: The University of Glasgow to Host Three New Collaborative Research Alliances in Scotland](#) (lodged on 24 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-11367 Beatrice Wishart: Future Island and Rural Transport Infrastructure](#) (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-11355 Claire Baker: Welcoming National Lottery Young Start Funding to Kinross-shire Youth Enterprise \(KYTHE\)](#) (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-11354 Fergus Ewing: Dualling of the A9 and A96](#) (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Tess White*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11352 Sue Webber: Charitable Hospice Care to Meet Future Need](#) (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-11338 Alasdair Allan: Two Western Isles Organisations Presented with The King's Award](#) (lodged on 22 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-11337 Alasdair Allan: NHS Western Isles Macmillan Team Wins Macmillan Cancer Support Award](#) (lodged on 22 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-11336 Alasdair Allan: North Uist Distillery Named Scottish Gin Distillery of the Year](#) (lodged on 22 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-11320 John Mason: International Day for Tolerance](#) (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*

[S6M-11303 Edward Mountain: Inverness City Centre Business Awards 2023](#) (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Rhoda Grant*, Craig Hoy*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-11300 Mercedes Villalba: Cost of Renting Crisis](#) (lodged on 20 November 2023)

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New Support: Katy Clark*

[**S6M-11282**](#) **Mark Ruskell: Restoring Nature to Tackle Climate Change** (lodged on 17 November 2023)

New Support: Foyso Choudhury*

[**S6M-11244**](#) **Sarah Boyack: Recognising Edinburgh's Housing Emergency** (lodged on 20 November 2023)

New Support: Katy Clark*

[**S6M-10741**](#) **Mark Ruskell: State of Nature in Scotland 2023 Report** (lodged on 04 October 2023)

New Support: Douglas Ross*

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Questions Ceistean				

Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 06 December 2023

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

- Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it is supporting the arts sector. ([S6O-02830](#))
- Marie McNair:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the impact of its funding for humanitarian aid to Palestine. ([S6O-02831](#))
- Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of introducing ticket levy schemes at large music venues in Scotland. ([S6O-02832](#))
- Collette Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government when the constitution secretary last met the UK Government, and what was discussed. ([S6O-02833](#))
- Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the vote on motion S6M-11342 on the Situation in the Middle East, on 21 November, whether it will provide an update on what action it has taken with the UK Government and international bodies to support the humanitarian response. ([S6O-02834](#))
- Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the reopening of sites that are currently closed due to inspections by Historic Environment Scotland. ([S6O-02835](#))
- Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what it is doing to support the arts and culture sector in Glasgow. ([S6O-02836](#))
- Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to promote and support cultural activities in the Rutherglen constituency. ([S6O-02837](#))

Justice and Home Affairs

- Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that all fire and rescue officers in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have access to decontamination facilities. ([S6O-02838](#))
- Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available for people in contact with the justice system who may be dealing with vulnerabilities such as mental health issues, problematic substance use or homelessness. ([S6O-02839](#))
- Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is regarding the maximum time that a family should be expected to wait for a post-mortem report following the death of a loved one. ([S6O-02840](#))
- David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls in Scotland's communities. ([S6O-02841](#))
- Kaukab Stewart:** [Not Lodged]
- Ivan McKee:** To ask the Scottish Government what work it is doing with the Scottish Prison Service to provide inmates, including those on remand, with vocational skills to help them secure employment when they leave prison and address any skills shortages. ([S6O-02843](#))
- James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the SFA and SPFL regarding the recent upsurge in the use of pyrotechnics within football stadia. ([S6O-02844](#))

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8. Audrey Nicoll: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with Police Scotland and criminal justice stakeholders to prevent criminal gangs from using so-called county lines for illegal business activities. ([S6O-02845](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 07 December 2023

Education and Skills

1. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the SQA in relation to the consistency of National 4 and National 5 prelim examination papers. ([S6O-02846](#))

2. Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports of increasing violence towards teachers and students in schools. ([S6O-02847](#))

3. Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government what work it is doing in schools to educate boys to prevent violence against women and girls. ([S6O-02848](#))

4. Keith Brown: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has carried out regarding any impact of UK immigration policies on universities in Scotland. ([S6O-02849](#))

5. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports of Aberdeenshire secondary school parent councils calling for changes to the Teacher Induction Scheme. ([S6O-02850](#))

6. Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to support student mental health and wellbeing. ([S6O-02851](#))

7. Ruth Maguire: [Not Lodged]

8. Christine Grahame: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to improve the support for school-age children on the autism spectrum. ([S6O-02853](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 07 December 2023

1. Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what support is in place for people with long COVID. ([S6O-02854](#))

2. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to reduce the number of missed appointments in the NHS. ([S6O-02855](#))

3. Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to accelerate new woodland creation in order to meet its targets. ([S6O-02856](#))

4. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the impact of the UK Government's Autumn Statement on NHS funding in Scotland. ([S6O-02857](#))

5. Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made on enabling patients to access all of their primary and secondary care medical records, from one source. ([S6O-02858](#))

6. Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to reduce waiting times for post-mastectomy breast reconstructive surgery. ([S6O-02859](#))

7. Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government how it is addressing the ticketing issues raised by the Cumbrae Ferry Committee and Cumbrae Community Council. ([S6O-02860](#))

8. Rona Mackay: [Not Lodged]

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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 29 November 2023

[S6W-23455](#) Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on plans to ensure that all women aged over 71 can self-refer for a breast screening appointment, as was the case prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[S6W-23481](#) Karen Adam: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support people, businesses and communities to recover from Storm Babet.

Written questions lodged on 29 November 2023

[S6W-22710](#) Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government how many claimants in total it expects will move to Adult Disability Payment via "managed transfer".

[S6W-22721](#) Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the residency eligibility criteria in the UK Government's *Funding guidance for young people 2022 to 2023* including holders of Hong Kong British National (Overseas) visas, whether people from Hong Kong with a British National (Overseas) visa will be eligible for "rest of UK" tuition fees in higher education in Scotland, if they have three years of residency in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

[S6W-23057](#) Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the EU policy priorities and forward look in Annex D of the letter of 31 October 2023 from the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture to the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, which states that the Scottish Government is "looking carefully" at the implications of the European Commission's legislative proposals on gene editing, when it plans to announce its decision on gene editing in Scotland. **R**

[S6W-23219](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported concerns regarding the time being taken on the reinstatement of the roads, pavements and cycle lanes along the new tram line from York Place to Newhaven in Edinburgh, and what its position is on whether the City of Edinburgh Council is meeting its statutory responsibilities for local road maintenance and repair, as required by the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

[S6W-23308](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22468 by Jenni Minto on 7 November 2023, whether it plans to provide an update on its consideration of the recommendations of the Independent Review of Audiology Services in Scotland by the end of 2023.

[S6W-23325](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a list of all active funding streams within the (a) Energy and Climate Change and (b) Environment and Forestry directorate, broken down by the (i) purpose of, (ii) launch and end dates of, (iii) total value of and (iv) total amount awarded to date through each funding stream.

[S6W-23326](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has provided to the Scottish Wildlife Trust in each year since 2016.

[S6W-23328](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what rate of Land and Buildings Transaction Tax is paid by non-resident house buyers.

[S6W-23332](#) Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further details of the £30 million capital funding from the Energy Industries budget line that has been reprofiled to future years.

[S6W-23333](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how many staff members have been involved in the preparation, delivery, and collating of responses to the consultation on a Fairer Council Tax, and what the (a) staffing cost and (b) number of staff hours spent on the consultation process has been.

[S6W-23334](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how much it spent on the consultation for a Fairer Council Tax.

[S6W-23335](#) Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government what the most common reasons are for applications to the Home Heating Support Fund being rejected.

[S6W-23336](#) Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government, in each of the last five years, how much money was allocated to the Home Heating Support Fund, and how much of the fund was spent by the time the fund closed for new applications.

[S6W-23337](#) Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of the Home Heating Support Fund has been spent in the current year to date.

[S6W-23338](#) Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government what the total amount allocated to the Home Heating Support Fund was for 2023-24.

[S6W-23339](#) Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Home Heating Support Fund, what the total number of applications (a) made and (b) rejected has been in 2023-24 to date.

