

Thursday 2 November 2023

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-10712 Bill Kidd: Nuclear-weapon-free Europe

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Edinburgh Tram Inquiry Report

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

followed by Appointments of the Chair and Commissioners of the Poverty and Inequality Commission

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5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9:00am Public Audit Committee

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security Committee

1.00pm Criminal Justice Committee, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee and Social Justice and Social Security Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made towards reaching a resolution to the ongoing dispute with the Fire Brigades Union. ([S6O-02672](#))
- 2. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Fire Brigades Union's report, *Firestorm*, which reportedly warns that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is in "crisis". ([S6O-02673](#))
- 3. Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the transition of HMP Kilmarnock into public ownership. ([S6O-02674](#))
- 4. Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its National Transitions to Adulthood Strategy, following its statement of intent on 28 September. ([S6O-02675](#))
- 5. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is considering in response to the concerns raised in the recently published *Firestorm* report that was commissioned by the Fire Brigades Union Scotland. ([S6O-02676](#))
- 6. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government what data it has on rates of winter admissions to accident and emergency as a result of winter falls, since October 2020. ([S6O-02677](#))
- 7. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to residents who have been required to evacuate their properties due to deteriorating reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete. ([S6O-02678](#))
- 8. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it can take in response to the reported rise in violence and bullying in schools. ([S6O-02679](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Douglas Ross:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02473](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02474](#))
- 3. Pam Gosal:** To ask the First Minister whether he will provide an update on waiting times for post-cancer breast reconstruction surgery. ([S6F-02497](#))
- 4. Clare Adamson:** To ask the First Minister what steps the Scottish Government is taking to increase public awareness of firework safety ahead of Bonfire Night. ([S6F-02498](#))
- 5. Foysoyl Choudhury:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to ensure that dentists are suitably funded to be able to continue taking on NHS patients, in light of reports that some dentists in Edinburgh are ceasing to accept NHS patients altogether. ([S6F-02489](#))
- 6. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the First Minister how the Scottish Government is making public transport more affordable. ([S6F-02494](#))

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-10712 Bill Kidd: Nuclear-weapon-free Europe](#)—That the Parliament welcomes what it sees as the continuing progress being made towards implementing the aims of the United Nations Agenda for Disarmament, as outlined in the 2018 document, *Securing Our Common Future*, and in particular towards the establishment of more nuclear-weapon-free zones (NWFZs), which were reportedly described by the UN Secretary-General as "landmark instruments that represent an excellent example of the synergy between regional and global efforts towards a world free of nuclear weapons"; recognises the work of the Secretary-General and the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs in their efforts with UN member states to strengthen and consolidate NWFZs, including, it understands, by facilitating enhanced cooperation and consultation between existing zones, encouraging nuclear weapon states to adhere to the relevant protocols to the treaties establishing such zones, and supporting the further establishment of such zones, including in the Middle East; understands that the process of establishing NWFZs is a complex, difficult endeavour, but, despite this, considers that examples such as the ongoing progress in exploring the establishment of a NWFZ through the work of the Middle East Treaty Organisation (METO) and others demonstrates that anything is possible; applauds the work of METO and everyone working for a nuclear-weapon-free world, including the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) and the Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND); understands that, through the endeavours of such organisations, including those operating in Glasgow, it is estimated that 39% of the world's population, 56% of the Earth's land area and 60% of its countries are currently within NWFZs; notes the expression of regret that the establishment of a NWFZ across the European continent has not yet been possible, and further notes the belief that the time to comprehensively explore the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free Europe is now, in order to see what is possible and how it is possible, and to make it possible.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

1. **Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its consideration of the proposal for a railway station in Newburgh, Fife. ([S6O-02664](#))
2. **Keith Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last received an update from the Traffic Commissioner for Scotland on any complaints regarding local bus services. ([S6O-02665](#))
3. **Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government how it defines "sustainability" when creating policies aimed at reaching its net zero targets. ([S6O-02666](#))
4. **Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the just transition secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the role of industry in delivering a just transition. ([S6O-02667](#))
5. **Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to improve access to public transport for people in the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency. ([S6O-02668](#))
6. **Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with COSLA to discuss climate adaptation funding. ([S6O-02669](#))

7. Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to improve rail services for passengers in the Mid Scotland and Fife region. ([S6O-02670](#))

8. Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on plans to develop transport infrastructure in the South Scotland region, including in relation to an upgrade of the A75 and rail links from Ayr to Stranraer and Cairnryan. ([S6O-02671](#))

followed by **Ministerial Statement: The Edinburgh Tram Inquiry Report**

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

[S6M-11053](#) Jenni Minto: Early Childhood Development Transformational Change programme—That the Parliament recognises the need for an Early Child Development Transformational Change programme to build on the excellent and world-leading practice already delivered in Scotland, and to further act on the unique and critical period of child development from pre-pregnancy to age three, when experiences and the environment shape the foundations for life and population health, including physical and mental health and wellbeing, life expectancy, educational attainment and participation in the economy and community; is committed to focussing collective efforts on giving all babies and children in Scotland the best possible start by making sure that the Scottish Government applies the latest evidence and continues to invest in and improve its existing policies, to ensure that it is “getting it right for every child”; considers that it can build on the targeted investments that it has already made in support of families pre-birth to three and that joint working can create a culture, environment, economy and society that prioritises and enhances early child development, to realise its ambition of creating a more healthy, fair and equal society; notes the negative impact that the UK Government austerity measures and policies such as the two-child benefit cap continue to have on child development, and welcomes Scottish Government interventions, including the Baby Box and the Scottish Child Payment, to give children the best possible start in life.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-11053.2](#) Roz McCall: Early Childhood Development Transformational Change programme—As an amendment to motion S6M-11053 in the name of Jenni Minto (Early Childhood Development Transformational Change Programme), leave out from “the need” to end and insert “that work must be done to act on the unique and critical period of child development from pre-pregnancy to age three, when experiences and the environment shape the foundations for life and population health, including physical and mental health and wellbeing, life expectancy, educational attainment and participation in the economy and community; is committed to focussing collective efforts on giving all babies and children in Scotland the best possible start; regrets, however, that it cannot welcome an Early Child Development Transformational Change programme without the detail of what this programme entails; believes that there must be a new Early Years Framework, which was last updated in 2009; notes that, under the Scottish National Party administration, Scotland does not have an excellent and world-leading practice; understands that the Scottish Government has downgraded neonatal services across Scotland and is failing to support children and families pre-birth; acknowledges that the childminding workforce has declined by a third since 2016 and that an Audit Scotland report concluded that the early years and childcare sector is fragile due to budget pressures and risks around workforce sustainability; recognises the mental health crisis among children and young people, which can lead to

significant problems later in life; is concerned that the Scottish Government failed to meet its target to clear Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) waiting lists, and calls on the Scottish Government to meet its target for 90% of children and young people to start treatment within 18 weeks, which it has never done before.”

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followed by Appointments of the Chair and Commissioners of the Poverty and Inequality Commission

S6M-11054 Shirley-Anne Somerville: Appointments of the Chair and Commissioners of the Poverty and Inequality Commission—That the Parliament notes the Social Justice and Social Security Committee’s consideration and recommendation of three short-term appointments to the Poverty and Inequality Commission at its meeting on 5 October 2023, and, in accordance with the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017, approves the appointments by the Scottish Ministers of Professor Stephen Sinclair as Chair of the Poverty and Inequality Commission, for the period from 12 November 2023 to 30 June 2024, and Tressa Burke and Professor Suzanne Fitzpatrick as Commissioners to the Poverty and Inequality Commission, for the period from 11 November 2023 to 30 June 2024.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 29th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Gaza:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Scott Wightman, Director for External Affairs, Scottish Government.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25 (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.

Public Audit Committee 27th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Investing in Scotland's infrastructure:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Dharshi Santhakumaran, Senior Manager, and Ashleigh Madjitey, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **Investing in Scotland's infrastructure:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Dharshi Santhakumaran, Senior Manager, and Ashleigh Madjitey, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Investing in Scotland's infrastructure:** 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.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 26th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft report on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25.

Criminal Justice Committee: 28th Meeting, 2023

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee: 32nd Meeting, 2023

Social Justice and Social Security Committee: 27th Meeting, 2023

The Committees will meet at 1:00 pm in the Livingstone Room (CR6).

