

Wednesday 6 September 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 Scottish Government Debate:
Equality within the 2023-24 Programme for
Government

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-
10199 Liz Smith: Save Our Pools Campaign

Committee Meetings

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public
Petitions Committee

11:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy

- 1. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how the Fuel Insecurity Fund is supporting residents in the Cunninghame South constituency. ([S6O-02456](#))
- 2. Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what further discussions it plans to have with the UK Government regarding lifting the 100KW deployment cap on its Feed-In Tariffs Scheme for renewable energy generation from community and farm-owned micro-hydro schemes in Scotland. ([S6O-02457](#))
- 3. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with trade unions to ensure that it includes workers' voices in its policy development. ([S6O-02458](#))
- 4. Gillian Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government how the investment announced in the 2023-24 Programme for Government will contribute towards a move to a wellbeing economy in the Central Scotland region. ([S6O-02459](#))
- 5. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to support the tourism sector. ([S6O-02460](#))
- 6. Kaukab Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Clyde Mission regeneration programme. ([S6O-02461](#))
- 7. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding ensuring access to the national grid for community energy schemes in Scotland. ([S6O-02462](#))
- 8. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact that any future devolution of employment law to the Scottish Parliament would have on its long-term labour market strategy. ([S6O-02463](#))

Finance and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what the change in public sector full-time equivalent headcount has been in the last 12 months across all devolved areas. ([S6O-02464](#))
- 2. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact recent public sector pay settlements are having on the provision of services. ([S6O-02465](#))
- 3. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with communities in the North East Scotland region on any increases to and reform of council tax. ([S6O-02466](#))
- 4. Alasdair Allan:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the announcement by the local government empowerment minister in July, whether it will provide an update on what discussions he has had regarding the roll-out of the Islands Cost Crisis Emergency Fund. ([S6O-02467](#))
- 5. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has allocated from its 2023-24 Budget to community justice services for the purpose of supporting women with a history of offending and substance abuse. ([S6O-02468](#))

6. David Torrance: [Not Lodged] ([S6O-02469](#))

7. Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has allocated to local authorities from its 2023-24 Budget to prevent the closure of local services in light of rising energy and running costs, including to prevent the closure of swimming pools. ([S6O-02470](#))

8. Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide an estimate of the number of households whose council tax bills have risen this year. ([S6O-02471](#))

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Equality within the 2023-24 Programme for Government

[S6M-10343](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Equality within the 2023-24 Programme for Government—That the Parliament notes the actions set out in the Programme for Government 2023-24 to build stronger communities, improve social justice, reduce inequalities, including in health and social care, and tackle child poverty; welcomes the investment of £5.3 billion in Scottish Government benefits in 2023-24, supporting over 1.2 million people, including £405 million for the Scottish Child Payment, which is currently helping to improve the lives of over 316,000 children; further welcomes the continued use of the Scottish Government's fixed budget and limited powers to tackle inequality and poverty and protect people, as far as possible, from the harm inflicted by UK Government cuts and austerity, as well as the ongoing cost of living crisis; notes the continued action to tackle child poverty in key areas including parental employability, early learning and childcare, mental health, transport, and affordable housing; welcomes that 90,000 fewer children will live in relative and absolute poverty in 2023 as a result of Scottish Government policies; notes that reprehensible UK Government welfare policies, including the two-child limit and benefit cap, inflict hardship on families on the lowest incomes, with the two-child limit affecting 80,000 children in Scotland and removing £341.3 million from families in Scotland since 2017, and commends successful pay deals with NHS staff and unions that have ensured there have been no strikes in Scotland, thereby protecting patients and helping the workforce to deal with the ongoing cost of living crisis, and ensuring that people can access the social care support that they need, while recognising the valuable contribution of Scotland's social care workforce.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-10343.2](#) Meghan Gallacher: Equality within the 2023-24 Programme for Government—As an amendment to motion S6M-10343 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Equality within the 2023-24 Programme for Government), leave out from "to build" to end and insert "; welcomes the announcement to improve miscarriage care, so that women do not wait until a third miscarriage to receive support; further welcomes the Scottish Government's intention to bring childcare policy in line with UK Government proposals of providing funded childcare from the age of nine months but calls, however, on the Scottish Government to do more to resolve outstanding concerns, including recruitment, retention and support for private, voluntary and third sector organisations; notes that the Scottish Government has failed to close the attainment gap and roll out free school meals by 2022 as originally promised in 2021, tackle violence in classrooms, or bring forward a new meaningful deal for teachers; further notes that the percentage of children in poverty is equal to that in 2007, and expresses concern over the record-breaking number of children in temporary accommodation; calls on the Scottish Government to declare a homelessness emergency and to find a new approach to children being placed in temporary accommodation; is dismayed that the Scottish Government has missed its deadline for transferring all benefits to Social Security Scotland and that certain benefits could be transferred as late as

2026; welcomes the UK Government's £94 billion to help households navigate the global cost of living crisis, throughout 2022-23 and 2023-24, and the UK Government's uprate to benefits by 10.1%; notes that, during the Scottish National Party's time in government, health inequalities have worsened, with record numbers on NHS waiting lists, high A&E waiting times, unacceptable drug and alcohol death rates and a mental health crisis, and agrees that a health and wellbeing strategy must be at the forefront of the Scottish Government's plan to tackle inequality."

S6M-10343.1 Paul O'Kane: Equality within the 2023-24 Programme for Government—As an amendment to motion S6M-10343 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Equality within the 2023-24 Programme for Government), leave out from "to build" to end and insert ", and that no real action has been set out which will reduce child poverty or mitigate the cost of living crisis for thousands of families that are struggling to make ends meet; further notes that the last UK Labour administration lifted 2 million children and pensioners out of poverty, of which 200,000 were children in Scotland, while the last decade of the Scottish National Party (SNP) administration has seen 40,000 more children, and 30,000 more pensioners slide into poverty; notes with concern that almost 9,000 children are languishing in temporary accommodation without a home to call their own because of this SNP administration's inability to get a handle on the scale of the housing crisis facing Scotland; welcomes the UK Labour Party's commitment to a new deal for working people within the first 100 days of a UK Labour administration, which will lift children in Scotland out of poverty by delivering a real living wage and improved working conditions, and a fundamental reform of unfair and punitive Universal Credit provisions; condemns the SNP administration's continued failure to resolve pay disputes with education staff across local authorities in Scotland; regrets that health inequalities are exacerbated by the inertia of this SNP administration; condemns the abandonment of over 820,000 patients stuck on NHS waiting lists for tests and treatment; accepts that this SNP administration has failed to meet its targets for tackling long waits with over 77,000 patients languishing for over a year; is deeply concerned that cancer treatment targets are repeatedly missed; regrets that the mental health crisis continues unabated with almost 2,000 patients waiting for over a year for treatment, and delayed discharge remains shockingly high, costing over £193 million alone in 2022-23; acknowledges that this is largely because of the SNP administration's failure to fix the growing crisis in social care; calls upon the SNP administration to address this crisis by immediately removing non-residential care charges and set out a workable plan for achieving a £15 an hour minimum wage for hard-working social care workers; recognises that Scotland's NHS is facing a workforce crisis, with over 7,000 vacancies unfilled, and welcomes the fact that a Scottish Labour administration would transform the NHS to meet the needs of future generations."

followed by Business Motions

S6M-10340 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

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followed by Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating the Resilience of Scotland's Food and Drink Sector

followed by Business Motions

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Tuesday 19 September 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 20 September 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 21 September 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 Criminal Justice Committee Debate: Tackling Online Child Abuse, Grooming and Exploitation

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 11 September 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-10300](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 15 December 2023.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-10301](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Office of the Clerk—That the Parliament agrees that between 1 February 2024 and 31 January 2025, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 29 March and 1 April, 6 May, 24 May, 27 May, 13 September, 29 November, 24 December (pm), 25 and 26 December 2024, and 1 and 2 January 2025.

