

Monday 2 December 2024

Business Bulletin

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Portfolio Questions: Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Thursday 5 December: Education and Skills – Questions 1 and 6

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

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Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 27 November 2024

Tuesday 3 December 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rt Rev Frank Dougan, Bishop of the Diocese of Galloway

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-14749 Craig Hoy: Findings of the Cross-Party Group on Beer and Pubs Report, What Does "Brand Scotland" Mean for the Scottish Beer and Pub Sector?

Wednesday 4 December 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business
Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget 2025-26

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

4:20 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-15571 Emma Harper: The Open University Supports the Scots Language

followed by Members' Business — S6M-14602 Michael Matheson: Powering Futures - Putting Young People at the Heart of the Energy Transition

Thursday 5 December 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-15411 Paul Sweeney: Publication of the Marie Curie Report, Dying in Poverty in Scotland 2024

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Empowering Young People's Voices in Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 10 December 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 December 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 December 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Remote and Rural Healthcare Inquiry

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

3 December 2024

33rd Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- Scrutiny of the Scottish Housing Regulator:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Bookbinder, Director, Glasgow and West of Scotland Forum of Housing Associations;
Tony Cain, Policy Manager, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers (ALACHO);
Patrick Gilbride, Retired Director, Dalmuir Park Housing Association;
Daryl McIntosh, Chief Executive Officer, SHARE Ltd;
Alan Stokes, Policy Lead, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA);
and then from—
Lindsay Anderson, Chair, Link's Tenant Scrutiny Panel;
James Calder, National Policy and Engagement Officer, MECOPP;
Shona Gorman, Vice-Chair, Tenants Together Scotland;
Robyn Kane, Secretary, Edinburgh Tenants Federation.
- Scrutiny of the Scottish Housing Regulator:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- EU Law Tracker:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Convener of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Euan Donald on 85212 or at euane.donald@parliament.scot

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

3 December 2024

36th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Magnus Linklater CBE, Journalist;
Laurie Macfarlane, Co-Director of Future Economy Scotland;

Peter Peacock, Formerly - Leader Highland Council; MSP for Highlands and Islands; Scottish Executive Cabinet Minister; Policy Director Community Land Scotland; Andy Wightman, Researcher, "Who Owns Scotland" Project.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider an approach to consideration of the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025.
4. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider evidence heard at agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Peter McGrath on 85232 or at peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot

Finance and Public Administration Committee

3 December 2024

34th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-26: UK context:** The Committee will take evidence from— David Phillips, Associate Director, and Ben Zaranko, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Joanne McNaughton, at FPA.committee@parliament.scot

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

3 December 2024

34th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Burial \(Applications and Register\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/334)
[Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/352)
3. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Act of Sederunt \(Rules of the Court of Session 1994, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules 2021 and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment\) \(Statutory Interveners\) 2024](#) (SSI 2024/353)
4. **Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill after Stage 2.
5. **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill after Stage 2.
6. **Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill after Stage 2.
7. **Product Regulation and Metrology Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the responses from the Scottish Government and the UK Government on the

powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence conferred on UK Ministers in the Bill.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Greg Black at Greg.Black@parliament.scot

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

3 December 2024

27th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Maree Todd, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Jacqueline Campbell, Unit Head, Learning Disabilities and Autism Policy, and Carmen Murray, Team Leader, Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill, Scottish Government.
3. **Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee via email.

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Education, Children and Young People Committee

4 December 2024

32nd Meeting, 2024

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

1. **The Promise - Staff Recruitment and Retention:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Claire Burns, Director, CELCIS;
Fiona Duncan, Independent Strategic Advisor;
Professor Trish McCulloch, Professor of Social Work and Deputy Dean in the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law, University of Dundee;
Fraser McKinlay, Chief Executive, The Promise Scotland;
and then from—
Alison Bavidge, National Director, Scottish Association of Social Work (SASW);
Laura Caven, Chief Officer, Children and Young People Team and Co-Chair of the Additional Support for Learning Project Board, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA);
Ben Farrugia, Director, Social Work Scotland;
Simon Macfarlane, Regional Manager, UNISON Scotland.
2. **SQA Higher History Review 2024:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Scottish Government;
Fiona Robertson, Chief Executive, Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA);
Clare Hicks, Director, Education Reform, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation (in private):** The Committee will consider its draft report on the Regulated Roles (Prohibitions and Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]
4. **Consideration of Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda items 1 and 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot

Economy and Fair Work Committee

4 December 2024

32nd Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **City Region and Regional Growth Deals:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stuart Bews, Programme Manager, Aberdeen City Region Deal;
Paul Lawrence, Chief Executive, Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal;
Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council and Chair of the Glasgow City Region Cabinet, Councillor Owen O'Donnell, Leader of East Renfrewshire Council, and Kevin Rush, Director of Economic Growth, Glasgow City Region Deal;
Matt Bailey, Programme Manager, Inverness and Highland City Region Deal.
2. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Anne Peat on 85182 or at anne.peat@parliament.scot

Criminal Justice Committee

4 December 2024

38th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's intentions in relation to Stage 2 of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill from—
Sandy Brindley, Chief Executive, Rape Crisis Scotland;
Louise Johnson, National Policy Lead for Legal Issues, Scottish Women's Aid;
Kate Wallace, Chief Executive Officer, Victim Support Scotland;
and then from—
Simon Brown, President, Scottish Solicitors Bar Association;
Michael Meehan KC, Faculty of Advocates;
Stuart Munro, Criminal Law Committee Convener, Law Society of Scotland.
2. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at Stephen.Imrie@scottish.parliament.uk

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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.

