

Wednesday 25 October 2023

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Response to Storm Babet

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-10793 Maggie Chapman: Climate Justice and Support for a Global Loss and Damage Fund

Committee Meetings

9:00am Education, Children and Young People Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

10:45am Economy and Fair Work Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture – Questions 1, 3, and 6, and Questions 2 and 8.

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

- 1. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any work that its Constitutional Futures Division is doing to further the case for Scottish independence. ([S6O-02616](#))
- 2. Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the announcement by the First Minister that it will more than double investment in Scotland's arts and culture over the next five years, how it is ensuring that rural communities benefit from current and future cultural investment. ([S6O-02617](#))
- 3. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work to further the case for Scottish independence. ([S6O-02618](#))
- 4. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on public interest journalism. ([S6O-02619](#))
- 5. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Creative Scotland about funding for financial years 2023-24 and 2024-25. ([S6O-02620](#))
- 6. Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government how much public money it plans to spend in this financial year and in 2024-25 on any work designed to further the case for Scottish independence, including the costs of publication of any independence-related documents. ([S6O-02621](#))
- 7. James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take to support the provision of humanitarian assistance for the civilian population of Gaza. ([S6O-02622](#)) **R**
- 8. Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what financial support is available to cultural organisations that are operating in rural areas. ([S6O-02623](#))

Justice and Home Affairs

- 1. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide an update on the timelines for, and locations of, the planned closures of up to 30 police buildings. ([S6O-02624](#))
- 2. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government how the recently announced £500,000 Fund to Leave pilot will support women experiencing domestic abuse. ([S6O-02625](#))
- 3. Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government what preparations are being made for the bonfire night period. ([S6O-02626](#))
- 4. Marie McNair:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support any migrants living in Scotland who have experienced domestic violence. ([S6O-02627](#))
- 5. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce retail crime. ([S6O-02628](#))
- 6. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support the recruitment of police officers in Dumfries and Galloway and the Scottish Borders. ([S6O-02629](#))
- 7. Colin Beattie:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-02630](#))

8. Keith Brown: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of the action plan put in place by the Scottish Prison Service to address reported concerns raised by local residents about HMP Stirling. ([S6O-02631](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Response to Storm Babet

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future

[S6M-10922](#) Daniel Johnson: Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future—That the Parliament notes the findings of the independent review of the skills delivery landscape, particularly that skills delivery has lacked clear leadership and direction, and substantial structural change is required to ensure that the skills system is fit for the future; regrets that Modern Apprenticeship starts are lower than in 2015-16 at a time when 70% of businesses are reporting skills shortages; is concerned that the proportion of people in employment who participated in job-related training is lower than it was in 2007; notes that net zero targets will require a step change in workforce skills but that the Scottish Government has only allocated 15% of its Just Transition Fund; considers that it is 21 months on from Audit Scotland's conclusion that urgent action was needed on skills from the Scottish Government and that it is therefore disappointing that no reforms are yet planned; believes that Scotland urgently needs a vision for a flexible and responsive skills delivery system that is fit for the future, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to set out its response to the review of the skills delivery landscape before the end of 2023 and to bring forward legislation on skills reform, as referenced in its Programme for Government, within the parliamentary year.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-10922.2](#) Graeme Dey: Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future—As an amendment to motion S6M-10922 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future), leave out from "particularly" to end and insert "which it accepts set out a clear case for change; agrees that the skills landscape must fit the needs of the people of Scotland to ensure that everyone can fulfil their potential; understands that the Scottish Government will set out a full response to the independent review in the wider context of reform of the education and skills system, as set out in the Programme for Government 2023-24; agrees that it is right that the Scottish Government engages fully with stakeholders before setting out its full response, including education institutions, industry and trade unions; recognises that the Scottish Government's ambitions for a just transition will be supported by the delivery of the Green Industrial Strategy; acknowledges that funding is being provided to support up to 25,500 new Modern Apprenticeship starts in 2023-24; welcomes the many areas of success in the skills landscape at present, such as the proportion of school leavers in a positive destination nine months after the end of the school year standing at its highest level since comparable data was first gathered; recognises that effective utilisation of the skills system will be vital in ensuring that Scotland has the workforce skills to meet its ambitious net zero targets and the wider needs of the future economy; welcomes the Scottish Government's £500 million Just Transition Fund and the £75 million allocated in the Fund's first two years, which includes £11.2 million on a package of skills-focused interventions; acknowledges that this is a 10-year fund, and that the Scottish Government is acting to support workers now, and in the future, with the skills needed to deliver Scotland's just transition towards net zero; expresses deep disappointment that the UK

Government has repeatedly refused to match the Scottish Government's Just Transition Fund, and calls, therefore, on all parties in the Scottish Parliament to work to secure a matching commitment from the UK Government."

S6M-10922.1 Murdo Fraser: Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future—As an amendment to motion S6M-10922 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future), after "skills shortages" insert "; supports the principle of parity of esteem for different learning routes, but regrets that there is considerable unmet demand for apprenticeship places due to the shortage of public funding available; believes that this should be addressed in the Scottish Government's forthcoming Budget for 2024-25".

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector

S6M-10917 Neil Bibby: Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector—That the Parliament values greatly the enormous contribution of the arts and culture sector to Scotland's national life and economy, noting that the creative industry is estimated to be worth nearly £4.5 billion and 80,000 jobs; recognises what many in the sector have described as a "perfect storm" of crisis in the sector, resulting from years of underfunding as well as the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis; condemns the Scottish Government's decision to break its promise to the sector not to cut Creative Scotland's budget by 10%, and notes the furious reaction in response; notes the commitment from the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture that Creative Scotland's funding will be restored in 2024-25, but recognises with concern that Creative Scotland has stated that up to a third of its regularly funded organisations are at serious risk of insolvency in the short term, and over half are financially weak, which will require redundancies or other cost savings, and therefore considers that there is an urgent need for funding now; further notes the announcement made by the First Minister on 17 October 2023 to more than double arts and culture funding over the next five years, but believes that, in the current context, financial certainty for the sector is crucial; calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to reverse the 10% budget cut to Creative Scotland with immediate effect; further calls on the Scottish Government to set out full details for its proposed increase in the arts and culture budget, including timescales for funding increases, and believes that it is essential that this is clarified ahead of the publication of a refreshed Scottish Government Culture Strategy.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-10917.2 Angus Robertson: Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector—As an amendment to motion S6M-10917 in the name of Neil Bibby (Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector), leave out from first "recognises" to end and insert "understands that, in common with other sectors, arts and culture organisations are experiencing significant pressure due to increases in the cost of living as a consequence of Brexit, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the actions of the UK Government; welcomes that Creative Scotland has confirmed that it has used its reserves to ensure that funding for regularly funded organisations has been maintained in 2023-24; notes that, over the last five years, the Scottish Government has provided over £33 million to Creative Scotland to compensate for a shortfall in National Lottery funding; supports the Scottish Government's plan to more than double arts and culture funding by £100 million over the next five years; endorses the Scottish Government's aim of working with the culture sector to implement the refreshed culture strategy action plan, and believes that the UK Government should match this stated ambition and at least double its investment in arts and culture over the same period."