[S6M-10341](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be

designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill.

[S6M-10342](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Suspension of Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (UK Legislation), that Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-10199](#) Liz Smith: Save Our Pools Campaign—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of swimming as an essential basic skill, particularly among children, the obvious health and fitness benefits for the population at large, and its importance in reducing the life expectancy gaps between different communities; notes what it sees as the need to prevent accidents in Scotland's vast array of popular rivers and lochs and to enhance the wider social benefits that swimming pools provide as community hubs enjoyed by people of all ages; acknowledges what it considers the huge part that swimming pools play in attracting and developing talent at the highest levels of Scottish and British sport, most notably swimmers such as Duncan Scott, who was trained and brought up in the Mid Scotland and Fife region and who became the most successful British Olympian at a single Olympic Games, in Tokyo, and one of the most decorated Team GB medallists of all time; expresses, therefore, its profound concerns at the reported number of swimming pool closures that are planned across Scotland, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to urgently act to reverse what it sees as this unwelcome trend, as called for by Scottish Swimming in its campaign, #SaveOurPools.

Committee Meetings

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

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 12th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Maurice Golden will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
3. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - PE1905: Public Inquiry into the response of religious organisations to allegations of child sexual abuse since 1950
 - PE1911: Review of Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 as it relates to post-mortems
 - PE1955: Make the provision of public toilets a statutory duty
 - PE1973: End the use of Sheriffs Discretion when ruling on civil cases and provide clear legal guidance on division of assets
 - PE1974: Adopt the A890 as a trunk road
 - PE1980: Adopt the A832 between Achnasheen and Gorstan as a trunk road
4. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 - PE2023: Stop the Deposit Return Scheme
 - PE2024: Create a national, public information programme to raise awareness of the impacts of steroids, selective androgen receptor modulators, and other performance enhancing drugs
 - PE2025: Improve the support available to victims of domestic violence, who have been forced to flee their home
 - PE2026: Eliminate Council Tax discounts for second homes and vacant properties
 - PE2027: Launch the Changing Places Toilet fund
5. **Admissibility decision:** The Committee will decide whether a proposed petition is admissible.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 21st Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 11:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Kate Forbes will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the written evidence received.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 28 June 2023

Thursday 7 September 2023

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-10032 Carol Mochan: Investing in Alcohol Services to Reduce Alcohol Related Harm in Scotland

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Motion of Condolence for Winnie Ewing

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Professor Eljamel, NHS Tayside

followed by Ministerial Statement: Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Opportunity within the 2023-24 Programme for Government

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:45 pm Decision Time

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followed by Scottish Government Business

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Thursday 14 September 2023

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Business

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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

7 September 2023

23rd Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** The new members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
3. **OIM Annual Report:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Murdoch MacLennan, Chair of the OIM Panel, and Rachel Merelie, Senior Director of the OIM, Office for the Internal Market.
4. **Culture in Communities** 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

7 September 2023

21st Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Graham Simpson will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
3. **How the Scottish Government is set up to deliver climate change goals: Governance and risk management arrangements for net zero targets and adaptation outcomes:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Roy Brannen, Director-General Net Zero, Kersti Berge, Director of Energy and Climate Change, and Phil Raines, Deputy Director, Domestic Climate Change, Scottish Government.
4. **How the Scottish Government is set up to deliver climate changes goals: Governance and risk management arrangements for net zero targets and adaptation outcomes:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Sally Thompson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
5. **How the Scottish Government is set up to deliver climate change goals: Governance and risk management arrangements for net zero targets and adaptation outcomes:** The

Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

6. **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

7 September 2023

19th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Bob Doris and Roz McCall will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
4. **Child Poverty and Parental Employment Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Paul Finch, Strategy Manager, Nestrans and Vice Chair for Transportation, Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS);
Mick Hogg, Regional Organiser, National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT);
Paul White, Director, Confederation of Passenger Transport (CPT) Scotland.
5. **Child Poverty and Parental Employment Inquiry:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 3.
6. **Budget Scrutiny 2024-25:** The Committee will consider its approach to 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

7 September 2023

14th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
4. **Standing Order Rule Changes: Proxy Voting Pilot evaluation** The Committee will consider an approach paper.

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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katy Orr on 85234 or at katy.orr@parliament.scot

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Motions for Debate

***[S6M-10347](#) Neil Gray: Opportunity within the 2023-24 Programme for Government**—That the Parliament recognises the actions set out in the Programme for Government 2023-24 to build a fair, green and growing wellbeing economy, while addressing the twin climate and nature emergencies; agrees that a fair work agenda and a real living wage support all of society, particularly during a cost of living crisis, and commends the proposed rise for workers in social care and childcare to £12 an hour; believes that tackling the global climate emergency is the defining challenge of current times and that the necessity of climate leadership could not be more stark, and commends the Scottish Government's investment of £2.2 billion in 2023-24 to deliver a just transition to net zero and restore nature, which brings co-benefits in improved health outcomes, more accessible places, and empowered communities; acknowledges that the implementation of the recommendations of the New Deal for Business Group, close working with small businesses, and a £15 million package to support enterprise and entrepreneurship will create new opportunities to start, scale and sustain businesses; agrees that this support, along with the Scottish Government's Green Industrial and Energy strategies, will ensure that businesses maximise the opportunities of a just transition to net zero; recognises the work of the Just Transition Fund, enabling pioneering work in a range of sectors, as well as the Scottish Government's investment in nature restoration, and looks forward to initiatives to establish a new national park, as well as the publication of Scotland's Biodiversity Strategy; welcomes the commitment to establish a sector deal with the onshore wind industry, including halving the average determination time for section 36 applications to 12 months where there is no public inquiry, and acknowledges that both the Climate Change and Just Transition plans will secure a climate resilient and biodiverse future in a way that maximises community benefit and is fair and just for everyone.