[S6W-23340](#) Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the future viability of the Ferguson Marine Shipyard, in light of the decision to reprofile the 2023-24 budget allocation for phase 1 of the Small Vessels Replacement Programme.

[S6W-23342](#) Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the number of people that were registered with an NHS dentist who have had their access to NHS dentistry removed in the past year.

[S6W-23343](#) Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government what work it is undertaking to support the expansion of local community energy projects.

[S6W-23344](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its response to Freedom of Information request FOI/202300374485, how many of its officials attended the Structural Safety Group meeting that took place in May 2020.

[S6W-23348](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to adapt or increase the use of independent audiology provision as it reviews the commissioning of audiology services.

[S6W-23349](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to reduce waiting times for access to NHS audiology services.

[S6W-23352](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on compulsory redundancies being implemented by public bodies.

[S6W-23353](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Rape Crisis Scotland campaign, Survivors Can't Wait, which calls for emergency waiting list funding to be extended beyond March 2024 to save 28 jobs, and for long-term sustainable funding for Rape Crisis Centres across Scotland.

[S6W-23354](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a list of any meetings over the last 12 months during which the next Draft Climate Change Plan was discussed, including a list of the attendees at each meeting.

[S6W-23356](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what incentives it will provide for employers to release staff to become on-call firefighters. **R**

[S6W-23357](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government whether (a) there is a shortage of ADHD medication in Scotland and (b) any patients who receive ADHD medication have been instructed to halve their dosage as a result of any such shortage.

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[S6W-23358 Russell Findlay](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it first became aware of the Chief Constable of Police Scotland's reported 120-mile journey from Edinburgh to Durham in a police vehicle driven by an on-duty police officer.

[S6W-23359 Russell Findlay](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of any discussions that it has had with the Scottish Police Authority regarding the Chief Constable of Police Scotland's reported 120-mile journey in a police vehicle from Edinburgh to Durham.

[S6W-23360 Russell Findlay](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of any discussions that it has had with Police Scotland, including the Chief Constable, regarding her reported 120-mile journey in a police vehicle from Edinburgh to Durham.

[S6W-23361 Russell Findlay](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide full details regarding the reported assistance being provided to Police Scotland by an assistant chief officer from Durham Constabulary.

[S6W-23363 Foyso Choudhury](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to improve the reporting and recording of Islamophobia in schools, colleges and universities.

[S6W-23364 Foyso Choudhury](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure scrutiny of Education Scotland and the Race Equality Action Plan, in light of the recommendations of the report of the public inquiry into Islamophobia in Scotland.

[S6W-23365 Foyso Choudhury](#): To ask the Scottish Government what it has done to ensure that initiatives regarding Islamophobia in Scotland pay specific attention to any gendered nature of Islamophobia.

[S6W-23366 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take in response to the letter of the End Child Poverty coalition to the First Minister, which was signed by over 150 organisations in Scotland and urges him to deliver on his promise made during the Scottish National Party leadership campaign to increase the Scottish Child Payment to £30, in its Budget for 2024-25.

[S6W-23368 Finlay Carson](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to Peatland ACTION projects, for what reason the prior information notice (PIN) process is used rather than the contract notice and contract award notice process.

[S6W-23369 Finlay Carson](#): To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of NatureScot's budget attributed to peatland restoration is delivered via Peatland ACTION projects.

[S6W-23370 Finlay Carson](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much Peatland ACTION spent within Dumfries and Galloway in the current financial year, expressed both in monetary terms and as a percentage of overall spend.

[S6W-23371 Finlay Carson](#): To ask the Scottish Government what process Peatland ACTION follows when vetting applicants for funding.

[S6W-23372 Finlay Carson](#): To ask the Scottish Government what criteria Peatland ACTION uses to vet the design of peatland restoration plans.

[S6W-23373 Finlay Carson](#): To ask the Scottish Government what criteria Peatland ACTION uses for selecting contractors in relation to peatland restoration.

[S6W-23374 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on whether civil servants in Scotland at (a) local authority and (b) Scottish Government level are or will be included in the National Fraud Initiative's reported investigation into the practice of "multiple contract working".