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- *...* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
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The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

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

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S6M-15657](#) Elena Whitham: Report on Alcohol Use Disorder in the Justice System**—That the Parliament notes the publication of the Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems' paper, *Alcohol (In)justice: Position on people with an alcohol use disorder in the justice system*; is concerned that it is estimated that almost two-thirds, 63%, of people in prison have an alcohol use disorder, with almost half of those, 31%, possibly dependent on alcohol; is further concerned that the risk of death from alcohol causes is three times higher in men and nine times higher for women who have been in prison than for the general population; understands that the paper sets out why and how people with alcohol use disorders who come into contact with the justice system should have the best opportunities to access treatment and support, and that this could reduce reoffending and pressures on the justice system, tackle inequalities, improve the health and lives of the people concerned and the lives of their families and wider communities; believes that there are examples of innovative practice across Scotland, including Glasgow's Alcohol Court; acknowledges that the paper further sets out several potential standards that could be implemented across the justice system, and understands that accountability for such standards is required in order to make a difference to the health and lives of people in Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley and across Scotland with alcohol problems who are being dealt with by the justice system.

Supported by: Graham Simpson*, Colin Beattie*, Emma Roddick*, Richard Leonard*, Foysoil Choudhury*, Miles Briggs*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jackie Dunbar*, Liam McArthur*, Rona Mackay*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Pauline McNeill*, Stephanie Callaghan*, John Mason*

***[S6M-15654](#) Kenneth Gibson: Opposition to the Post Office Closure Plan**—That the Parliament notes the opposition to the proposal set out in the Post Office's Transformation Plan on 13 November 2024 to consult on closing its 115 remaining crown branches; understands that these proposals would involve the closure of 10 branches in Scotland, including the branch in Saltcoats town centre; notes the opposition of the Communication Workers Union, which has characterised the proposal as being "as tone deaf as it is immoral"; believes that crown branches provide a range of vital services that are not available in all Post Offices; notes the view that, at a time when more and more shops and services are leaving the high street, there is a case for more crown branches, not fewer, and conveys its sympathy to the estimated 1,000 Post Office employees whose jobs are now at risk.

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Supported by: Christine Grahame*, Colin Beattie*, Annabelle Ewing*, Elena Whitham*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Bob Doris*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-15675](#) Sandesh Gulhane: New Affordable Homes in Finnieston, Glasgow**—That the Parliament welcomes the completion of 55 affordable new homes in the Finnieston area of Glasgow; notes that the development, built by JR Group for Glasgow West Housing Association, in Dover Street began in 2021 and will now provide safe, environmentally friendly, sustainable housing as the city approaches its one-year anniversary of declaring a housing emergency on 30 November 2023; congratulates JR Group on its support for the local community through the provision of donations to local primary schools, Anderston Primary School and Glasgow Gaelic School, and the provision of welcome packs to the new tenants moving in, including kitchenware, bedding and toiletries, and considers that more such developments will be required across Glasgow to meet demand and end what it considers to be the practice of boarding people presenting as homeless in temporary accommodation such as hotels.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Liam Kerr*, Jeremy Balfour*, Douglas Ross*, Edward Mountain*, Meghan Gallacher*, Colin Beattie*

***[S6M-15674](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Major Extension Proposed to Glasgow Fort** —That the Parliament notes the submission of a planning application to construct a major extension to the Glasgow Fort shopping centre in the east end of Glasgow; understands that the proposal for 60,000 additional square feet of retail and leisure development at the location is an additional expansion on new phases constructed in 2013 and 2015, and that this phase would mark the full completion of the development, which was first opened in 2004; welcomes this proposed economic development in the east end of Glasgow and the consequent job creation that would be generated, and understands that there will be public consultation events on 11 December 2024 and 16 January 2025.

Supported by: Annie Wells*, Alexander Stewart*, Liam Kerr*, Jeremy Balfour*, Douglas Ross*, Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*

***[S6M-15673](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Glasgow Taxis Cup**—That the Parliament notes that more than 700 students across Glasgow's universities will compete in the Glasgow Taxis Cup on 26 March 2025, with 21 events taking place across Glasgow on that day; welcomes the promotion of sport in the city as competitors participate in the 16 different disciplines taking place on the day, including athletics, basketball, rugby, cross-country, fencing, snow sports and powerlifting, and congratulates last year's winner, Strathclyde University, as it competes to defend its title against students representing the University of Glasgow and Glasgow Caledonian University in the contest sponsored by Glasgow Taxis Ltd.