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committees will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Tackling drug deaths and drug harm:** The Committees will take evidence from—

Elena Whitham, Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy, Orlando Heijmer-Mason, Head of Drugs Policy Division and Michael Crook, Drug Policy Team Leader, Harm Reduction Team, Scottish Government;

Susanne Millar, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

3. **Tackling drug deaths and drug harm:** The Committees will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 1 November 2023

Tuesday 7 November 2023

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Vision for Scotland's Mental Health

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Education and Skills Reform

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

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followed by Members' Business — S6M-07793 Finlay Carson: Welcoming the Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy

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 Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Approach to 2023 Coastal State Fisheries Negotiations: Securing Principled, Sustainable Outcomes

followed by Scottish Government Debate: CashBack for Communities

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

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followed by Members' Business — S6M-10747 Gordon MacDonald: Contribution of the Scottish Convenience Store Sector

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 — S6M-10788 Daniel Johnson: Increase in Youth Antisocial Behaviour

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Fair Work in a Wellbeing Economy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 14 November 2023

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 November 2023

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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 16 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: Education and Skills

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: Culture in Communities: The Challenges and Opportunities in Delivering a Place-based Approach

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Future Committee Meetings

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

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Motions

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Motions for Debate

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Supported by: Maree Todd, Michael Matheson, Natalie Don

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Supported by: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Carol Mochan*

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***S6M-11030 Karen Adam: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation**—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, marking the inaugural meeting that took place on 30 November 1973; celebrates the dedication and commitment of the SFF in helping to promote what it sees as Scotland's prized and internationally renowned fishing industry; commends the work of the SFF, including its role in leading campaigns to enhance safety, which it believes have saved lives, promoting sustainability, and attracting new entrants to the industry; believes that the SFF has consistently served as a powerful and impartial voice for the Scottish fishing industry; further believes that a recent SFF poll of 1,000 adults underscores that there is strong public support for protecting the industry as it faces pressures from new marine users; acknowledges what it sees as the pivotal role of the SFF, and the Scottish fishing industry as a whole, in Scotland's economy, culture, and coastal communities; celebrates this role as one of Scotland's remarkable success stories, and wishes the SFF continued success in the years to come.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S6M-11049 Michelle Thomson: Carronrange ASN School Extension Announcement in Latest Phase of the LEIP**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement of the Carronrange ASN School extension in the latest phase of the Learning Estate Investment Programme, and indeed the investment in nine other school estates to improve learning facilities for children across Scotland; further welcomes what it sees as the opportunities that the new campus at Carronrange will provide for children and young people between the ages of five and 18 with additional support needs, as well as ensuring an inclusive and tailored state-of-the-art learning facility for those who rely upon the important services provided; understands that, when completed, the school will house 20 primary classes as well as 10 secondary classes for pupils

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with severe and complex learning needs from across the Falkirk Council area; thanks the teachers and school staff at Carrongrange for what it sees as the important work that they already carry out to support the development and education of pupils with additional support needs; recognises that the announcement means that every local authority that submitted a bid has now received funding for a project in phase 1, 2 or 3 of the Learning Estate Investment Programme; congratulates all those who worked on successful bids on their efforts to achieve project funding, and wishes everyone involved in such projects success going forwards.

***[S6M-11040](#) Christine Grahame: Diana Findley Receives Age Scotland's Jess Barrow Award for Campaigning to Improve the Lives of Older People**—That the Parliament congratulates Borders campaigner Diana Findley on being awarded Age Scotland's national Jess Barrow Award for the work that she has done to improve the lives of older people over the past 23 years; understands that Diana is well known in the Scottish Borders for the inspirational work that she does with and for older people; notes that Diana first got involved in campaigning when she began to undertake promotional work for the newly-established Age Scotland, and that she is now an ambassador for the charity; further notes that, in addition to her work with Age Scotland, she has been a member and trustee of the Scottish Older People's Assembly since its inception and chair since 2018, and that she sits on the Older People's Strategic Action Forum and Scottish Borders Council's Older People's Planning Partnership, as well as co-founding the Borders Older People's Forum, and believes that the Jess Barrow Award helps to recognise and celebrate what it sees as Diana's tireless, energetic and committed campaigning to ensure that the voices of older people are heard loud and clear at all levels of policy- and decision-making.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Emma Harper*, Bill Kidd*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*