Supported by: Richard Lochhead*, Humza Yousaf*, Màiri McAllan*, Lorna Slater*, Gillian Martin*

***[S6M-10343](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Equality within the 2023-24 Programme for Government**—That the Parliament notes the actions set out in the Programme for Government 2023-24 to build stronger communities, improve social justice, reduce inequalities, including in health and social care, and tackle child poverty; welcomes the investment of £5.3 billion in Scottish Government benefits in 2023-24, supporting over 1.2 million people, including £405 million for the Scottish Child Payment, which is currently helping to improve the lives of over 316,000 children;

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Supported by: Michael Matheson*, Humza Yousaf*, Paul McLennan*, Emma Roddick*

Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

***[S6M-10294](#) Brian Whittle: Running On Empty Campaign on Travel Costs for Children and Young People with Cancer**—That the Parliament recognises September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and that around 320 children and young people under the age of 25 are diagnosed with cancer in Scotland each year; understands that children and young people under 25 who have cancer, and their families, travel long distances to access specialised care, with research indicating that the average travel distance is over 400 miles per month in Scotland, which is reportedly 50 miles longer than the UK average; further understands that the average monthly spend for travelling to treatment for families and young people in the UK is £250, and 71% of families report that they are struggling with the costs of travel and that these costs negatively impact their budgets; understands that only 17% of families and young people in Scotland report accessing any support for the cost of travelling to their cancer treatment; notes the view that there is gap in the travel support that is available for day patients and outpatients, those aged 18 to 25, and those receiving treatment outwith Scotland; further notes reports of a significant underspend in the Young Patients Family Fund (YPPF); welcomes the #RunningOnEmpty campaign by Young Lives vs Cancer, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to address the reported gaps in travel support available to children and young people with cancer by expanding the YPPF to allow those groups to access it, increase awareness of the YPPF to improve uptake, and conduct a review of the YPPF to evaluate its impact to date.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jeremy Balfour*, Edward Mountain*, Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Ross*, Martin Whitfield*, Monica Lennon*, Jamie Greene*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-10342](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Suspension of Standing Orders**—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (UK Legislation), that Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

***[S6M-10341](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be

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2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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Thursday 21 September 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

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2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Criminal Justice Committee Debate: Tackling Online Child Abuse, Grooming and Exploitation

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 11 September 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.

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***[S6M-10333](#) Stuart McMillan: Macmillan Cancer Support Launches New Service in Inverclyde**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the new Inverclyde Macmillan Improving the Cancer Journey (ICJ) service, which aims to ensure that people living with cancer and their families are offered emotional, practical and financial support; understands that Macmillan Cancer Support, Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership and Your Voice Inverclyde Community Care Forum are working with a range of partners across Inverclyde to make sure local people affected by cancer can access all the help that they need; notes that anyone affected by cancer, including family members and carers, can access the new Inverclyde Macmillan ICJ Service at any stage from diagnosis to beyond treatment, and that it will see people newly diagnosed with cancer sent a letter offering a meeting with a dedicated one-to-one wellbeing practitioner; appreciates that anyone affected by cancer can access the service by simply calling or emailing the team to arrange an appointment; understands that, in partnership with the Scottish Government, Macmillan Cancer Support has invested £320,000 into the project, which will see all partners working together to provide seamless, accessible and personal support for people affected by cancer; believes that this service will help improve cancer support in Inverclyde, and thanks Macmillan Cancer Support and its supporters for all their work to help those living with, and affected by, cancer.

***[S6M-10332](#) Stuart McMillan: Port Glasgow Otters' Success for West of Scotland at National Swimming Competition**—That the Parliament congratulates Stephen Coyle and Lindi Steele on their recent success at the National Senior Learning Disability Swimming Games organised by Scottish Disability Sport; notes that Stephen and Lindi train with Port Glasgow Otters and were representing West of Scotland in the games; recognises that Stephen won gold in the 200m freestyle, bronze in the 50m and was awarded two participation medals; understands that Lindi took silver in the 50m backstroke, bronze in the 50m freestyle, and was also awarded a participation medal; applauds Port Glasgow Otters for giving adults and young people with learning disabilities the opportunities to swim at a competitive level, and wishes Stephen, Lindi and all the Port Glasgow Otters every success for future competitions.

***[S6M-10331](#) Stuart McMillan: National Lottery Heritage Funding for Magic Torch Comics**—That the Parliament congratulates Magic Torch Comics Community Interest Company (CIC) on being awarded £66,880 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) for its Distance Noises project; notes that this project aims to share the stories and histories of underrepresented communities through four creative residencies, with creative and archive organisations in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inverclyde; wishes Magic Torch Comics CIC all the best for the future, and hopes that its funding success will encourage other organisations in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency to apply to the NLHF.

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***[S6M-10330](#) Colin Smyth: Stephen Brennan Fulfils Life Goal of 10k Run in Aid of Cancer Charity**—That the Parliament congratulates Stephen Brennan, an elder at Dundonald Parish Church in Dundonald, South Ayrshire, who survived a rare form of cancer called adenocarcinoma of the oesophagus and fulfilled a life goal by completing a 10K run in 56 minutes to raise money for Ayrshire Cancer Support; understands that it took Stephen nearly 13 years to build up his fitness levels, following an invasive operation to remove a large tumour from his oesophagus that left his stomach sitting much higher in his chest cavity, and two rounds of chemotherapy; understands that he deeply appreciates the practical help and support provided by cancer

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charities; recognises his determination to raise much-needed funds for Ayrshire Cancer Support, which, it understands, has reached nearly £1,500 so far; recognises that he is planning his next run, and wishes him all the best for the future.

***[S6M-10329](#) Martin Whitfield: East Lothian Council Granted Ministry of Defence Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that East Lothian Council has been granted an Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award, which is the Ministry of Defence's highest award for organisations that employ and support reservists, service leavers, veterans and their families; notes that the award has been made to the council for its work in support of the local armed forces community, including the development and signing of an East Lothian Armed Forces Covenant, which brings together key partners from the council alongside health, education, service and veterans' organisations to create policy and practices to support armed forces personnel, both serving and retired, and their families; understands that, after receiving the Silver Award in October 2019, the council has been working closely with armed forces organisations and voluntary sector partners to undertake a range of further actions on this agenda, including the establishment of an Armed Forces Employee Network within the council, and congratulates everyone who has been involved in this important work on their success in securing the Gold Award.

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***[S6M-10328](#) Pauline McNeill: Harry Frew**—That the Parliament recognises the life and work of Harry Frew, former UCATT Scottish Secretary and Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC) President, who died in August 2023; further recognises his lifelong work as one of Scotland's leading trade unionists over many years, and his work as a painter and decorator; sends its condolences to his family at this time; recognises his work to increase pay and conditions for all workers at home and abroad, and against inequality and injustice; further recognises the esteem in which he was held by his many friends and colleagues, and offers condolences to all who knew him at this time.

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***[S6M-10327](#) Douglas Lumsden: 50th Anniversary of Offshore Europe**—That the Parliament welcomes Offshore Europe to Aberdeen; recognises that this is the 50th anniversary of the biennial conference, with the first edition having been held in 1973 at the University of Aberdeen; notes that tens of thousands of industry leaders are expected to attend the 2023 conference, which is taking place from 5 to 8 September at P&J Live; believes that the energy industry is important to the Scottish economy; understands that two thirds of the corporation tax raised in Scotland comes from the oil and gas sector; recognises what it sees as the growing importance of the renewable energy sector to Scotland; understands that the 2023 event has four key pillars, which are energy security, energy transition, future talent and innovative technology; commends those in the sector who demonstrate cutting-edge innovation, and wishes the organisers and all of the participants a successful gathering.