S6M-10917.1 Alexander Stewart: Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector—As an amendment to motion S6M-10917 in the name of Neil Bibby (Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector), insert at end "; notes warnings that, if the £6.6 million cut is not restored next year, 2,000 jobs and 26,000 artist opportunities could be at risk, and calls on the Scottish Government to implement a more proactive approach to protecting the arts, music and culture sector in Scotland through, for example, the introduction of an Arts Bill, which would introduce a more sustainable long-term funding model to provide multi-year certainty around existing budgets."

followed by Business Motions

S6M-10950 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 31 October 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Rural and Islands Housing Action Plan

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 November 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 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 2 November 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 Ministerial Statement: The Edinburgh Tram Inquiry Report

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Early Childhood Development Transformational Change Programme

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 November 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 November 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 November 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: Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 30 October 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-10951](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Carer’s Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-10952](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-10953](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-10954](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

[S6M-10960](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Suspension of Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

[S6M-10913](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Israel, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Lebanon) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

5:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-10793](#) Maggie Chapman: Climate Justice and Support for a Global Loss and Damage Fund—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the severe impact that human-caused climate change is having on the planet; believes that communities across Scotland, including in the North East Scotland region, as well as globally, are already being negatively affected by the climate emergency; considers that, disproportionately, those most acutely affected by these impacts are those who have contributed the least to the climate crisis; believes that this is a

fundamental and grave injustice, compounded by histories of colonialism and oppression; welcomes the decision at the 27th UN climate conference (COP27) to establish an international solidarity fund for climate-related loss and damage; recognises and welcomes that Scotland reportedly played a key role in breaking a 30-year logjam on loss and damage after COP26 in Glasgow; notes and welcomes the reported support of parliamentarians across the world for the loss and damage pledge, including supporters in the Scottish Parliament, and notes the calls on the UK Government, as a party to the 28th UN climate conference (COP28), to support the operationalisation of the fund, to ensure that the money attributed is new and additional to the climate finance commitments already made, and not taken from existing official development assistance budgets, and to commit to providing loss and damage finance in the form of grants, not loans.

Committee Meetings

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee 26th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from:
Fiona McMullen, Operations Manager, ASSIST;
Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Women's Aid;
Kate Wallace, Chief Executive Officer, Victim Support Scotland;
and then from—
Stephen Bermingham, Head of Practice and Policy, Children's Hearings Scotland;
Jillian Gibson, Policy Manager, Children and Young People Team, and Joanna Anderson, Policy Manager, Local Government and Finance Team, COSLA;
Alistair Hogg, Head of Practice and Policy, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA);
Ben Farrugia, Director, Social Work Scotland.
3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider a draft letter on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 26th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Gillian Martin, Minister for Energy and the Environment, Stewart Forsyth, Animal Health and Welfare Policy Advisor, and Andrew Voas, Veterinary Head of Animal Welfare, Scottish Government.
3. **Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a Stage 1 approach paper.
4. **Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 15th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
PE1723: Essential tremor treatment in Scotland;
PE1871: Full review of mental health services;

PE1885: Make offering Community Shared Ownership mandatory for all windfarm development planning proposals;

PE1968: Restrict perpetrators of domestic abuse from using family court proceedings to continue tormenting their victims;

PE1981: Ensure perpetrators of domestic abuse, who have been excluded from the matrimonial home, cannot force the sale of the property; and

PE1990: Introduce a Scottish Parliament question session for young people.

3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE2035: Recognise legal control of generalist predators as a conservation act;
PE2037: Improving literacy standards in schools through research-informed reading instructions; and
PE2040: Increase funding to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to prevent serious cuts to the service provided to the public.
4. **Written Submissions (in private):** The Committee will consider a review of policy on written submissions.
5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-2025:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.
6. **Previous action information in petitions:** The Committee will consider its policy on publication of “previous action” information in petitions.
7. **Inquiry into A9 Dualling Project:** The Committee will consider evidence heard to date, and its wider approach to this inquiry.

Criminal Justice Committee 26th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on parts 1 to 3 of the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Jonathan Campbell, President, Edinburgh Bar Association;
Jamie Foulis, Committee Member and Treasurer, Family Law Association;
Stuart Munro, Convener of the Criminal Law Committee, The Law Society of Scotland.
2. **Access to court transcripts:** The Committee will consider correspondence received from the Scottish Government.
3. **Forensic pathology services:** The Committee will consider issues raised in HM Inspectorate of Prosecution's Annual Report for 2022-23 over the current model for the provision of forensic pathology services in Scotland.
4. **Victims, Witnesses and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
5. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will further consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 26th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 11:15 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.

2. **Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Alan McIntosh, Approved Money Adviser, Advice Talks Ltd;
Joe McMonagle, Money Advice Training and Development Officer, South Lanarkshire Council;
Natalia Mendel, Money Advice Manager, Dalkeith & District Citizen's Advice Bureau.
3. **Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-2025 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.
5. **Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Shona Robison, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (LCM(S6)38).

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 4 October 2023

Thursday 26 October 2023

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-10188 Paul Sweeney: Free Bus Travel for People Seeking Asylum

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Skills

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Embedding Public Participation in the Work of the Parliament

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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Wednesday 1 November 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 Business

followed by Business Motions

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followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 November 2023

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Members' Business

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2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Scottish Government Business

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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>

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

26 October 2023

28th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at james.johnston@parliament.scot

Public Audit Committee

26 October 2023

26th 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 items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Scotland's colleges 2023:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, Tricia Meldrum, Senior Manager, and Douglas Black, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **Scotland's colleges 2023:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, Tricia Meldrum, Senior Manager, and Douglas Black, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Scotland's colleges 2023:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lynn Russell at Lynn.Russell@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

26 October 2023

25th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

[Carer's Assistance \(Carer Support Payment\) \(Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#)

- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Disability Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Oliver Wain, Policy Manager, Disability Benefits Policy, Social Security Directorate, and Madeleine Macphail, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice) to move—S6M-10409—That the Social Justice and Social Security Committee recommends that the Disability Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.
- Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Claire Menzies on 85219 or at claire.menzies@parliament.scot

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

26 October 2023

17th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

- 'A Parliament for All': Report of the Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit** The Committee will take evidence from—
Sarah Childs, Professor of Gender and Politics, and Meryl Kenny, Professor of Gender and Politics, University of Edinburgh;
Susan Duffy, Group Head of Engagement and Communications, Scottish Parliament.
- 'A Parliament for All': Report of the Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
- Correspondence: Parliamentary Privilege** The Committee will consider correspondence it has received in relation to parliamentary privilege.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85176 or at catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot

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

Motions

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

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

Motions for Debate

***[S6M-10958](#) Shona Robison: Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill - UK**

Legislation—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 22 September 2022, and subsequently amended in relation to the Register of Overseas Entities, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Supported by: George Adam*, Joe FitzPatrick*, Tom Arthur*

[S6M-10922](#) Daniel Johnson: Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future—That the Parliament notes the findings of the independent review of the skills delivery landscape, particularly that skills delivery has lacked clear leadership and direction, and substantial structural change is required to ensure that the skills system is fit for the future; regrets that Modern Apprenticeship starts are lower than in 2015-16 at a time when 70% of businesses are reporting skills shortages; is concerned that the proportion of people in employment who participated in job-related training is lower than it was in 2007; notes that net zero targets will require a step change in workforce skills but that the Scottish Government has only allocated 15% of its Just Transition Fund; considers that it is 21 months on from Audit Scotland's conclusion that urgent action was needed on skills from the Scottish Government and that it is therefore disappointing that no reforms are yet planned; believes that Scotland urgently needs a vision for a flexible and responsive skills delivery system that is fit for the future, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to set out its response to the review of the skills delivery landscape before the end of 2023 and to bring forward legislation on skills reform, as referenced in its Programme for Government, within the parliamentary year.