***[S6M-11039](#) Martin Whitfield: Celebrating 30 Years of the Pennypit Community Development Trust**—That the Parliament notes that the Pennypit Community Development Trust, in Prestonpans, celebrates its 30th anniversary in October 2023; notes that the Pennypit was established with the aim of improving health and wellbeing for those most in need in the local area, and striving to be inclusive and empower the community through the delivery of its services; believes that the Pennypit has made a truly outstanding contribution over the last 30 years, with its impact stretching across a significant range of different issues and projects, including supporting older people, providing opportunities to participate in sport, enhancing nutrition through its Fundamental Food work, supporting families through its summer lunch club and festive provision, and various other important initiatives and activities; notes that it has also extended its work to communities beyond Prestonpans, including Port Seton, Cockenzie, Longniddry, Musselburgh and the Tranent area, and thanks all the staff, volunteers and trustees at the Pennypit for their tireless dedication to the communities and people that they support.

Supported by: Sarah Boyack*, Bill Kidd*, Foysool Choudhury*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Audrey Nicoll*

***[S6M-11038](#) Mairi Gougeon: Quality Meat Scotland (Amendment) Order 2023 [draft]**—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Quality Meat Scotland (Amendment) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Gillian Martin

***[S6M-11035](#) Clare Haughey: Ruglen Rolls Success at Scottish Takeaway Awards** —That the Parliament congratulates Ruglen Rolls, Rutherglen, on winning Roll Bar of the Year at the Scottish Takeaway Awards 2023; notes that Ruglen Rolls also won this prize at the award ceremony in

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2022; considers that its win is a brilliant achievement, given the level and quality of competition Scotland-wide, and pays tribute to the staff at Ruglen Rolls, whose efforts, it believes, have significantly contributed to its ongoing successes.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Stuart McMillan*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*

***S6M-11034 Kenneth Gibson: 300-year Anniversary of Mathematician Robert Simson's Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society**—That the Parliament celebrates the 300th anniversary of the first published writings of West Kilbride-born mathematician, Robert Simson; is aware that Simson was born on 14 October 1687 and entered the University of Glasgow at the age of 14, where he distinguished himself in classics, oriental languages, theology and botany; acknowledges that Simson turned to mathematics, with a focus on geometry, and became the University's Chair of Mathematics in 1711 after a spell in London, where he met eminent mathematicians such as Edmond Halley; further acknowledges that Simson had a keen interest in the works of classic mathematicians, and wrote new editions and commentaries on older works, with his first work on Euclid's Porisms being published in 1723 in the Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society; recognises that, today, Simson is best known for his work on Fibonacci numbers and the "Simson line", which is the name given to the pedal line of a triangle, and notes that Simson died on 1 October 1768, and is remembered by a large octagonal monument designed by Frederick Thomas Pilkington in West Kilbride cemetery, the town in which he was born and where a street is also named in his honour.

***S6M-11033 Collette Stevenson: Wrights Butchers is Gold Winner in the Scottish Craft Butchers Traditional Steak Pie Awards 2023**—That the Parliament congratulates Wrights Butchers in East Kilbride on winning Gold in the Scottish Craft Butchers Traditional Steak Pie Awards 2023; notes that Wrights Butchers in East Kilbride has been a fixture on Hunter Street in the original village for over 70 years, and, after having been bought by its current owner, Stephen, in 1996, continues to uphold a sterling reputation for fresh produce, quality service and award-winning steak pies; recognises Stephen and his outstanding team, who, it believes, continue to earn the support of East Kilbride residents and those further afield, and celebrates this momentous achievement for Stephen and all his team at Wrights Butchers.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Graham Simpson*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Emma Harper*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Stuart McMillan*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*

***S6M-11031 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen's Bairns' Hoose**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that Aberdeen has been named as one of six locations to host Scotland's first Bairns' Hoose test sites; understands that the Bairns' Hoose project aims to bring together cross-sector representation to ensure that the needs of children and young people who have been the victim of abuse are addressed; further understands that the decision to have Aberdeen as a test site was related to the city's strong record on meeting the needs of children and young people; commends Aberdeen City Council and its partners on its successful bid, and looks forward to seeing the pilot in action.