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***[S6M-10326](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Air Ambulance Week 2023**—That the Parliament recognises that Air Ambulance Week 2023 is taking place from 4 to 10 September 2023; notes that the week is organised by Air Ambulances UK, which is the national charity supporting the work of the UK's air ambulance charities; understands that the week is dedicated to raising awareness of the vital life-saving role of air ambulance charities in the UK, such as Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA), which works in partnership with the Scottish Ambulance Service air ambulance operation, supplementing the operation with two helicopters, crew and rapid response vehicles based in Perth and Aberdeen; recognises that air ambulance services form an important part of frontline emergency services, ensuring that the most seriously ill or injured receive specialist attention as quickly as possible and are airlifted to hospital in the fastest possible time; understands that SCAA can be airborne within five minutes of receiving an emergency call and can reach 90% of Scotland's population within 25 minutes; believes that the fast response of air ambulances and their ability to reach Scotland's most remote and rural areas saves vital time and increases a patient's chance of survival and full recovery; understands that air ambulance charities are largely funded by charitable donations and fundraising; commends the work of air ambulances across the country, and wishes Air Ambulances UK well with raising awareness and funds to enable these life-saving services to continue. **R**

***[S6M-10324](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]**—That the Social Justice and Social Security Committee recommends that the Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Patrick Harvie, Paul McLennan, Emma Roddick

***[S6M-10323](#) Kevin Stewart: Calling for the Reinstatement of the Energy Bill Support Scheme**—That the Parliament notes with alarm reports that energy bills remain almost double what they were in 2021; understands that figures released by Cornwall Insights predict that the Ofgem price cap could rise to £2,032.66 in January 2024; believes that this would further exacerbate the effects of the current cost of living crisis and plunge more families into fuel poverty; considers that households are still struggling due to rent and mortgage increases caused by the UK Government's disastrous mini-budget in 2022; calls on the UK Government to bring back the £400 Energy Bill Support Scheme, which it ended in March 2023, to help ease the burden of higher energy bills this winter; believes that households in what it sees as an energy-rich country like Scotland should not be paying some of the highest energy prices in Europe, and considers that this situation can only be addressed by Scotland becoming an independent country with full control over its abundant energy resources.

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***[S6M-10322](#) Michael Marra: University of Dundee: A Gateway to Growth**—That the Parliament welcomes the recognition of the University of Dundee as the UK's leading university for supporting spin-out businesses; understands that the report *Gateways to Growth: The Entrepreneurial Impact Report*, compiled by Octopus Ventures, one of Europe's largest venture capital teams, takes into account factors such as numbers of patents, spin-out companies created and recent portfolio success; further understands that for the University of Dundee, this included the £2.2 billion initial public offering of Exscientia on the US NASDAQ, one of the largest ever UK university exits; recognises what it sees as the exciting recent spin-out, Tay Therapeutics, a Dundee-based biotech company, which works on the development of the next generation of drug therapies and

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recently signed a deal worth up to \$50 million, targeting stop codon mutations in cancer and genetic diseases; believes that this is an exceptional example of the economic impact that universities can have in the country and in the communities that they serve; congratulates the university and its staff, and looks forward to seeing its future development in this area. **R**

***[S6M-10321](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Science Centre Teams Up with Local Men's Group—**That the Parliament congratulates the team at the Glasgow Science Centre on its latest project involving the Men's Group, which meets at the The Hidden Gardens in Glasgow's southside; understands that the Men's Group was established in 2016 as a response to the lack of community programmes supporting vulnerable men in the south of Glasgow, and that the goal of the group has been to address health inequalities, improve mental health and wellbeing, and enable participants to be more confident and socially connected; notes that a team from the Glasgow Science Centre visited the group to see examples of their artwork, which helped them to agree on how the project should progress; understands that they collectively decided that the project would be a Glasgow Science Centre community-curated tower exhibit, which would give the men the opportunity to showcase their artwork while celebrating their love of the Gardens and its positive effects on their health and wellbeing; understands that a mobile tower exhibit was created, which stands two metres tall and is heavily influenced by the immediate environment and the historical buildings that surround The Hidden Gardens; notes that the tower consists of six boxes and six printed panels, with each box telling a slightly different story, and considers that the variety of materials used by different hands makes for a rich and textural art exhibit.

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***[S6M-10320](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Cook Receives Masterclass from Top London Chef—**That the Parliament congratulates Mark Lynch, a kitchen assistant at Wyndford Locks Care Home, on being selected from over 900 catering staff to join renowned chef, CJ Jackson, in London's historic Billingsgate Fish Market; understands that Mark was treated to a private masterclass from CJ Jackson, the principal and chief executive of the prestigious Billingsgate Seafood School; further understands that he also toured the market and discussed the health benefits of fish for older people, from reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease to slowing the development of dementia; recognises that Mark was nominated for the prestigious opportunity by his manager, Karen Watson, and notes that the kitchen assistant aims to apply the lessons from the masterclass to develop nutritious and imaginative meals for local residents in Maryhill.

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***[S6M-10319](#) Paul Sweeney: Recognising the Value of Community Link Workers—**That the Parliament commends the work of Community Link Workers (CLWs) in the constituencies and regions that MSPs represent; acknowledges what it sees as the invaluable role of link workers in community resilience efforts, particularly in areas of high deprivation; notes that link workers based in GP surgeries and embedded in communities provide support, advocacy and signposting for vulnerable people who may be otherwise hard to reach; recognises that the programme enables local medical teams to provide holistic care that responds to patients' circumstances, which may

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transcend healthcare, including social and economic issues; understands that the number of CLWs in Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP) is set to be reduced from 69.8 to 42; considers that cuts of this nature will be felt most acutely by people in the most deprived populations in Glasgow, and other communities in Scotland if mirrored in other council areas; believes that a reduction in CLW numbers will place additional pressure on frontline GP services, which, it considers, are already strained; further believes that the uncertainty around funding will push CLWs out of the service and, with it, their knowledge of local networks and trust, which, it considers, will not be easily replaced, and notes the calls from GMB Scotland and Glasgow CLWs for the Scottish Government to provide a commitment as soon as possible to maintain the number of CLWs in Glasgow on a long-term basis, and to meet with the GCHSCP and GMB Scotland to discuss long-term funding options. **R**

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***S6M-10318 Sandesh Gulhane: Organ Donation Week 2023**—That the Parliament recognises that 18 to 24 September is Organ Donation Week 2023; understands that the aim of the week is to raise awareness of the ongoing need for organ donors and to encourage more people to register to become an organ donor on the NHS Organ Donor Register and inform their loved ones of their decision; further understands that the NHS Blood and Transplant service is hoping to see buildings across the UK lit up in pink to mark the week and to inspire people to confirm their decision regarding organ donation; believes that, while Scotland has an "opt-out" system of organ and tissue donation, it is still important that people make their decision known by sharing their decision with family and friends, to avoid any doubt; understands that, due to a shortage of organs, there are on average 500 people in Scotland awaiting an organ transplant at any one time; recognises that organ donation can dramatically improve and save lives; understands that every organ donor has the potential to save up to nine lives; further understands that there is particular concern with regard to the availability of organs for those from ethnic minority backgrounds, and that around one third of people waiting for an organ are from ethnic minority backgrounds and the majority are waiting for a kidney, but are less likely to receive one due to a shortage of suitably matched donors, and encourages everyone to consider their own position with regard to organ donation and to discuss and share their decision with family and friends. **R**

***S6M-10317 Jackie Baillie: Employees from SGN Give Back to Balloch's Children's Hospice Garden** —That the Parliament congratulates SGN'S local employees on giving back their time by sprucing up the garden of Robin House in Balloch; recognises the scheme through which SGN management allows staff to use a day off work to volunteer at local causes of their choosing; notes that the staff, as part of the SGN Community Action Programme, were able to clear overgrowth and improve the visibility of the water that runs through the garden, and further notes that officials from Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) passed on their gratitude to SGN employees and highlighted the contribution of volunteers to help with the upkeep of the facility.