***[S6M-10922.2](#) Graeme Dey: Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future**—As an amendment to motion S6M-10922 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future), leave out from "particularly" to end and insert "which it accepts set out a clear case for change; agrees that the skills landscape must fit the needs of the people of Scotland to ensure that everyone can fulfil their potential; understands that the Scottish Government will set out a full response to the independent review in the wider context of reform of the education and skills system, as set out in the Programme for Government 2023-24; agrees

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that it is right that the Scottish Government engages fully with stakeholders before setting out its full response, including education institutions, industry and trade unions; recognises that the Scottish Government's ambitions for a just transition will be supported by the delivery of the Green Industrial Strategy; acknowledges that funding is being provided to support up to 25,500 new Modern Apprenticeship starts in 2023-24; welcomes the many areas of success in the skills landscape at present, such as the proportion of school leavers in a positive destination nine months after the end of the school year standing at its highest level since comparable data was first gathered; recognises that effective utilisation of the skills system will be vital in ensuring that Scotland has the workforce skills to meet its ambitious net zero targets and the wider needs of the future economy; welcomes the Scottish Government's £500 million Just Transition Fund and the £75 million allocated in the Fund's first two years, which includes £11.2 million on a package of skills-focused interventions; acknowledges that this is a 10-year fund, and that the Scottish Government is acting to support workers now, and in the future, with the skills needed to deliver Scotland's just transition towards net zero; expresses deep disappointment that the UK Government has repeatedly refused to match the Scottish Government's Just Transition Fund, and calls, therefore, on all parties in the Scottish Parliament to work to secure a matching commitment from the UK Government."

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***[S6M-10922.1](#) Murdo Fraser: Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future**—As an amendment to motion S6M-10922 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future), after "skills shortages" insert "; supports the principle of parity of esteem for different learning routes, but regrets that there is considerable unmet demand for apprenticeship places due to the shortage of public funding available; believes that this should be addressed in the Scottish Government's forthcoming Budget for 2024-25".

[S6M-10917](#) Neil Bibby: Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector—That the Parliament values greatly the enormous contribution of the arts and culture sector to Scotland's national life and economy, noting that the creative industry is estimated to be worth nearly £4.5 billion and 80,000 jobs; recognises what many in the sector have described as a "perfect storm" of crisis in the sector, resulting from years of underfunding as well as the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis; condemns the Scottish Government's decision to break its promise to the sector not to cut Creative Scotland's budget by 10%, and notes the furious reaction in response; notes the commitment from the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture that Creative Scotland's funding will be restored in 2024-25, but recognises with concern that Creative Scotland has stated that up to a third of its regularly funded organisations are at serious risk of insolvency in the short term, and over half are financially weak, which will require redundancies or other cost savings, and therefore considers that there is an urgent need for funding now; further notes the announcement made by the First Minister on 17 October 2023 to more than double arts and culture funding over the next five years, but believes that, in the current context, financial certainty for the sector is crucial; calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to reverse the 10% budget cut to Creative Scotland with immediate effect; further calls on the Scottish Government to set out full details for its proposed increase in the arts and culture budget, including timescales for funding increases, and believes that it is essential that this is clarified ahead of the publication of a refreshed Scottish Government Culture Strategy.

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***[S6M-10917.2](#) Angus Robertson: Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector**—As an amendment to motion S6M-10917 in the name of Neil Bibby (Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector), leave out from first "recognises" to end and insert "understands that, in common with other sectors, arts and culture organisations are experiencing significant pressure due to increases in the cost of living as a consequence of Brexit, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the actions of the UK Government; welcomes that Creative Scotland has confirmed that it has used its reserves to ensure that funding for regularly funded organisations has been maintained in 2023-24; notes that, over the last five years, the Scottish Government has provided over £33 million to Creative Scotland to compensate for a shortfall in National Lottery funding; supports the Scottish Government's plan to more than double arts and culture funding by £100 million over the next five years; endorses the Scottish Government's aim of working with the culture sector to implement the refreshed culture strategy action plan, and believes that the UK Government should match this stated ambition and at least double its investment in arts and culture over the same period."

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***[S6M-10917.1](#) Alexander Stewart: Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector**—As an amendment to motion S6M-10917 in the name of Neil Bibby (Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector), insert at end "; notes warnings that, if the £6.6 million cut is not restored next year, 2,000 jobs and 26,000 artist opportunities could be at risk, and calls on the Scottish Government to implement a more proactive approach to protecting the arts, music and culture sector in Scotland through, for example, the introduction of an Arts Bill, which would introduce a more sustainable long-term funding model to provide multi-year certainty around existing budgets."

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-10960](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Suspension of Standing Orders**—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

***[S6M-10954](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

***[S6M-10953](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

***[S6M-10952](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

***[S6M-10951](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

***[S6M-10950](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

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(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 31 October 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Rural and Islands Housing Action Plan

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 November 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 Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

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followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 November 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 Ministerial Statement: The Edinburgh Tram Inquiry Report

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Early Childhood Development Transformational Change Programme

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Tuesday 7 November 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

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5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 November 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

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Thursday 9 November 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

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2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 30 October 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

***[S6M-10941](#) Alex Rowley: Resonate Together Secure Funding to Save Carsebridge**

Campus—That the Parliament congratulates Resonate Together, a community organisation in Alloa, Clackmannanshire, on successfully securing a total of £295,822 in funding from the Scottish Land Fund; understands that this grant award is a result of years of hard work to secure the buildings at Carsebridge Community Campus; notes the intention of Resonate Together to use the funding to transform the site into a garden and café, with community spaces to socialise, learn

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new skills and volunteer; believes that this will have a positive impact on the area and people of Alloa; understands that the grant is the largest ever awarded to Clackmannanshire from the Scottish Land Fund, and wishes Resonate Together every success with its future projects.

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***[S6M-10940](#) Michelle Thomson: National Lottery Heritage Funding Awarded to Bo'ness Town Trust Association—**That the Parliament congratulates the Bo'ness Town Trust Association on being awarded National Lottery Heritage Funding of £21,000 towards its new project, Without Fear Again - World War Two Stories related to the Bo'ness War Memorial; recognises the success of the trust's previous First World War project, Without Fear – World War One Stories of the Men on the Bo'ness War Memorial, which, it understands, the group intend to expand upon with this new funding; believes that this support from the National Lottery will be used to broaden community understanding of the sacrifice made by the men of the town; understands that there are 117 men named on the war memorial who died in, or following, active service within the Second World War and that the trust's goal is to honour their sacrifice by ensuring that the soldiers' legacy continues to be recognised and acknowledged within the local community; further understands that three local amateur researchers, Robert Jardine, Richard Hannah and Alan Gow, who were appointed by the trust, will conduct the project delving into the stories of all named men, including family background, employment history, enlistment, service record and circumstances of death; understands that this project will involve members of the local community from all generations sharing individual stories and sacrifices; congratulates the Bo'ness Town Trust Association on securing what it sees as this vital funding to support its fantastic expanded project honouring the men of Bo'ness, and wishes it all the best with the new project.