Supported by: Rona Mackay*, Emma Harper*, Clare Haughey*, Colin Beattie*, Audrey Nicoll*, Kenneth Gibson*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Christine Grahame*, Maggie Chapman*, Jackie Dunbar*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Stuart McMillan*

***S6M-11026 Graeme Dey: Colleges of Further Education and Regional Strategic Bodies (Membership of Boards) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft]**—That the Education, Children and

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Young People Committee recommends that the Colleges of Further Education and Regional Strategic Bodies (Membership of Boards) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Jenny Gilruth, Natalie Don

***[S6M-11023](#) Fulton MacGregor: Fathers Network Scotland Publishes Dads' Survey Report 2023**—That the Parliament acknowledges the publication of the Dads' Survey Report 2023 from Fathers Network Scotland; understands that the survey received answers from over 1,000 fathers from May to June 2023; notes the report's finding that fathers are spending more time with their children than ever before, with nearly half of all respondents to the survey spending 25 or more hours per week playing or supporting their children's learning; further notes with concern that the report states that fathers are finding it tough to strike a balance between being a provider and caring for their children during the cost of living crisis, with many fathers acknowledging that their work/life balance was proving difficult; believes that the survey results suggest that many employers are not keeping pace with societal changes regarding the support of dads' childcare obligations, as a quarter of respondents noted that their employers were not supportive of employee flexibility with regard to childcare obligations; is concerned that the survey suggests that the number of fathers experiencing very poor mental health has almost doubled within the last year; believes that increased promotion of mental health support is necessary, in light of the survey results indicating that, of the 24 most popular mental health services in Scotland, 90% of fathers were not aware of three quarters of them; believes that it is crucial that both parents are treated as equal caregivers by services in order to ensure the best outcomes for children; calls on employers to develop a positive culture and family-friendly, flexible workplace policies to support all those with childcare responsibilities; agrees with the report's assertion that the Scottish Government must continue to support families that are most in need to reduce financial stress, and congratulates Cathy Sexton of Fathers Network Scotland, Joanna Wilson of The University of Manchester, and Jessica Moran of the University of Glasgow on what it sees as their diligent work and effort in publishing the report.

Supported by: Emma Harper*, David Torrance*, Annabelle Ewing*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Ivan McKee*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S6M-11022](#) Jackie Baillie: Sea Life Loch Lomond Wins Recognition for Treatment of Employees**—That the Parliament congratulates Sea Life Loch Lomond, which has been awarded the Tourism and Hospitality Employer of the Year award at the West of Scotland Thistle Awards; recognises the hard work that has gone into developing the venue into an inclusive and respectful workplace; notes that the attraction won the award from a shortlist of 600 submissions; considers that it is a brilliant achievement for the Loch Lomond Shores-based business, and congratulates everyone for their commitment to improving the quality of their workplace for the benefit of their employees.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Foysoil Choudhury*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Paul O'Kane*, Tess White*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S6M-11021](#) Rhoda Grant: Highlands and Islands Success at Royal National Mòd 2023**—That the Parliament congratulates all those who took part in the Royal National Mòd, which was held between 13 and 21 October 2023, in Paisley; congratulates the competitors from throughout the Highlands and Islands who won medals in their categories in the 2023 competition; appreciates the dedication and many hours of practice carried out by those who took part in the event; acknowledges what it sees as the importance of the festival in celebrating and promoting Gaelic language and culture; recognises the hard work of all those involved in organising and

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running the annual event, and wishes organisers and competitors well for the 2024 event, which will be held in Oban.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Jackie Dunbar*, Donald Cameron*, Colin Beattie*, Foyso Choudhury*, David Torrance*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S6M-11020](#) Liam Kerr: East Haven Together is Joint Winner at Prestigious Britain in Bloom Competition** —That the Parliament congratulates East Haven Together on its joint win in the Coastal category at the UK RHS Britain in Bloom competition 2023; understands that the group was also presented with a Gold Medal certificate, and three of its members were each recognised with a Community Champion Award, amongst only 13 awards made; further understands that East Haven Together is committed to developing a strong, sustainable and resilient community on the Angus coast; commends the group and its volunteers for protecting and enhancing the local and natural heritage of the village and marine environment for all to enjoy, through activities such as gardening and litter-picking; celebrates the hard work carried out in East Haven by those involved in the win, and wishes them all the best for the future.