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***S6M-10316 Jackie Baillie: Dumbarton Youth Volunteers Heat Up National Fire Cadet Games**—That the Parliament congratulates the Dumbarton Youth Volunteers on their success at the recent National Fire Cadet Games in Liverpool, where they represented the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; recognises that the Dumbarton-based group took part in the specific events of Home Fire Safety Visits, Community Safety Engagement and Presentation, Water Rescue, First

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Aid/Trauma, as well as a technical course in which they were tasked with displaying skills such as hose running and knots and lines; understands that the Dumbarton group excelled within the first aid section of the games, standing out from the rest of the groups; acknowledges the maturity and determination that the Dumbarton group showed while representing Scotland within the competition, and believes that this should be commended.

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***S6M-10315 Kevin Stewart: Lighthouse Support Centre and Donside Community Church Project**—That the Parliament welcomes the start of work on the Lighthouse Support Centre and Donside Community Church Project in Tillydrone; notes that the renovation works on the former Tillydrone Library and Family Centre are now being undertaken by the CHAP Group, following a Community Asset Transfer of the buildings to the Lighthouse Support Centre; recognises that the Lighthouse is a local charity based in and working in Tillydrone since 2003, providing a range of services and support within the community; understands that the Donside Community Church was launched with an Easter service in 2021, having grown from the work of the Lighthouse Outreach Service in the Tillydrone community, and commends the Lighthouse and Donside Community Church for their work in securing a new permanent home and on their work in the local community.

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***S6M-10314 Liz Smith: 20th Anniversary of the Cairngorms National Park**—That the Parliament celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Cairngorms National Park; understands that the UK's largest national park is spread across the regions of Aberdeenshire, the Highlands, Moray, Angus, and Perth and Kinross; further understands that the park contains four of the five highest mountains in Britain and over 50 other Munros, nine different Natural Nature Reserves, three of Scotland's mighty rivers, including the Dee, Don and Spey, over half of the country's surviving Caledonian Forest, and other renowned natural features including lochs and wetlands; considers that the internationally recognised status of a national park has vast benefits, including bringing investment to conserve the wild landscape of the Cairngorms, as well as being the habitat of an extensive range of wildlife, including, it understands, a quarter of the UK's most threatened animals, insects, plants and fungi; recognises what it sees as the physical and mental health advantages of the national park in encouraging activities such as walking, hiking, cycling and skiing across the unique landscape of the Cairngorms; acknowledges the impact of the national park on tourism to the area, encouraging almost two million annual visitors and generating employment and large sums for the local economy of rural Scotland, and sends its best wishes to the park authority staff and rangers, and the countless volunteers who work hard to preserve this truly special area.

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***S6M-10312 Ivan McKee: Commemorating the National Day of Catalonia, 11 September 2023**—That the Parliament acknowledges that 11 September 2023 is the National Day of Catalonia, known as "La Diada"; believes that this day-long festival unusually and defiantly

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commemorates a day of defeat, remembering the fall of Barcelona during the War of Spanish Succession in 1714 and the subsequent loss of Catalan independence, institutions and laws; understands that this commemoration was forbidden during the dictatorship of Franco, but that it was recovered after his death and the return of democracy; considers that the day has particular significance for those who believe that Catalonia should again be an independent nation, and celebrates what it sees as the friendship between Catalonia and Scotland.

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***[S6M-10310](#) Collette Stevenson: East Kilbride Charity Keeping the Community Healthy—**

That the Parliament congratulates Agape Sensory Hub, of East Kilbride, on having organised a sponsored walk on 29 July 2023 at James Hamilton Heritage Park; understands that Agape is a local charity that dedicates its time to helping the local community achieve positive wellbeing through services and activities; recognises that it also offers a variety of other wellbeing classes, from baby massage courses to arts and crafts, and wishes the team at Agape all the best with its future efforts to keep the people of East Kilbride fit and healthy.

***[S6M-10305](#) Claire Baker: Recognising 1st Dalgety Bay Brownies Stalwart, Susan Laird, for Receiving Girlguiding Special Service Award—**

That the Parliament congratulates Susan Laird on being awarded a Special Service Award in Girlguiding after four decades of volunteering with local groups in West Fife; understands that, after celebrating her 80th birthday in July, Susan still helps out with the 1st Dalgety Bay Brownies every week and is still heavily involved in the work of the district; notes that Susan received the special service award from county commissioner, Janice Spence, at a celebration to mark her birthday; understands that Susan started off working in the ranger unit and soon became a ranger leader, and took part in many international and national camps over the years, including one in Canada and one in the grounds of Windsor Castle, and has taken girls to London on many occasions, where, once, they fulfilled the role of marshals at a Thinking Day service in Westminster Abbey; appreciates that Susan was part of a team that took Guides and Brownies to the Carmichael Centre in Balmullo; commends and applauds Susan's achievement of undertaking, it understands, an adult Duke of Edinburgh challenge in her late 60s; understands that, when Susan turned 65, she wrote to Girlguiding, which led to a change in the organisation's retirement age policy a few months later; recognises Susan's dedication and contribution to Girlguiding and what it sees as her positive impact on young people in her local community, and extends its very best wishes to Susan for her 80th birthday and for continued success in the future.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-10308](#) Collette Stevenson: Congratulations to East Kilbride's Award-winning Curry house (lodged on 04 September 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-10304](#) Jackie Dunbar: Doors Open Days Returns to Aberdeen (lodged on 04 September 2023)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Paul Sweeney*

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[S6M-10303](#) Kaukab Stewart: Scotland's First National British Indian Army Memorial (lodged on 04 September 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-10302](#) Evelyn Tweed: Forth Inn and Oak Tree Inn Win at the Scottish Bar and Pub Awards 2023 (lodged on 04 September 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-10295](#) Clare Adamson: International Overdose Awareness Day 2023 (lodged on 04 September 2023)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Monica Lennon*, Paul Sweeney*, John Mason*, Bob Doris*, Gillian Mackay*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-10293](#) Jackie Dunbar: North East Firefighters Commended for Turkey Earthquake Search and Rescue Efforts (lodged on 04 September 2023)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Monica Lennon*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-10292](#) Stephen Kerr: Works Begin to Improve Infrastructure in Falkirk (lodged on 04 September 2023)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-10291](#) Sarah Boyack: Lothian Buses Celebrates New Tap Record (lodged on 04 September 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Paul O'Kane*, Tess White*

[S6M-10290](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity Annual Sponsored Walk (lodged on 04 September 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Meghan Gallacher*, Miles Briggs*, Craig Hoy*, Edward Mountain*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Russell Findlay*, Jamie Greene*, Pam Gosal*, Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Douglas Ross*, Tess White*, Alexander Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Sue Webber*, Jackson Carlaw*, Bill Kidd*, Sharon Dowey*, Marie McNair*