[S6W-23375 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to prevent the practice of "multiple contract working" among the civil service workforce.

[S6W-23376 Clare Haughey](#): To ask the Scottish Government what the (a) capital and (b) revenue budget has been for NHS Lanarkshire in each of the past five years. **R**

[S6W-23377 Clare Haughey](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many Distress Brief Interventions have been provided in the NHS Lanarkshire area over the past year. **R**

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[S6W-23378](#) Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to encourage young people to register to vote in elections, including through education on registering to vote in the school curriculum.

[S6W-23379](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture raised any concerns in relation to human rights during his recent visit to China.

[S6W-23380](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care last met with families affected by cystic fibrosis.

[S6W-23381](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with Vertex Pharmaceuticals and what issues were discussed.

[S6W-23382](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government when it last discussed the availability in Scotland of cystic fibrosis drugs with the UK Government.

[S6W-23383](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government when the Scottish Medicines Consortium will publish its final recommendations for NHS boards on cystic fibrosis treatment and drugs.

[S6W-23384](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that modulator treatments are available for all individuals with cystic fibrosis in Scotland now and in the future.

[S6W-23385](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work to address homelessness in the veterans community.

[S6W-23386](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government how many veterans have declared themselves homeless in Scotland in each financial year since 2018-19.

[S6W-23388](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the findings of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in its *State of the nation report: The psychiatric workforce in Scotland*.

[S6W-23389](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what steps are being taken to support consultants with their workload so that they have sufficient time to engage in research and in supporting and training junior doctors.

[S6W-23390](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that there are sufficient consultants to train future junior doctors, in light of reports that many consultants in Scotland are reaching retirement age and considering early retirement, as cited by the Royal College of Psychiatrists in its *State of the nation report: The psychiatric workforce in Scotland*.

[S6W-23391](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what exposure medical students have to psychiatric and mental health placements, and what steps are taken to encourage students to consider a career in these fields.

[S6W-23393](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what support it will make available to GPs and primary care services to support them in delivering the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

[S6W-23394](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has chosen headcount as opposed to whole-time equivalent in relation to its commitment to increasing the number of GPs in Scotland to 800 by 2026.

[S6W-23397](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will set up a committee to examine the reported rising excess death rate in Scotland, in light of data from the National Records of Scotland showing that 3,255 excess deaths have taken place in 2023 so far.

[S6W-23398](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the *Mental health and wellbeing: workforce action plan 2023-2025*, whether it will provide an update on the establishment of a Coming Home Implementation Peer Support Network.

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[S6W-23399](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the *Mental health and wellbeing: workforce action plan 2023-2025*, what work it is doing to create a single source of data for the mental health and wellbeing workforce in Scotland.

[S6W-23400](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of electronic rostering and time recording for all staff groups across NHS Scotland.

[S6W-23401](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the *Mental health and wellbeing: workforce action plan 2023-2025*, whether it will provide an update on its work with the Association of Scottish Principal Educational Psychologists and COSLA to "develop a strategy to promote more widely the role that Educational Psychologists play in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people".

[S6W-23402](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the *Mental health and wellbeing: workforce action plan 2023-2025*, whether it will provide an update on the work of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Workforce Education and Training Advisory Group.

[S6W-23403](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the *Mental health and wellbeing: workforce action plan 2023-2025*, whether it will provide an update on the implementation of the learning resources produced by the Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Joint Delivery Board.

[S6W-23404](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the *Mental health and wellbeing: workforce action plan 2023-2025*, whether it will provide an update on the development of a resource toolkit for Mental Health Unscheduled Care Practitioners.

[S6W-23405](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the *Mental health and wellbeing: workforce action plan 2023-2025*, whether it will provide an update on its work in funding training to increase knowledge, skills and awareness of suicide prevention.

[S6W-23406](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the *Mental health and wellbeing: workforce action plan 2023-2025*, whether it will provide an update on the establishment of a Coming Home Implementation National Support Panel.

[S6W-23408](#) Tess White: To ask the Scottish Government how (a) many potholes have been reported on the trunk road network and (b) much has been spent on repairing potholes, in each year since 2007, also broken down by geographical area.