***[S6M-10972](#) Audrey Nicoll: AberNecessities' Believe in Magic Campaign**—That the Parliament commends the Aberdeen-based charity, AberNecessities, following the launch of its Believe in Magic campaign; understands that approximately one in five children in Aberdeen and across Aberdeenshire live in poverty, and that Christmas can be a challenging and worrying time for families; recognises that, through this campaign, AberNecessities will provide children with personalised Christmas Eve boxes containing pyjamas, Christmas stories and gifts; notes AberNecessities' efforts to ensure that children have access to appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear so that they do not miss out on outdoor festive activities and events; welcomes the announcement that Ithaca Energy is the headline sponsor of the campaign and has made an initial £20,000 donation to the charity, with additional funds put towards the WarmUpWinter campaign to provide comfortable clothing bundles to children during the winter months; understands that AberNecessities aspires to benefit up to 3,000 children during the winter, and passes on its very best wishes to the charity, sponsors, staff and volunteers for every success in this campaign.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Maggie Chapman*, Annabelle Ewing*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S6M-10971](#) Annabelle Ewing: Rosyth Community Projects Ltd Awarded Asda Foundation Grant**—That the Parliament recognises the Asda Foundation's grant of £1,200 to Rosyth Community Projects Ltd; understands that the Asda Foundation is a charitable company that provides grants to a range of good causes in Scotland, with each project nominated by local people and communities; further understands that the Asda Foundation invested more than £800,000 in community projects and good causes in Scotland in 2022; wishes all those involved at Rosyth Community Projects Ltd all the very best in the support that they are providing, and thanks them for doing so.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Audrey Nicoll*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Jackie Dunbar*, Emma Harper*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-11029](#) Finlay Carson: Welcoming the Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*, Liam McArthur*

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[S6M-11025](#) Marie McNair: A Tribute to the Late Bob Dickie of the Clydebank Asbestos Group (lodged on 31 October 2023)

New Support: Bob Doris*

[S6M-11015](#) Liam Kerr: Aberdeen City Celebrates Win at Prestigious Britain in Bloom Competition (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

[S6M-11014](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders Older People's Campaigner Wins National Award (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Craig Hoy*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Pam Gosal*, Sue Webber*, Colin Beattie*, Douglas Ross*, Annie Wells*, Foyso Choudhury*, Jamie Greene*, Kevin Stewart*, Donald Cameron*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*

[S6M-11008](#) Michelle Thomson: Celebrating St Andrew's Day (lodged on 31 October 2023)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, John Mason*, Colin Beattie*, Kenneth Gibson*, Emma Harper*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Ivan McKee*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*, Gordon MacDonald*

[S6M-11003](#) Clare Adamson: Asda Foundation Funding for Projects in Motherwell and Wishaw (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-11002](#) Clare Adamson: Maureen Agnew's Fundraising for Craigneuk Lifelong Learning (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-10990](#) Jackie Baillie: Dumbarton Asda Donates £1,000 to Local Projects (lodged on 27 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-10986](#) Jackie Baillie: Remembering the Chair of Helensburgh Community Council, Norman Muir (lodged on 27 October 2023)

New Support: Sarah Boyack*, Foyso Choudhury*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Martin Whitfield*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-10965](#) Roz McCall: World Arthritis Day, Spotlight on Fife (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Meghan Gallacher*, Alexander Stewart*, Craig Hoy*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Pam Gosal*, Colin Beattie*, Douglas Ross*, Jamie Greene*, Donald Cameron*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*

[S6M-10841](#) Jackie Baillie: West Dunbartonshire Council Employee Pens Fourth Crime Novel (lodged on 25 October 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

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

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

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

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

[S6M-10715](#) Fulton MacGregor: Coatbridge Dance Team, NC Dance, are World Champions (lodged on 31 October 2023)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-10618](#) Jackie Baillie: Children's Hospices Across Scotland Helping Children and Their Families (lodged on 26 September 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-10584](#) Willie Coffey: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month (lodged on 22 September 2023)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba*

[S6M-10580](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Volunteering Opportunities - World Athletics Indoor Championships Glasgow 2024 (lodged on 22 September 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-10326](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Air Ambulance Week 2023 (lodged on 05 September 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-10318](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Organ Donation Week 2023 (lodged on 05 September 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-10127](#) Jackie Baillie: Helensburgh Beautician Wins Brow Specialist of the Year Award (lodged on 11 August 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-10072](#) Jackie Baillie: Helensburgh's Hermitage Park Earns Fourth Green Flag Award (lodged on 03 August 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 08 November 2023