[S6M-10289](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Beatson Cancer Charity Launches Search for Ambassador (lodged on 04 September 2023)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Colin Beattie*, Alexander Stewart*, Monica Lennon*, Paul Sweeney*, Jeremy Balfour*, Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Edward Mountain*, Russell Findlay*, Tess White*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S6M-10288](#) Alexander Burnett: Firefighter Kevin Forsyth Retires After 34 Years of Service (lodged on 04 September 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, Tess White*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-10287](#) Alexander Burnett: Aberdeenshire West Businesses Nominated for Trade Awards 2023 (lodged on 04 September 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, Tess White*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sharon Dowey*

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[S6M-10286](#) Alexander Burnett: Johnston Carmichael Raises £2,895 for Charity (lodged on 04 September 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, Tess White*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-10285](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Twin Town Golf Event Further Cements Special Relationship Between the Two Towns (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10284](#) Gillian Mackay: Environmental Impact of Single-use Vapes (lodged on 04 September 2023)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, John Mason*, Bob Doris*, Maggie Chapman*

[S6M-10283](#) David Torrance: Kinghorn Scarecrow Trail Event Hailed Great Success (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10282](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Charity Enjoys Success after First Family Fun Day (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10281](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Takeaway Wins Two Awards at Prestigious Event (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10279](#) Brian Whittle: Josh Kerr, World Athletics Champion (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Ben Macpherson*

[S6M-10278](#) Annabelle Ewing: Cardenden Village Fair 2023 (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Murdo Fraser*, Marie McNair*, David Torrance*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-10277](#) Annabelle Ewing: Scottish Coal Carrying Championships 2023 (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Murdo Fraser*, Jeremy Balfour*, Marie McNair*, David Torrance*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-10276](#) Kenneth Gibson: Recognising Scotland's Blue Carbon Resources (lodged on 04 September 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, John Mason*

[S6M-10275](#) Roz McCall: Susan Laird Receives Special Service Award (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Tess White*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-10274](#) Clare Adamson: Gas Safety Week 2023 (lodged on 01 September 2023)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Collette Stevenson*, John Mason*, Jackie Baillie*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-10273](#) Roz McCall: Celebrating Duloch Primary's Dyslexia Changemakers (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Tess White*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-10272](#) Kenneth Gibson: Congratulations to J & D Pierce (Contracts) Ltd (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10271](#) Douglas Lumsden: Sam Lobban Charity Rugby Tournament Raises Over £6,000 for Mental Health Aberdeen (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Edward Mountain*, Russell Findlay*, Tess White*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-10270](#) Jeremy Balfour: Childhood Cancer Month 2023 (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-10269](#) Jeremy Balfour: Congratulating Wetwheels on its New Vessel at Port Edgar (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-10268](#) Kevin Stewart: Myeloproliferative Neoplasm Research Funding (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-10267](#) Miles Briggs: The Work of Professor Des Smith (lodged on 30 August 2023)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Alexander Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Edward Mountain*, Ivan McKee*, Russell Findlay*, Jamie Greene*, Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Foysoyl Choudhury*, Tess White*, Douglas Ross*, Stuart McMillan*, Sue Webber*, Jackson Carlaw*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Marie McNair*

[S6M-10266](#) Evelyn Tweed: Congratulates Stirling Winners at Ninth Food Awards Scotland (lodged on 30 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10262](#) Rona Mackay: Opening of Scotland's First Bairns' Hoose (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: John Mason*

[S6M-10261](#) Kaukab Stewart: Fine Dining Restaurant of the Year – Number 16 Restaurant (lodged on 30 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10260](#) Kaukab Stewart: Best Oriental Establishment – Sapporo Teppanyaki (lodged on 30 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-10259](#) Kaukab Stewart: Best Mediterranean Establishment – Elena’s Spanish Bar and Restaurant (lodged on 30 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10258](#) Kaukab Stewart: Best Indian Establishment - Madras Café (lodged on 30 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10256](#) Kenneth Gibson: Ayrshire Walking Festival (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10255](#) Kevin Stewart: We Too! and Codona's Dream Night (lodged on 30 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10254](#) Pam Gosal: Scotland’s First SareeThon (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-10252](#) Jackie Dunbar: Net Zero Energy Transition (NZET) Awards 2023 (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S6M-10251](#) Stuart McMillan: Gillian Duffy, President of Scottish Schools' Football Association (lodged on 01 September 2023)

New Support: Tess White*, Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-10248](#) Liam Kerr: Cove Woodland Trust Presented with the Community International Green Flag Award (lodged on 30 August 2023)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*

[S6M-10244](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Wellness Festival in Aid of SAMH (lodged on 30 August 2023)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, Tess White*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S6M-10243](#) Monica Lennon: Congratulations to SoundSational on the Launch of New Album, Evolution (lodged on 30 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10236](#) Donald Cameron: Loch Fyne Oysters Celebrates Double Culinary Achievement (lodged on 28 August 2023)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Craig Hoy*, Annie Wells*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Edward Mountain*, Liam Kerr*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Murdo Fraser*, Russell Findlay*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Tess White*, Sue Webber*, Jackson Carlaw*, Kevin Stewart*, David Torrance*

[S6M-10235](#) Donald Cameron: Oban Man Sets Double World Rowing Record (lodged on 28 August 2023)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Craig Hoy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Douglas Ross*, Edward Mountain*, Liam Kerr*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Murdo Fraser*, Russell Findlay*, Colin Beattie*, Tess White*, Sue Webber*, Jackson Carlaw*, Kevin Stewart*, David Torrance*

[S6M-10229](#) Michelle Thomson: Peace at the Heart of Scottish Schools (lodged on 04 September 2023)

New Support: John Mason*, Ivan McKee*, Maggie Chapman*

[S6M-10227](#) Clare Haughey: Bonnie Blantyre, Britain in Bloom Final (lodged on 25 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10219](#) Claire Baker: Leven Dancers Success at World Championships (lodged on 25 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10215](#) Annie Wells: Emergency Services Day (lodged on 25 August 2023)

New Support: John Mason*, Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, Tess White*

[S6M-10213](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Uddingston Strathclyde Pipe Band Reaches World Championships Final (lodged on 25 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10210](#) Annie Wells: World Suicide Prevention Day 2023, Creating Hope Through Action (lodged on 25 August 2023)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Monica Lennon*, Jeremy Balfour*, Brian Whittle*, Douglas Ross*, Colin Beattie*, Meghan Gallacher*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Bill Kidd*, John Mason*, Russell Findlay*, Jamie Greene*, Tess White*, Foysol Choudhury*, Sue Webber*, Jackson Carlaw*, Kenneth Gibson*, Marie McNair*

[S6M-10204](#) Annabelle Ewing: Nancy Rhouma Receives Inverkeithing Citizen of the Year Community Award (lodged on 28 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10201](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy's Ian Ogilvie Recognised for 60 Years of Service as Local Church Organist (lodged on 25 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10200](#) Neil Bibby: Renfrewshire Schools Pipe Band Wins Big at the World Pipe Band Championships (lodged on 24 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10192](#) Martin Whitfield: Preston Lodge High School Success at World Pipe Band Championships (lodged on 23 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