***[S6M-10939](#) Michelle Thomson: INEOS Completes Tour De France Cycling Challenge to Benefit Local Charities —**That the Parliament congratulates the employees of INEOS, including those at its manufacturing base in Grangemouth, on successfully completing their annual Tour de France Challenge; understands that the INEOS Tour de France Challenge saw 122 separate teams from across the country test their endurance to complete the equivalent distance of every stage of the infamous cycling race, with 2,800 employees taking part; notes that participating teams who complete all 21 stages of the challenge can then choose charities to donate raised funds to; understands that there were 13 teams from the Grangemouth base put forward to complete the challenge, with funding going to well-deserved local causes such as Forth Valley First Responders, British Heart Foundation, Strathcarron Hospice and Dowards House, Kiran's Trust and Jamie's Sanctuary, Cycling Without Age Scotland, SAMH, Falkirk's Mental Health Association and VIE Velo; congratulates the 13 teams from INEOS Grangemouth who participated and completed all stages in the INEOS Tour de France Challenge to fundraise for fantastic causes, and wishes them all the best with their future fundraising efforts.

***[S6M-10938](#) Murdo Fraser: Funding Boost for Blairgowrie and Rattray Development Trust—**That the Parliament congratulates Blairgowrie and Rattray Development Trust (BRDT) on being awarded £82,500 from the Gannochy Trust to help continue its work supporting the Perthshire town; notes that the funding will run until July 2026 and will support the charity's core activities, which aim to create a thriving and attractive town, with a strong sense of community and identity, appealing to those who live, work and visit Blairgowrie and Rattray; further notes that the Gannochy Trust provides annual funding to registered charities, primarily working in Perth and Kinross, and wishes both BRDT and the Gannochy Trust all the best for the future.

***[S6M-10936](#) Pam Gosal: Islamophobia Awareness Month 2023, #MuslimStories**—That the Parliament recognises Islamophobia Awareness Month 2023; applauds the efforts of all those who have supported Islamophobia Awareness Month over the last 11 years; understands that the theme for Islamophobia Awareness Month 2023 is "Muslim Stories", with the focus being on facilitating connections between people of diverse backgrounds, including those of the Islamic faith and non-Muslims; considers that each of these individuals has a story to tell and has different life experiences, and that learning from these experiences is key to tackling Islamophobia in the workplace; appreciates the support of police forces, local government, and charitable organisations over the course of Islamophobia Awareness Month in the past, and thanks all those who are working towards the elimination of Islamophobia in Scotland and across the whole UK.

***[S6M-10935](#) John Swinney: Congratulating Highland Chocolatier on International Chocolate Awards Success**—That the Parliament congratulates Highland Chocolatier on securing all seven accolades at the British Finals of the International Chocolate Awards, including, it understands, achieving the highest score globally for any unflavoured dark truffle in the regional finals; considers that these prestigious awards represent the pinnacle of chocolate craftsmanship, with tens of thousands of entries from over 40 countries, and commends Iain Burnett for continuing a tradition of excellence by producing world-class chocolate in the heart of Highland Perthshire.

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***[S6M-10934](#) Jeremy Balfour: Marie Curie Services in Edinburgh and Lothian**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the high quality palliative and end of life care that Marie Curie provides in the Lothian region; understands that, during 2022-23, around 8,815 people died in the Lothian region and 90% of them had a palliative care need, and that, across the region, 4,060 visits were made to 672 terminally ill people by the Marie Curie Hospice Care at Home Team; further understands that the Marie Curie Hospice Edinburgh and West Lothian service supported a total of 1,690 patients through inpatient, outpatient, community and day therapies services, and commends all the work done by Marie Curie to provide relief from pain and other symptoms of serious and terminal illness.

***[S6M-10933](#) Roz McCall: Culross Set to Feature in the BBC's "Villages by the Sea" Next Month**—That the Parliament recognises that Culross is set to feature in the BBC's *Villages by the Sea* in November 2023; understands that the West Fife village is a stunning example of a 17th-century Scottish Royal Burgh village; notes that Culross will be featured in the first episode of the new season, which, it understands, is set to air on 2 November at 7.00 pm on BBC Two; celebrates that this fantastic village will be featured in this fantastic BBC televisual show, and wishes the residents of Culross all the best for the future.

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***[S6M-10931](#) Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Science Centre**—That the Parliament congratulates Aberdeen Science Centre on retaining its five-star status under VisitScotland's Quality Assurance (QA) Scheme for the second year in a row; understands that the QA Scheme is widely recognised as a benchmark for exceptional quality within the tourism industry; notes that the centre is one of only two attractions in the city to hold the five-star award; commends Aberdeen Science Centre for

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bringing science to life for people of all ages across 60 interactive exhibits, covering energy, space and life sciences; congratulates the centre's on-site café, run by Grub Fresh Food, on being awarded VisitScotland's Taste Our Best accreditation, which celebrates businesses serving quality food and drink using fresh and seasonal local produce, and praises what it sees as the dedication of all the staff in making sure that each trip to the centre is memorable for all visitors.

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***S6M-10930 Finlay Carson: Scots Curator Richard Attempts to Save Vietnam's Unique Plant Life**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the sterling work being carried out by Richard Baines, curator at Logan Botanic Garden in Port Logan, Dumfries and Galloway, in safeguarding species from the biodiversity hotspot in the Hoang Lien mountain range in north-west Vietnam; understands that he is on a botanical mission to collect data and seeds from endangered plants, many of which are becoming increasingly at risk, that he will bring back to the south west of Scotland to grow in the safe surroundings of Galloway; notes that Richard is part of a wider team, including Hanoi's Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources, Kew Royal Botanic Gardens and Blarney Castle and Gardens, in collecting different plant species within, it understands, the snake-infested jungles and mountain terrain; acknowledges that some species of rhododendron, magnolias and camellias have been classed as vulnerable by the International Union for Conservation of Nature due to logging, expansion of agriculture, climate change and tourism; understands that the expedition will be going to three new mountains, Pu Ta Leng, Pu Su Lung and Mu Cang Chai, to explore and botanise while hopefully finding new species that have never been classified as new to science before; further understands that some specimens will be cultivated and then propagated at Logan, and wishes Richard and his colleagues safe travels in what promises to be an exciting and, hopefully, rewarding adventure.

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***S6M-10929 Kevin Stewart: Twilight Night**—That the Parliament congratulates We Too! and Codona's Amusement Park on the successful "Twilight Night" event on 16 October 2023; understands that the event, held in a similar sensory-adapted fashion to the earlier "Dream Night" event in July, had a Halloween theme to allow children with disabilities and neurodivergent conditions to experience trick-or-treating in a relaxed environment; recognises that the event raised over £2,000 to support We Too!'s important work supporting parents and carers of children with lifelong, predominantly neurodivergent conditions; commends Codona's Amusement Park for incurring all associated costs of the evening, and wishes both We Too! and Codona's well with future collaborations.

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***S6M-10928 Finlay Carson: New Galloway Town Hall Reopens Following £450,000 Renovation**—That the Parliament welcomes the reopening of New Galloway Town Hall following a £450,000 renovation; understands that the opening was marked with a Grand Opening Concert, entitled *A Time and a Place*, featuring local performers, and that a time capsule will be sealed behind a false wall in the building with the aim of creating a picture of life today in Scotland's

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smallest Royal Burgh; welcomes the work to safeguard the future of the B-listed building, which dates from 1875 and was co-ordinated by Local Initiatives in New Galloway (LING), a charitable organisation, which took over ownership of the building from the local authority in 2022; understands that the works involved renovating the Victorian Moral Maxims on the Upper Hall walls, restoring the external rendering and paintwork, giving the building's distinctive 150-year-old clock an MOT, making the building more accessible through adding a lift and disabled toilets, and adding in measures to make the building more efficient and environmentally friendly to run, and congratulates all at LING and those who supported the renovation for their work in restoring what it sees as a vital part of New Galloway's built heritage, which, it believes, can now play a full part in the modern life of the town once again.