[S6W-23409](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its recently announced proposals for a Heat in Buildings Bill, how many (a) rental properties and (b) privately-owned homes it estimates would have to be retrofitted by 2033 to comply with its proposed measures.

[S6W-23411](#) Marie McNair: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of making medicinal cannabis more widely available on the NHS for adults with epilepsy.

[S6W-23415](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work with colleges to explore the provision of childcare services.

[S6W-23416](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has received a response from the UK Government to the letter that it sent on (a) 3, (b) 5 and (c) 15 September 2023 regarding reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete.

[S6W-23419](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work to establish a minimum number of learning hours.

[S6W-23420](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reported decline in the percentage of probationary teachers moving on to permanent teaching roles between 2016-17 and 2021-22, and what the reason is for this decline.

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New Bills Bilean Ùra				

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 29 November 2023

Scottish Languages Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about support for the Gaelic and Scots languages; to make provision about education in relation to Gaelic and Scots; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Jenny Gilruth

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 39-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 39-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 39-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 39-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 39-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

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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

Sarah Boyack: Proposed Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to ensure policy development and implementation by public bodies is in line with principles of sustainable development and wellbeing by introducing a duty for public bodies to promote these principles and establishing a Commissioner for sustainable development and wellbeing (lodged 7 November 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: **Monica Lennon, Foysoil Choudhury, Rhoda Grant, Jackie Baillie, Colin Smyth, Martin Whitfield, Maurice Golden, Jeremy Balfour, Pauline McNeill, Neil Bibby, Mark Griffin, Carol Mochan, Paul Sweeney, Daniel Johnson, Pam Duncan-Glancy, Richard Leonard, Alex Rowley, Mercedes Villalba, Paul O'Kane, Beatrice Wishart, Willie Rennie***

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Progress of Legislation

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

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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

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)), 29 November 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)), 28 November 2023

Stage 1 (Finance and Public Administration Committee), 28 November 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)

Introduced, 7 November 2023

Lead committee – Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 7 November 2023

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 7 November 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

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 28 November 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)), 30 November 2023

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 28 November 2023

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Introduced, 29 November 2023

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 2 completed, 14 November 2023

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*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Reconsideration Stage (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 7 December 2023

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 30 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 29 November 2023

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

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 14 November 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 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 30 November 2023

Stage 1 Report – Rural Affairs and Islands Committee (8th Report, 2023)

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

Lodged on 14 September 2023

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 22 November 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 (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 22 November 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

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

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Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 26 November 2023

[Parking Prohibitions \(Enforcement and Accounts\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (2 October 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 1 December 2023

[Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes Order 2023 \(SI 2023/Draft\)](#) (16 October 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (18 October 2023) (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture)

[Plant Health \(Fees\) \(Forestry\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (23 October 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 8 December 2023

[Colleges of Further Education and Regional Strategic Bodies \(Membership of Boards\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (30 October 2023) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Quality Meat Scotland \(Amendment\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (30 October 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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 2023

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

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 1 December 2023

Lead Committee report due by 27 November 2023

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[Public Procurement \(Agreement on Government Procurement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/287\)](#) (18 October 2023) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rating Contributions \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/288\)](#) (18 October 2023) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 4 December 2023
Lead Committee report due by 27 November 2023

[Public Procurement \(Agreement on Government Procurement\) \(Thresholds\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/300\)](#) (26 October 2023) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to annulment 8 December 2023
Lead Committee report due by 4 December 2023

[Rural Support \(Simplification and Improvement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/308\)](#) (30 October 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment 11 December 2023
Lead Committee report due by 4 December 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Documents

Committee Reports

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 29 November 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Appointments to Scottish Land Commission – Statement to Scottish Parliament under section 11(4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 - November 2023 (SG/2023/293) laid under Section 11(4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Report on the Scottish Ministers' duties under section 23(1) (funding for alternative dispute resolution) and section 24(1) (pilot scheme for mandatory alternative dispute resolution meetings) of the Children (Scotland) Act 2020 - November 2023 (SG/2023/285) laid under sections 23(7) and 24(4) of the Children (Scotland) Act 2020

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