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Motions Glusadan				

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

New Support: Marie McNair*

[S6M-10184](#) Karen Adam: 2023 Edinburgh Deaf Festival (lodged on 23 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10180](#) Michelle Thomson: Celebrating Falkirk East Pipers at World Piping Championships 2023 (lodged on 22 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10175](#) John Swinney: Congratulating Connor Graham on Walker Cup Selection (lodged on 21 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10169](#) Clare Adamson: Ravenscraig Burns Club Donation to Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland (lodged on 21 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10168](#) Clare Adamson: Deepsea Day Outstanding Community Fundraising (lodged on 21 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10166](#) David Torrance: Martin Ligman Celebrates 40 Years of Service to Kirkcaldy YMCA (lodged on 18 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10162](#) Audrey Nicoll: NHS Grampian Named Prestigious European Fellowship Training Centre for Stone and Prostate Cancer Robotic Surgery (lodged on 17 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10145](#) Annabelle Ewing: Cowdenbeath Constituency Projects Benefit from Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (lodged on 15 August 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-10138](#) Alexander Burnett: Peter Fraser Awarded 2023 Ronnie Rose Award (lodged on 14 August 2023)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, Alexander Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Pam Gosal*, Jamie Greene*, Colin Beattie*

[S6M-10129](#) Alexander Burnett: Huntly Resident Betty Cosgrove Celebrates 100th Birthday (lodged on 21 August 2023)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S6M-09941](#) Pauline McNeill: Glasgow's Night Bus Services (lodged on 13 July 2023)

New Support: Sarah Boyack*

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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 05 September 2023

[S6W-21056](#) Collette Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress with the decarbonisation of rail services.

Written questions lodged on 05 September 2023

[S6W-20925](#) Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has reportedly (a) reduced funding for the Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) and (b) instructed the CRT to end its grant programme.

[S6W-20965](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact of short-term let licensing on the workload of local authorities.

[S6W-20966](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-20258 by Jenni Minto on 14 August 2023, what issues were discussed at its last meeting with the Society of Chief Officers of Environmental Health in Scotland.

[S6W-20967](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what the longest length of time is that a child has spent in temporary accommodation in each local authority area since 2016.

[S6W-20979](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what contact it has had with the Church of Scientology, and what the content was of any discussions.

[S6W-20980](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government when it next plans to review regulations relating to the conduct of religious bodies.

[S6W-20982](#) Foyso Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government what steps are being taken to improve myeloma cancer diagnoses, and what is being done to increase public awareness of this type of cancer, in light of reports that myeloma patients face some of the longest times to diagnosis of any cancer.

[S6W-20983](#) Foyso Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government what the number of phlebotomists employed by NHS boards was in (a) 2020, (b) 2021 and (c) 2022.

[S6W-20984](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government when it next plans to review the regulation of property factors.

[S6W-20985](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-19318 by Siobhian Brown on 5 July 2023, whether it will provide an update on what the total spend by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) was on the contract with Systel for a new national command and control mobilising system, broken down by (a) in-house costs to the SFRS, (b) all costs to Systel or associated companies for (i) design, (ii) installation and (iii) trialling, (c) legal and other costs associated with the cancellation of the contract and (d) legal costs incurred to date since the cancellation of the contract.

[S6W-20986](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the contract awarded to Systel for a new national command and control mobilising system for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, what the (a) total value was of the contract awarded, (b) date was on which the contract was awarded, (c) start date was for the development of the system and (d) the anticipated go-live date was for the system.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S6W-20987](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government when it expects the contract for a new national command and control mobilising system for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to be awarded, and what the expected go-live date is for the new system.

[S6W-20988](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government for what amount the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is pursuing Systel, following the cancellation of the contract for a new national command and control mobilising system.

[S6W-20989](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-20667 by Paul McLennan on 4 September 2023, whether it will provide the information requested regarding whether its More Homes Division is subject to a recruitment cap; if so, when any such cap was put in place and when it is expected to end, and for what reason it did not provide this information in its answer.

[S6W-20990](#) Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will confirm the costs associated with the (a) production and (b) publication of its paper, *Devolution since the Brexit Referendum*.

[S6W-20991](#) Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will confirm the costs associated with the (a) production and (b) publication of its paper, *Creating a modern constitution for an independent Scotland*.

[S6W-20992](#) Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will confirm the costs associated with the (a) production and (b) publication of its paper, *Citizenship in an independent Scotland*.

[S6W-20993](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what the total (a) number and (b) value is of contracts awarded by public sector organisations to consulting companies in each of the last five fiscal years.

[S6W-20994](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what the total (a) number and (b) value is of contracts that it has awarded to consulting companies in each of the last five fiscal years.

[S6W-20995](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the total (a) number and (b) value of contracts awarded by local authorities to consulting companies in each of the last five fiscal years.

[S6W-20996](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the total (a) number and (b) value of contracts awarded by NHS boards to consulting companies in each of the last five fiscal years.

[S6W-20997](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what the total (a) number and (b) value is of contracts awarded by executive agencies to consulting companies in each of the last five fiscal years.

[S6W-20998](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what the total (a) number and (b) value is of contracts awarded by non-ministerial offices to consulting companies in each of the last five fiscal years.

[S6W-20999](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the total (a) number and (b) value of contracts awarded by public corporations to consulting companies in each of the last five fiscal years.

[S6W-21000](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the total (a) number and (b) value of contracts awarded by (i) executive, (ii) advisory and (iii) tribunal non-departmental public bodies to consulting companies in each of the last five fiscal years.

[S6W-21001](#) Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government when the Green Heat Finance Taskforce will publish its final report.

[S6W-21002](#) Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Green Heat Finance Taskforce has completed its work.

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Questions Ceistean				

S6W-21003 Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government how much support the horticulture sector received through the Basic Payment Scheme in the latest year for which figures are available, also provided as a percentage of the total Basic Payment Scheme funding.

S6W-21005 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many legal challenges have been brought to date regarding Edinburgh's Low Emission Zone.

S6W-21006 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what the total value of any cash settlements awarded to defenders in any civil or criminal cases regarding Low Emission Zones has been to date.

S6W-21013 Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the number of COVID-19 cases in Scotland, and what assessment it has made of the potential impact of the newly-identified Eris strain, which the World Health Organization has classified as a "variant of interest".

S6W-21015 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how its 2021 Affordable Housing Supply Programme resource planning assumptions compare with (a) national budget allocations and (b) local expenditure to date. **R**

S6W-21016 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S6W-17748 and S6W-17799 by Michael Matheson on 18 May 2023, whether it will provide an update on what steps are being taken to address any regional variation in survival and access to surgery for ovarian cancer.

S6W-21017 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve awareness of ovarian cancer symptoms during Gynaecological Cancer Awareness Month in September 2023.

S6W-21018 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps are being taking to improve early diagnosis of ovarian cancer.

S6W-21019 Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what mechanisms are in place for local authorities to monitor and audit the care packages provided through self-directed support.

S6W-21020 Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans, or is aware of any plans, to change the employment status of people employed in the self-directed support sector to incorporate it within regulated work.

S6W-21021 Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what advice it provides for workers employed in the self-directed support sector in relation to any employment challenges that may arise.

S6W-21022 Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government who is responsible for upholding workers' rights in the self-directed support sector.