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***S6M-10926 Finlay Carson: Dr Ranjit Thomas and His Team Nominated at Prestigious Health Awards**—That the Parliament warmly congratulates consultant haematologist Dr Ranjit Thomas, and his department, on being nominated in the Top Team category at the Scottish Health Awards; understands that they were put forward by grateful patients for the quality of treatment and care that they have received; acknowledges all the hard work that takes place in support of the service, including the secretarial team, the biomedical scientists and pharmacists, health support workers, specialist chemotherapy-trained and ward-based nurses, the embedded clinical nurse specialists and clinical pharmacists, support services and IT, as well as the medical colleagues who provide necessary specialist input; believes that thanks are also due to numerous teams across the central belt, specifically the Beatson oncology and radiotherapy teams, the bone marrow transplant and CAR-T teams, the stem cell harvest teams, the hematopathology molecular and genetics diagnostic teams, and the haemostasis team, all of whom, it understands, continue to offer very specialist, world class support, and wishes Dr Thomas, and his team, every success at the awards ceremony, which are being staged in Edinburgh on 2 November 2023.

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***S6M-10925 Finlay Carson: Retiring on a High After 45 Years' Commitment to Dumfries and Galloway Fire Service**—That the Parliament warmly congratulates William C McLachlan on his retirement after an exemplary 45 years' service to Dumfries and Galloway Fire Service; notes that he stood down as watch commander at Kirkcudbright Fire Station in October 2023; understands that he joined the force as a rookie in October 1978 and that his commitment to the service and community has been recognised with various promotions throughout his career; further understands that he was involved in a serious incident at Mute Hill Smithy on 24 May 1993, when three members of crew were seriously injured; welcomes that he received The Queen's Gallantry Award and the Firemaster's Certificate of Commendation for his actions; acknowledges also his involvement at the Lockerbie Air Disaster in 1988, when he volunteered to assist in providing resilience arrangements within the wider Dumfries and Galloway area, and wishes him a long and happy retirement.

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***[S6M-10924](#) Finlay Carson: St John Scotland (Dumfries) Patient Transport Celebrates 25 Years**—That the Parliament warmly congratulates the St John Scotland (Dumfries) Patient Transport service on celebrating 25 years of cancer patient transport in Dumfriesshire and the Stewarty in October 2023; understands that it started out from humble beginnings with only a handful of drivers using their own vehicles to take patients from across the region to access chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments in the central belt; further understands that the number of volunteers has steadily increased and that the organisation has been able to acquire dedicated vehicles to allow them to drive more than 1,500 miles every month to allow patients to get to hospital for treatment; praises the dedication and commitment shown by the volunteers to ensure that this lifeline service is available for patients, who, it believes would otherwise struggle to make the journeys required over the course of their treatment; notes also the valuable contribution made by staff at the oncology department at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary; welcomes that this invaluable service is provided free of charge; further welcomes the news that a civic reception will take place to recognise local volunteers from St John Scotland, and wishes them continued success in the coming years ahead.

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***[S6M-10918](#) Emma Harper: Lochlan Murdoch Awarded British Citizen Youth Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Lochlan Murdoch, a 14-year-old teenager from Cumnock, East Ayrshire, who has lived with type 1 diabetes from a young age, on being awarded the British Citizen Youth Award (BCyA) at a ceremony at the Palace of Westminster on 17 October 2023; understands that Lochlan, founder of the SCIO, Lochlan's Legacy, received the BCyA Medal of Honour after he helped to raise £10,500 for JDRF, an organisation that funds type 1 diabetes research, as well as The Kris Boyd Charity, which specifically works to keep people, including those with type 1 and type 2 diabetes, active in both body and mind; notes what it sees as Lochlan's admirable efforts to support awareness raising of type 1 diabetes, including through walking 28 miles in four days around all the Premiership football stadiums in Scotland, through creating a CPD-accredited course for all football coaches in Scotland on Basic Awareness and Understanding of Type 1 Diabetes, and through all the work that is undertaken by Lochlan's Legacy; thanks Lochlan for all of his work for the diabetes community, and wishes Lochlan every success for the future.

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***[S6M-10847](#) Sue Webber: Artistic Gymnastics Duo from West Lothian's Medal Success at the Artistic Disability British Championships**—That the Parliament congratulates West Lothian Artistic Gymnastics duo, Megan Docherty and Sophie Barnett, on scooping a remarkable eight medals at the Artistic Disability British Championships in Lilleshall; understands that Megan, aged 18, of Bathgate and Sophie, aged 13, of West Calder were in terrific form; recognises that Megan was competing in the Open Senior events, and won silver in the All Around and Vault, as well as a trio of bronzes for Bars, Beams and Floor; recognises that her teammate, Sophie, was competing in the Open Junior events and won silver in the All Around and Vault and a bronze in the Bars; acknowledges the hours of training put in by both girls; commends their tremendous work ethic, and wishes West Lothian Artistic Gymnastics and the team continued success.

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***S6M-10835 Finlay Carson: Kitchen Coos and Ewes Wins Thistle Award for Best Outdoor Experience**—That the Parliament congratulates Kitchen Coos and Ewes on winning the Best Outdoor or Adventure Experience award at the inaugural South of Scotland Thistle Awards, which were held in Dumfries; understands that the business is owned and run by Neale and Janet McQuistin, who set up the business as part of diversifying their farm business based at Airyolland in New Luce, Galloway; further understands that the business offers tours around its working farm, giving visitors the opportunity to see Highland Cows and Beltex Sheep on the farm and learn more about farming, the history of the farm and the surrounding area, the chance to get "hands on" with younger Highland Cows and also to see a working sheepdog demonstration; welcomes the work of the business in providing free school visits for Stranraer Academy's Rural Skills classes to go on the farm; congratulates the business on its award win, and wishes it well for the national Scottish Thistle Award finals in December 2023, and for its continuing work.

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***S6M-10834 Finlay Carson: The Beagle Country Pub and Barden Holiday Lodges Wins Thistle Award**—That the Parliament congratulates The Beagle Country Pub and Barend Holiday Lodges on winning Tourism and Hospitality Employer of the Year at the inaugural South of Scotland Thistle Awards, which were held in Dumfries; notes that the business, based at Sandyhills in Dumfries & Galloway, is owned by Sarah and Duncan Gell, who took over Barend Holiday Lodges in 2017 and the Beagle Country Pub in 2021; understands that the award judges were "blown away" by the calibre of nominations received and that the judges highlighted the work undertaken by The Beagle Country Pub and Barend Holiday lodges in offering development opportunities and activities through outreach work, and in showcasing the industry as a great career choice for young people, and wishes all at The Beagle Country Pub and Barden Holiday Lodges well as they goes on to the national Scottish Thistle Awards final, and for their continued success.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-10923 Annie Wells: Hundreds to Perform in Concert to Raise Money for Alzheimer Scotland (lodged on 23 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*, Pam Gosal*, Edward Mountain*, Alexander Stewart*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Brian Whittle*, Douglas Ross*, Meghan Gallacher*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Russell Findlay*, Kevin Stewart*, Maggie Chapman*, Craig Hoy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jamie Greene*, Stephen Kerr*, Stuart McMillan*, Sue Webber*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jackson Carlaw*, Roz McCall*, Tess White*, Christine Grahame*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S6M-10921](#) Finlay Carson: Diaego Launch Scotch Whisky Regenerative Agriculture Programme (lodged on 23 October 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Stephen Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-10919](#) Beatrice Wishart: Lerwick RNLI Tows Danish Boat and her Three-man Crew to Safety in 18-hour Operation (lodged on 23 October 2023)