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- 1. Kaukab Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans to support community gardens. ([S6O-02680](#))
- 2. Foysol Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the development of rural skills to help deliver its commitments in relation to peatland restoration in the Programme for Government 2023-24. ([S6O-02681](#))
- 3. Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government how much grant funding it provides directly to each of Scotland's botanic gardens annually. ([S6O-02682](#))
- 4. Mark Ruskell:** [Not Lodged]
- 5. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to support farmers to protect crops, including from future flood-related damage. ([S6O-02684](#))
- 6. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will help farmers to plan for their succession. ([S6O-02685](#))
- 7. Gillian Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government how its agricultural development projects will boost organic produce and improve environmental practice, as part of its work towards achieving its net zero targets. ([S6O-02686](#))
- 8. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what continued engagement it has had with the Scottish Land Commission about its proposal for compulsory sales orders since it first proposed them in August 2018. ([S6O-02687](#)) R

NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

- 1. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how its winter preparedness plan will aim to reduce pressure on the NHS. ([S6O-02688](#))
- 2. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported planned closure of Erskine Park Home. ([S6O-02689](#))
- 3. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps are being taken to increase recruitment and retention of staff in the Scottish Ambulance Service this winter. ([S6O-02690](#))
- 4. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to improve the detection and treatment of high blood pressure, in light of reports that an estimated 1.3 million people in Scotland are living with this condition. ([S6O-02691](#))
- 5. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the winter COVID-19 vaccination programme. ([S6O-02692](#))
- 6. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the Scottish Mental Health Law Review on the legal status of autistic people in relation to treatment and involuntary detention. ([S6O-02693](#))

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7. Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the ability of children living in temporary accommodation to access health services, in particular in relation to current levels of treatment from mental health services. ([S6O-02694](#))

8. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made on eliminating long waiting times for NHS patients. ([S6O-02695](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 09 November 2023

Social Justice

1. Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government what the current average processing time is for Adult Disability Payment applications. ([S6O-02696](#))

2. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government how it supports older people living in poverty to maximise their income. ([S6O-02697](#))

3. Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the social justice secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding how to improve access to energy efficient housing in rural communities ([S6O-02698](#))

4. Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to third sector organisations in Dumfriesshire to tackle inequalities and support people with disabilities and additional support needs, including supporting them into the workplace. ([S6O-02699](#))

5. Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government how it works collaboratively to tackle depopulation in rural areas of the Highlands and Islands region. ([S6O-02700](#))

6. Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to tackle the reported record levels of homelessness in Scotland. ([S6O-02701](#))

7. Sharon Dowey: To ask the Scottish Government what support it offers to local authorities to help reduce the number of people on social housing waiting lists. ([S6O-02702](#))

8. Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the social justice secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the impact of crime on poverty. ([S6O-02703](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 09 November 2023

1. Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the second Strategic Transport Projects Review in relation to projects in the south of Scotland. ([S6O-02704](#))

2. Michelle Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government how it will balance the rights of victims with the rights of the accused in the processes developed by the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill. ([S6O-02705](#))

3. Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the support and services available for children and young people with additional support needs in mainstream education across Central Scotland. ([S6O-02706](#))

4. Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that notice of industrial action has been served on Scottish Water. ([S6O-02707](#)) R

5. Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government how it supports small businesses in the Mid Scotland and Fife region. ([S6O-02708](#))

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6. Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what funding it is providing through the next phase of the Learning Estate Investment Programme for schools in the South Scotland region. ([S6O-02709](#))

7. Collette Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met representatives of the Strathclyde Pension Fund and what was discussed. ([S6O-02710](#))

8. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress on reducing teachers' class contact time. ([S6O-02711](#))

Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 01 November 2023

[S6W-22592](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment has been made of (a) the use and (b) any potential fire risks of spray insulation in buildings.

[S6W-22593](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many payments have been made from the Fuel Insecurity Fund in each financial year since it was established, broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-22600](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to introduce a register of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete held and inspected by all public sector bodies.

[S6W-22607](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to whether the introduction of a Building Safety Levy would be an obstacle to investment in the construction sector.

[S6W-22608](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what modelling it has undertaken of any wider economic impact of the introduction of a Building Safety Levy.

[S6W-22609](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to improve access to clinical trials for blood cancer patients living in rural and remote areas.

[S6W-22610](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many patients have participated in clinical trials for haematological conditions in each year since 2017.