S6W-21023 Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what processes are in place to support workers employed in the self-directed support sector.

S6W-21026 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what steps are being taken to improve the accessibility of mental health services.

S6W-21030 Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what the total level of attendance was at the workshops on its proposed Agriculture Bill that took place in 2022 on 5 October in Inverness, 6 October in Skye, 25 October in Inverurie, 1 November in Oban, 3 November in Melrose, 8 November in Stirling, 10 November in Dumfries, 14 November in Ayr, and 28 November in Orkney.

S6W-21031 Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to publish the minutes that were taken at each of its public workshops on its proposed Agriculture Bill.

S6W-21032 Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to hold more public workshops on its proposed Agriculture Bill in 2023.

[S6W-21033 Rachael Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government what the total level of attendance was at the online events for its proposed Agriculture Bill that were held on 29 September, 27 October and 9, 15 and 16 November 2022.

[S6W-21034 Jamie Halcro Johnston](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to respond to the concerns expressed in the consultation on the Agriculture Bill that commercial forestry will not benefit local communities.

[S6W-21035 Jamie Halcro Johnston](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to increase transparency in the four-tiered payment structure in its proposed Agriculture Bill.

[S6W-21036 Jamie Halcro Johnston](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it provide further clarification regarding what it means by "unforeseen circumstances" within the framework of its proposed Agriculture Bill.

[S6W-21037 Jamie Halcro Johnston](#): To ask the Scottish Government what measures it will take to ensure that the data-sharing measures in its proposed Agriculture Bill are conducted in accordance with GDPR.

[S6W-21038 Jamie Halcro Johnston](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to respond to the feedback in the consultation on its proposed Agriculture Bill that wider rural development proposals should not be the focus of the bill.

[S6W-21039 Jamie Halcro Johnston](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether its proposed Agriculture Bill will include measures to support community-led local development.

[S6W-21040 Jamie Greene](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that homelessness applications due to evictions from rent arrears have increased by 74% in a year.

[S6W-21041 Jamie Greene](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider closing the 35 schools in Scotland that were found to have been built with reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete, as has been done in other jurisdictions.

[S6W-21042 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps are being taken to increase the number of people starting psychological therapies within the 18-week target, following a reported decrease in the number of people being seen within that target window over the previous two quarters to March 2023.

[S6W-21043 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the most recent CAMHS waiting time statistics, for the quarter ending in June 2023, which reportedly demonstrate a decrease in the number of children and young people being seen within the 18-week waiting time target.

[S6W-21044 Roz McCall](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many homes have been built in (a) Stirling, (b) Fife, (c) Perth and Kinross and (d) Clackmannanshire in each year since 2019.

[S6W-21045 Roz McCall](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many Freedom of Information requests it responded to within the statutory time limit of 20 working days in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021 and (d) 2022.

[S6W-21046 Roz McCall](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many public buildings in the Mid Scotland and Fife region have been identified as containing reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete.

[S6W-21047 Roz McCall](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many care experienced children have been excluded from (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in each year since 2019.

[S6W-21048 Roz McCall](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to mitigate any risks posed by the reported removal of four fire appliances in Fife.

[S6W-21049 Alexander Stewart](#): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to support rural hospitality businesses to locate or supply accommodation for their staff, in light of reports that a lack of staff accommodation is having an impact on the recruitment and retention of staff in this sector.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to the negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 5 September 2023 and is subject to the negative procedure—

[National Health Service Pension Schemes \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/246\)](#)

Laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Progress of Legislation

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

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

For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

A Hybrid Bill is subject to the same rules except in the case of Stage 2 where amendments for consideration may be lodged no earlier than the completion of any consideration of evidence at Stage 2.

Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 17 May 2023

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

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

Stage 1 completed, 22 June 2023

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
legislationteam@parliament.scot

Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 13 June 2023

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 17 May 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (1st Report, 2023)

European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 23 March 2021

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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)), 9 May 2023

Report – Criminal Justice Committee (letter to lead committee, 10 February 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13th Report, 2023)

Report – Finance and Public Administration Committee (10th Report, 2022)

Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (11th Report, 2022)

Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 13 June 2023

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 6 June 2023

Lead committee – Criminal Justice

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 5 September 2023

Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 22 June 2023

Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 5 September 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (7th Report, 2023)

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

Passed, 16 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.

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 24 May 2023

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 20 June 2023

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 6 September 2023

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 28 June 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 LCM-S6-36

Lodged on 15 May 2023

Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 31 May 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (48th Report, 2023)

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

Lodged on 19 July 2023

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

Lodged on 19 June 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 28 June 2023

Report – Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (13th Report, 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (47th Report, 2023)

Energy Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-26a

Lodged on 25 January 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (5th Report, 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (16th 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 LCM-S6-23

Lodged on 27 July 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (14th Report, 2022)

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

Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-27b

Lodged on 4 September 2023

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)

Powers of Attorney Bill LCM-S6-34

Lodged on 16 March 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 24 May 2023

Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (5th Report, 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (25th 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 13 September 2023

[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Amendment of Expiry Date\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (1 June 2023) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to approval by 28 September 2023

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Green Freeports Relief\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (16 June 2023) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval by 3 October 2023

[Deer \(Firearms etc.\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (21 June 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 6 September 2023
Lead Committee report due by 4 September 2023

[Packaging Waste \(Data Reporting\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/160\)](#)
(25 May 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Food \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(Compliance Notices\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/161\)](#) (25 May 2023)
(Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 13 September 2023
Lead Committee report due by 11 September 2023

[Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Solicitors in the Court of Session, Sheriff Appeal Court and Sheriff Court\) \(Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules\) \(Amendment\) 2023 \(SSI 2023/165\)](#) (1 June 2023)
(Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Feed Additives \(Form of Provisional Authorisations\) \(Cobalt\(II\) Compounds\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/170\)](#) (1 June 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment 14 September 2023
Lead Committee report due by 11 September 2023

[Lews Castle College \(Transfer and Closure\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/171\)](#) (2 June 2023)
(Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Early Expiry of Provisions\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/172\)](#) (2 June 2023) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/173\)](#) (2 June 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 20 September 2023
Lead Committee report due by 18 September 2023

[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/177\)](#) (8 June 2023) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/178\)](#) (8 June 2023) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 27 September 2023
Lead Committee report due by 25 September 2023

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[National Health Service \(Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/181\)](#) (15 June 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 3 October 2023
Lead Committee report due by 2 October 2023

[Deer \(Close Seasons\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/184\)](#) (21 June 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment 4 October 2023
Lead Committee report due by 2 October 2023

[Teachers' Superannuation and Pension Scheme \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/190\)](#) (22 June 2023) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 5 October 2023
Lead Committee report due by 2 October 2023

[Cereal Seed \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/193\)](#) (23 June 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[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)

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)

Petitions

The following petitions were lodged by the Parliament on 05 September 2023:

PE2044: Recommit the £26 million pledged to colleges in the 2023/24 budget

PE2045: Lower the cervical cancer smear test age in Scotland to 16

<https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions>

New Documents

Committee Reports

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 document was laid before the Parliament on 5 September 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Annual Report to Parliament on the monitoring programme for transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) – years 2021 and 2022 (SG/2023/143) laid under Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001

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