New Support: Ivan McKee*, Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Alexander Stewart*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sue Webber*, Stuart McMillan*, Maggie Chapman*, Pam Gosal*, Ruth Maguire*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Tess White*

[S6M-10914](#) Marie McNair: Asbestos Victims Support Group Forum's "Cape Must Pay" Campaign (lodged on 23 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Audrey Nicoll*, Stuart McMillan*, Maggie Chapman*

[S6M-10912](#) Maurice Golden: Recognising the Severe Impact of Storm Babet (lodged on 23 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*, Stephen Kerr*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-10911](#) Kevin Stewart: Gambling Harm (lodged on 23 October 2023)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Maggie Chapman*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-10909](#) Kevin Stewart: Award Winning Port of Aberdeen (lodged on 23 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Roz McCall*, Tess White*

[S6M-10908](#) Brian Whittle: Clydesdale Farmer Named Dairy Farmer of the Year (lodged on 23 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*, Stephen Kerr*, Roz McCall*, Tess White*

[S6M-10907](#) Marie McNair: Scottish Trades Union Congress St Andrew's Day Rally Against Racism and Fascism (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-10906](#) Roz McCall: Dunfermline Gymnasts Join Team GB for Guttenberg Cup (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*, Stephen Kerr*, Tess White*

[S6M-10904](#) Evelyn Tweed: Ally Logan's Annual Charity Golf Day Raises Over £9,000 for Strathcarron Hospice (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*, Tess White*

[S6M-10903](#) Rachael Hamilton: Farmers Weekly Arable Farmer of the Year 2023 (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Stephen Kerr*, Tess White*

[S6M-10902](#) Paul Sweeney: Glasgow Institute for Neurological Sciences Nursing Team Wins International Recognition (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, Bob Doris*, Tess White*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S6M-10900](#) Martin Whitfield: East Lothian Council Library Services Award Nominations
(lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-10899](#) John Mason: White Poppies (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Maggie Chapman*

[S6M-10898](#) Jeremy Balfour: The Walk for Freedom 2023 (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Colin Smyth*, Brian Whittle*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sue Webber*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*, Stephen Kerr*, Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-10896](#) Clare Haughey: 146th Anniversary of the Blantyre Pit Disaster (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Bob Doris*

[S6M-10895](#) Tess White: 75th Anniversary of International Credit Union Day (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10893](#) Douglas Lumsden: Craig and Claire Grant Awarded Farmers Weekly 2023 Farmer of the Year (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-10892](#) Roz McCall: Dunfermline Charity Beer Festival (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10891](#) Roz McCall: West Fife Landmarks Light Up Red for Poppyscotland (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10890](#) Pam Gosal: Desiree's Salon, Kirkintilloch, Wins Two Prestigious Industry Awards (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10889](#) Paul O'Kane: Matt Drennan Becomes Honorary Citizen of Soroya, Norway
(lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-10887](#) Donald Cameron: Rockfield Community Hub in Oban Shortlisted for SURF Award (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10885](#) Roz McCall: Dunfermline High School Pupils Join BBC Debate Night (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-10881](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders Family Shortlisted for British Farming Award (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10880](#) Michelle Thomson: Falkirk Social Care Provision Nominated in National Awards (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-10879](#) Michelle Thomson: Riley Helps the Homeless (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10878](#) Alexander Burnett: Celebrating the Completion of Major Upgrades at Westhill Orbital Trail (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10877](#) Michelle Thomson: Sporting Success for Bo'ness Academy with Gold School Sport Award (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10873](#) Michelle Thomson: Congratulating Oboist, Esther Kallow, on Gaining a Place in the National Youth Orchestra GB (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10871](#) Foysol Choudhury: Congratulating Scotland's National Men's Football Team on Qualifying for Euro 2024 (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Sue Webber*, Stuart McMillan*, Pam Gosal*, Bob Doris*, Tess White*

[S6M-10870](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Hamilton Park Racecourse Named Finalists in Racecourse Association Awards (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-10869](#) Alexander Burnett: Bennachie Ultra Marathon Success (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10867](#) Meghan Gallacher: North Lanarkshire Honours Groups at Provost Awards (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10866](#) Meghan Gallacher: Housing Association Marks 50 Years of Providing Services (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10865](#) Meghan Gallacher: Recovery Centre Receives Approval from Falkirk Council (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-10864](#) Meghan Gallacher: Cycling Course for South Lanarkshire Primary Pupils Receives Praise (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10863](#) Meghan Gallacher: Physical Wellbeing Interactive Game, "Beat the Street", Launches in South Lanarkshire (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10862](#) Meghan Gallacher: Lanarkshire Footballers Help Raise Awareness of Suicide Prevention (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10861](#) Meghan Gallacher: North Lanarkshire Support Workers Hailed at Celebration Event (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10860](#) Meghan Gallacher: North Lanarkshire Primary School Praised by Inspectors (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10859](#) Meghan Gallacher: Community Hub in Newmains Declared Officially Open (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10858](#) Meghan Gallacher: Multi Use Games Areas Open at Three North Lanarkshire Schools (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10857](#) Meghan Gallacher: Free Period Products Available across North Lanarkshire (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10856](#) Miles Briggs: Next Generation Exascale Computer to Come to Edinburgh (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10854](#) Finlay Carson: Stranraer Community Midwife, Lynn Young, Nominated for Top Health Award (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10853](#) Colin Beattie: Matin Kahn Wins UK's Top Curry Chef Award (lodged on 17 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-10851](#) Rachael Hamilton: Scottish Borders Businesses Success at South of Scotland Thistle Awards (lodged on 17 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-10850](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Collie Crowned New Ambassadog for Beatson Cancer Charity (lodged on 23 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Brian Whittle*, Edward Mountain*, Sharon Dowey*, Stephen Kerr*, Roz McCall*, Tess White*

[S6M-10849](#) Pam Gosal: Paying Tribute to Helensburgh Community Council Convener, Norman Muir (lodged on 17 October 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10848](#) Liam Kerr: Aberdeen Minerals Secures £294,000 in Grant Funding by the UK Government (lodged on 17 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-10846](#) Sue Webber: 80-year-old War Hero Raises £45,000 for Charity in Just Four Years (lodged on 16 October 2023)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Brian Whittle*, Meghan Gallacher*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Kevin Stewart*, Alexander Stewart*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Pam Gosal*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*, Jackie Dunbar*, Douglas Ross*, Annie Wells*, Liz Smith*, Bill Kidd*, Russell Findlay*, Craig Hoy*, Jamie Greene*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackson Carlaw*, Tess White*, Christine Grahame*

[S6M-10845](#) Marie McNair: Faifley Art Group Celebrates 35 Years of Success (lodged on 16 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-10839](#) Clare Haughey: MDH Recruitment Award Successes (lodged on 16 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-10838](#) Michelle Thomson: Congratulating Cunningham House in Grangemouth on its Inspectorate Report (lodged on 16 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-10837](#) Clare Haughey: Launch of New National HIV Anti-stigma Campaign (lodged on 16 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-10826](#) Gordon MacDonald: Scotch Whisky Visitor Centres Top Visitor Attraction in Scotland (lodged on 17 October 2023)