[S6W-22611](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS Scotland about establishing a Scottish cancer trials register to increase awareness of clinical trials among clinicians and patients.

[S6W-22612](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to increase the number of centres that can provide CAR T-cell therapy.

[S6W-22613](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS Scotland and other partners regarding introducing CAR T-cell therapy for children and young people.

[S6W-22614](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on how many children and young people who are eligible for CAR T-cell therapy have had to travel to England for treatment, in each of the last six months for which data is available.

[S6W-22615](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to adding blood cancer to the list of cancer types included in Public Health Scotland's data publications, to help facilitate comparison between blood cancers and solid tumours.

[S6W-22616](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many people are diagnosed with blood cancer, on average, each year.

[S6W-22617](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made by Public Health Scotland towards publishing cancer diagnoses from accident and emergency departments.

[S6W-22618](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to introduce controls on pavement parking in urban areas.

[S6W-22619](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has tabled any formal proposals to the recognised trade unions regarding an extension of driver-only operation on the ScotRail network. **R**

[S6W-22620](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to introduce driver-only or driver-controlled operation on any newly electrified routes, including the (a) Barrhead, (b) East Kilbride and (c) Kilmarnock routes. **R**

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[S6W-22621](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to fulfil the 2016 agreement between ScotRail and the RMT union that there would be a guaranteed safety critical conductor on every new electrified train. **R**

[S6W-22622](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the RMT union about a further extension of driver-only operation on the ScotRail network. **R**

[S6W-22623](#) Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what the total (a) salary bill is and (b) (i) national insurance and (ii) pension contributions are for the (A) one senior civil servant and (B) 24 other civil servants working on the *Building a New Scotland* papers.

[S6W-22624](#) Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government whether all the partners to the private finance pilot between NatureScot, Palladium, Lombard Odier and Hampden & Co remain actively involved in and committed to the private finance pilot.

[S6W-22625](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the medium-term action to "Commission endometriosis research to find the cause of the condition, leading to the development of better treatment and management options, and a cure", as set out in its Women's Health Plan 2021-2024.

[S6W-22626](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on the medium-term action to "Implement and raise awareness of current national guidelines on endometriosis and develop and implement further pathways for care where these don't currently exist", as set out in its Women's Health Plan 2021-2024.

[S6W-22627](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on the medium-term action to "Provide access in each primary care team to a Healthcare Professional (HCP) or HCPs who have a specialist knowledge in menstrual health including awareness of the symptoms of PMS, PMDD, heavy menstrual bleeding, endometriosis and their treatment options", as set out in its Women's Health Plan 2021-2024.

[S6W-22631](#) Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government what policies it has in place to prevent the auto-deletion of any messages by ministers and special advisors before they become part of official records.

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 1 November 2023

Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to confer on the Scottish Ministers powers to identify external wall cladding systems on residential buildings that create or exacerbate risks to human life and to address those risks; to establish a register to record that a building’s cladding has been assessed and that remediation works have been completed; to enable one or more schemes to be established to require persons in the building industry to contribute towards assessing and remediating dangerous cladding; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Shirley-Anne Somerville

Supported by: Paul McLennan

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 36-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 36-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 36-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 36-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 36-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

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 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 24 October 2023

Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)), 6 December 2023

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 29 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 31 October 2023

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 31 October 2023

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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.

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

Introduced, 1 November 2023

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 31 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

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

Introduced, 31 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)

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Reconsideration Stage (evidence (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)), 31 October 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)), 1 November 2023

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

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 31 October 2023

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

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

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Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

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)

Northern Ireland Protocol Bill LCM-S6-24

Lodged on 19 August 2022

Meeting of the Parliament, 29 June 2022

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Report – Lead committee (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture) (7th Report, 2022)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2022)

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

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

[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)

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

Subject to approval by 1 December 2023

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

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

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

Subject to approval by 8 December 2023

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

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

Negative instruments

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[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)

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)

Subject to annulment 4 December 2023
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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

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

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

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 1 November 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 62nd Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee
on 31 October 2023 (SP Paper 457)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 63rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Work of the
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2022-23 (SP Paper 459)

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)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 1 November 2023 and are not subject
to parliamentary procedure—

**Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 –
Devolved Taxes Accounts (RS/2023/02)** laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act
2014

**Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 –
Resource Accounts (RS/2023/01)** laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

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