New Support: Ash Regan*, Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-10819](#) Jackie Baillie: Remembering Srebrenica Scotland (lodged on 12 October 2023)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-10814](#) Marie McNair: Remembering Former Clydebank FC Manager, Bill Munro, and Former Player, Frank McDougall (lodged on 11 October 2023)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-10788](#) Daniel Johnson: Increase in Youth Antisocial Behaviour (lodged on 09 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-10786](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Royal Hospital for Children Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis Clinic and Versus Arthritis's Young People and Families Service (lodged on 09 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-10772](#) Beatrice Wishart: Shetland Restaurants Recognised at Asian Restaurant Awards (lodged on 05 October 2023)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-10759](#) Pauline McNeill: "Women and Workplace Struggles" and "Women and Scottish Railway History" (lodged on 05 October 2023)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Maggie Chapman*

[S6M-10747](#) Gordon MacDonald: Contribution of the Scottish Convenience Store Sector (lodged on 04 October 2023)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-10713](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Celebrating Glasgow Woodland Initiative Being Shortlisted for RSPB Nature of Scotland Award (lodged on 03 October 2023)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-10702](#) Clare Adamson: Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month (lodged on 03 October 2023)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-10663](#) Fulton MacGregor: NLC Provost Award Success for Isobel Kelly (lodged on 23 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-10641](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Celebrating the Importance of the School Milk Scheme in Scotland on World School Milk Day (lodged on 27 September 2023)

New Support: Alex Rowley*, James Dornan*, Kaukab Stewart*

[S6M-10526](#) Collette Stevenson: Challenge Poverty Week 2023 (lodged on 21 September 2023)

New Support: Marie McNair*

[S6M-10188](#) Paul Sweeney: Free Bus Travel for People Seeking Asylum (lodged on 24 August 2023)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

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Questions Ceistean				

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 24 October 2023

[S6W-22393](#) Kate Forbes: To ask the Scottish Government when the First Minister's Investor Panel will report, and whether it has made any comments or recommendations regarding the Scottish Government's proposal to issue a bond.

Written questions lodged on 24 October 2023

[S6W-21859](#) Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the comments by the then Cabinet Secretary for Justice, during the stage 1 debate on the Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill on 21 January 2021, that the Scottish Government wants to work with bereaved families to produce a bill that could help to address the issues raised, but in a way that is within the Parliament's devolved competence, and in light of Health and Safety Executive statistics on work-related fatal injuries in Great Britain in 2023, what its position is on whether the higher fatality rate in Scotland can be attributed to a greater proportion of people working in higher risk jobs; which employment areas it considers to be higher risk, and what sector-specific action it can take to address any increased risk.

[S6W-21860](#) Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates it will receive the Scottish Law Commission's findings and recommendations from its review of homicide law, which is due to report in 2023.

[S6W-21861](#) Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government, as part of its regular discussions with the Scottish Law Commission on its work programme, whether it can confirm if the commission is looking specifically at work-related involuntary act culpable homicide as part of its review of homicide law.

[S6W-22333](#) Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider the merits of the Private Members' Bill, the Animal Welfare (Responsibility for Dog Attacks) Bill, which is currently being considered by the UK Parliament, with a view to introducing similar legislation in Scotland.

[S6W-22355](#) Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has set any targets on the number of jobs to be created through the £500 million strategic investment to help create thousands of green jobs and deliver the full economic potential of offshore renewables projects, as announced on 17 October 2023.

[S6W-22356](#) Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its £500 million strategic investment to help create thousands of green jobs and deliver the full economic potential of offshore renewables projects, as announced on 17 October 2023, whether it will propose the scheduling of time for a ministerial statement, or use other appropriate means, to update the Parliament on its plans.

[S6W-22357](#) Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government whether its £500 million strategic investment to help create thousands of green jobs and deliver the full economic potential of offshore renewables projects, as announced on 17 October 2023, is new investment or funding already committed in previous budgets.

[S6W-22362](#) Kaukab Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government how many people have received free university tuition since it was first introduced.

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[S6W-22363](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the COVID-19 face masks and face coverings guidance withdrawal issued to social care workers on 9 May 2023, whether social care workers will still have the personal choice to wear PPE, even when this is not recommended in the National Infection Prevention and Control Manual (NIPCM) or the Care Home Infection Prevention and Control Manual (CH IPCM).

[S6W-22364](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to review the current regulation for enforcement of taxi bays.

[S6W-22365](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the *Growing Up Grieving* report, published by the National Childhood Bereavement Project.

[S6W-22366](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to adopt any of the recommendations made in the *Growing Up Grieving* report, published by the National Childhood Bereavement Project.

[S6W-22367](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what work it is doing to support children and young people dealing with bereavement and grief.

[S6W-22368](#) Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government whether its (a) officials and (b) ministers raised any concerns with (i) Circularity Scotland, (ii) SEPA and (iii) Zero Waste Scotland regarding Biffa's role in the Deposit Return Scheme, following Biffa's acquisition by Energy Capital Partners on 27 January 2023.

[S6W-22369](#) Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government whether its ministers became concerned about Biffa's role in the Deposit Return Scheme following Biffa's acquisition by Energy Capital Partners on 27 January 2023.

[S6W-22373](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the appropriateness of requiring 2km between wind turbines and settlement boundaries, in light of the height of wind turbine developments now regularly being above 150m, and what its position is on whether this distance should be increased where turbines are above 150m.

[S6W-22374](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the suitability of the current Residential Visual Amenity Assessment distance of 3km for onshore wind farm developments, in light of the height of turbines now regularly being above 150m and, therefore, the distance that these developments have an impact reportedly being greater.

[S6W-22375](#) Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the current licensing and labelling regimes in relation to hemp threaten the development of a sustainable hemp supply chain in Scotland and the rest of the UK.

[S6W-22376](#) Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government in relation to increasing hemp production in Scotland.

[S6W-22377](#) Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding changing the licensing regime to increase the production of industrial hemp in Scotland.

[S6W-22378](#) Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the impact on production in Scotland, what its position is on whether the current industrial hemp licensing regime is a "light touch regime", as stated by the UK Government.

[S6W-22379](#) Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government what support will be available through its Fuel Insecurity Fund from the £8.5 million allocation to support households with prepayment meters and at risk of disconnection, and what the criteria are for receiving this support.

[S6W-22380](#) Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the number of households at risk of being disconnected from (a) an electricity supply, (b) a gas supply and (c) an alternative heating source over the forthcoming winter period due to debt.

[S6W-22381 Sarah Boyack](#): To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on the number of households in Scotland that currently have a prepayment meter for their (a) electricity and (b) gas supply.

[S6W-22382 Donald Cameron](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps NHS boards are taking to increase the availability of insulin pumps for people with type (a) 1 and (b) 2 diabetes, including people with good diabetic control.

[S6W-22383 Rhoda Grant](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of the National Centre for Remote and Rural Health and Care, which is expected to launch in October 2023 to improve primary and community services, and what work has been carried out to date.

[S6W-22384 Sarah Boyack](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consult on proposals to establish a Future Generations Commissioner by the end of 2023.

[S6W-22385 Sarah Boyack](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-07586 by Patrick Harvie on 7 April 2022, whether it will set out proposals for a Wellbeing and Sustainable Development Bill by the end of 2023.

[S6W-22386 Sarah Boyack](#): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the Deputy First Minister has had with the Minister for Parliamentary Business regarding the introduction of a Wellbeing and Sustainable Development Bill to the Parliament.

[S6W-22388 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will form a special committee or working group to consider whether the establishment of an environmental court could enhance environmental governance arrangements.

[S6W-22389 Jamie Greene](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many people were admitted to hospital as a result of malnutrition in each of the last 10 years, broken down by (a) age and (b) NHS board.

[S6W-22390 Jamie Greene](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many people in Scotland have died where malnutrition has been recorded as a principle or contributory cause of death, in each of the last 10 years.

[S6W-22391 Jamie Greene](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered granting more seal control licences, in light of reported concerns from wild fisheries over the pressure on salmon populations posed by seals travelling up rivers including the Tay, Spey, and Dee. **R**

[S6W-22392 Sue Webber](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that the reported shortage of the drug, Antabuse, will end, and what action it can take in the future to avoid shortages of drugs such as Antabuse from occurring.

[S6W-22394 Sharon Dowey](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-21760 by Angela Constance on 9 October 2023, how many of the 543 charges under the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Act 2021 that led to a conviction in criminal court between August 2021 and March 2023 resulted in the person convicted (a) going to prison and (b) receiving a community sentence.

[S6W-22395 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Rapid Action Drug Alerts and Response (RADAR) quarterly report published in October 2023, what action it is taking in response to the reported finding that nitazenes, which are new synthetic opioids, are being detected in post-mortem and hospital toxicology samples.

[S6W-22396 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for the funding it provided to Who Cares? Scotland in 2022.

[S6W-22397 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for the funding it provided to the Children's Parliament in 2022.

[S6W-22398 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for the funding it provided to the Scottish Union of Supported Employment in 2022.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S6W-22399](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for the funding it provided to Women's Aid East & Midlothian in 2022.

[S6W-22400](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for the funding it provided to the Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum in 2022.

[S6W-22401](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for the funding it provided to Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol & Drugs in 2022.

[S6W-22403](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for the funding it provided to Big Hearts Community Trust in 2022.

[S6W-22404](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for the funding it provided to Relationships Scotland - Dumfries & Galloway in 2022.

[S6W-22405](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for the funding it provided to the British Allergy Foundation in 2022.

[S6W-22406](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what objectives it set for the funding it provided to the Scottish Women's Convention in 2022.

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Progress of Legislation

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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 (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee), 24 October 2023

Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 25 October 2023

Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 25 October 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (45th Report, 2023)

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

Stage 2 (evidence (Education, Children and Young People Committee)), 25 October 2023

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

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Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 3 October 2023

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 October 2023

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 24 October 2023

Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (5th 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.

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 24 October 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)

Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill (G)

Passed, 27 September 2023

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)), 3 October 2023

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

Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 5 October 2023

Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 14 November 2023

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 8 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Reconsideration Stage (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee), 26 September 2023

Motion to proceed with Reconsideration Stage agreed, 14 September 2023

Amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 25 October 2023

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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)), 24 October 2023

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

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 25 October 2023

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 26 September 2023

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 25 October 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (40th Report, 2023)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-36a

Lodged on 14 September 2023

Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

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

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

Lodged on 19 July 2023

Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 25 October 2023

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

Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-35b

Lodged on 24 October 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 26 October 2023

Energy Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-26b

Lodged on 21 September 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 4 October 2023

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (13th Report, 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th 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)

Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-23a

Lodged on 11 October 2023

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Meeting of the Parliament, 24 October 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (59th Report, 2023)

Northern Ireland Protocol Bill LCM-S6-24

Lodged on 19 August 2022

Meeting of the Parliament, 29 June 2022

Report – Lead committee (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture) (7th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2022)

Online Safety Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-18a

Lodged on 1 June 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 29 June 2023

Report – Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (14th Report, 2023)

Procurement Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-20a

Lodged on 3 February 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 16 March 2023

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (2nd Report, 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (18th Report, 2023)

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 28 October 2023

[Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (30 June 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 29 October 2023

[Carer's Assistance \(Carer Support Payment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (withdrawn and re-laid 14 September 2023) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 5 November 2023

[Disability Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (11 September 2023) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 8 November 2023

[Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (14 September 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 13 November 2023

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[Mental Health \(National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service: Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(19 September 2023\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[International Organisations \(Immunities and Privileges\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(19 September 2023\)](#) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2023 \(SI 2023/Draft\) \(19 September 2023\)](#) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 4\) Regulations 2023 \(re-laid on 19 September 2023\)](#) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 14 November 2023

[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(20 September 2023\)](#) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 19 November 2023

[Heat Networks \(Supply Targets\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(25 September 2023\)](#) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 22 November 2023

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(28 September 2023\)](#) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

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)

[Social Security \(Residence and Presence Requirements\) \(Israel, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Lebanon\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(withdrawn and re-laid on 20 October 2023\)](#) (The Scottish Parliament)

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 25 October 2023
Lead Committee report due by 23 October 2023

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/197\)](#) (27 June 2023) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 29 October 2023
Lead Committee report due by 23 October 2023

[Valuation \(Proposals Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/207\)](#) (19 July 2023) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) Order 2023 \(SI 2023/850\)](#) (21 July 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Act of Sederunt \(Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc. Rules 1999 and Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules 2019 Amendment\) \(Telecommunications Infrastructure\) 2023 \(SSI 2023/223\)](#) (11 August 2023) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Police Pensions \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/239\)](#) (30 August 2023) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/240\)](#) (30 August 2023) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Teachers' Pensions \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/241\)](#) (30 August 2023) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Firefighters' Pensions \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/242\)](#) (30 August 2023) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/243\)](#) (1 September 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 30 October 2023
Lead Committee report due by 23 October 2023

[National Health Service Pension Schemes \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/246\)](#) (5 September 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 31 October 2023
Lead Committee report due by 30 October 2023

[National Health Service \(General Dental Services\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/247\)](#) (6 September 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Subject to annulment 2 November 2023
Lead Committee report due by 30 October 2023

[Parking Attendants \(Wearing of Uniforms\) \(North Ayrshire Council\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/248\)](#) (8 September 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(North Ayrshire Council\) Designation Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/249\)](#) (8 September 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 5 November 2023
Lead Committee report due by 30 October 2023

[Local Government Investments \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/255\)](#) (11 September 2023) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/257\)](#) (11 September 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 8 November 2023
Lead Committee report due by 6 November 2023

[Carer's Assistance \(Carer Support Payment\) \(Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/258\)](#) (14 September 2023) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Health and Care Professions Council \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Rules Order of Council 2023 \(SSI 2023/995\)](#) (14 September 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 15 November 2023
Lead Committee report due by 13 November 2023

[Marriage Between Persons of Different Sexes \(Prescribed Bodies\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/266\)](#) (21 September 2023) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in Schools \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/267\)](#) (21 September 2023) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/268\)](#) (21 September 2023) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment 26 November 2023
Lead Committee report due by 20 November 2023

[Title Conditions \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Conservation Bodies and Rural Housing Bodies\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/278\)](#) (2 October 2023) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Subject to annulment 29 November 2023
Lead Committee report due by 27 November 2023

[National Health Service \(General Medical Services Contracts and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/281\)](#) (5 October 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 1 December 2023
Lead Committee report due by 27 November 2023

[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)

Instruments / Documents subject to approval

Subject to annulment 29 October 2023
Lead Committee report due by 23 October 2023

[Scotland's Guiding Principles on the Environment: Statutory Guidance \(SG/2023/162\)](#) (14 August 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 24 October 2023—

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in Scotland (SP Paper 455)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 59th Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 456)

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)

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 24 October 2023—

Shona Robison, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-35b)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 24 October 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

British Sign Language National Plan 2023-2029 (SG/2023/168) laid under Section 1(6) of the British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015

Consumer Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (CS/2023/02) laid under Section 22 (5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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