Supported by: Liam Kerr*, Annie Wells*, Alexander Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Douglas Ross*, Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*

***[S6M-15672](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Lung Cancer Awareness Month**—That the Parliament recognises that November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month; understands that lung cancer is the most common cancer in Scotland and that there are more than twice as many cases in the most deprived areas as there are in the least deprived areas of the country; believes that there are around 4,000 lung cancer deaths in Scotland every year; welcomes Cancer Research UK-funded research into new ways of diagnosing lung cancer using technologies like AI and blood tests that

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can detect tumour DNA, which Cancer Research UK helped pioneer through the TRACERx study; recognises that, in September 2022, the UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) formally announced its recommendation that targeted lung screening is implemented for people aged 55 to 74 with a history of smoking across the UK; understands that lung cancer screening aims to find lung cancer at an early stage, when treatment is more likely to be successful; notes the calls from Cancer Research UK for the urgent roll-out of a national targeted lung cancer screening programme in Scotland; acknowledges the commitment in the Cancer Strategy for Scotland 2023 to 2033 to take forward the UK NSC recommendation on targeted lung screening, and notes Cancer Research UK's call for the Scottish Government to make a commitment to rolling out a national targeted lung cancer screening programme, including investment to tackle shortages in the workforce and diagnostic equipment, to ensure that everyone who needs it can benefit. **R**

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***[S6M-15666](#) Karen Adam: Stanley Morrice, Honorary Doctorate from the University of Stirling** —That the Parliament congratulates Stanley Morrice, of Fraserburgh, on being awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Stirling for his stellar service and leadership in the Scottish food, drink and agricultural sectors; considers that, through his work with the University of Stirling, he fosters innovation and helps develop future leaders; thanks Stanley for his vast contribution to Scotland, and wishes him future success in the years to come.

***[S6M-15665](#) Meghan Gallacher: Radio Law to Close after 57 Years**—That the Parliament notes, with regret, reports of the closure of Radio Law at University Hospital Wishaw; understands that, after 57 years, the charity will close permanently after its final broadcast of its Christmas extravaganza on 8 December 2024; recognises the hard work and dedication of the volunteers in providing a 24-hour broadcast of entertainment and distraction to patients, staff and loved ones of University Hospital Wishaw, and understands that the station has had an invaluable impact on the community over the years, with several of the volunteers having been recognised by the Hospital Broadcasting Association for their outstanding commitment to the charity.

***[S6M-15664](#) Elena Whitham: Friends of Dundonald Castle SCIO Wins Prestige Award** —That the Parliament commends Friends of Dundonald Castle SCIO on winning the Celebrating Thriving Communities award at the recent prestigious National Scottish Thistle Awards; considers that this is a fantastic achievement; understands that the Scottish Thistle Awards are widely regarded as the pinnacle of excellence in Scotland's tourism and hospitality sector, and that they honour organisations and individuals that make an extraordinary contribution to their communities, and extends its best wishes to the dedicated team for its continued success in the future.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, Kevin Stewart*, Emma Roddick*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Annabelle Ewing*, Clare Haughey*, Miles Briggs*

***[S6M-15663](#) Christine Grahame: National Lottery Recognition of South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project** —That the Parliament congratulates South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project (SSGEP) on being chosen as one of 30 good causes highlighted as part of the National Lottery's 30th birthday celebrations; notes that SSGEP was the only project recognised in southern Scotland and also the only environmental or conservation project highlighted; considers that this reflects the excellent and important work undertaken by the SSGEP, which has seen it restore a previously low population of golden eagles to record numbers, and commends all involved for their ongoing efforts.

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***[S6M-15662](#) Clare Adamson: Motherwell FC Community Trust's Christmas Initiative**—That the Parliament commends Motherwell FC Community Trust for its thoughtful initiative to support older and socially isolated people in the community across Motherwell; acknowledges that the trust welcomed people to Motherwell FC's Fir Park Stadium for a special afternoon of free festive joy, including a hot Christmas lunch; celebrates what it sees as the positive impact of this event in fostering community spirit, reducing isolation and bringing people together during the holiday season, and encourages further such initiatives to promote inclusivity, support and kindness across Scotland's communities. **R**

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***[S6M-15661](#) Carol Mochan: The Safe Passage Project**—That the Parliament congratulates the Safe Passage project, which is a pilot scheme based on the Solway Firth, in the South Scotland region, that utilises satellite imagery to identify navigation channels through uncharted waters during sea rescue missions; understands that current state-of-the-art marine navigation can leave areas blank and uncharted, restricting the ability of rescue services to support safe access without the risk of becoming casualties themselves; recognises the reported benefits of using synthetic aperture radar data from satellites to provide regular, accurate mapping of moving channels across the south of Scotland, particularly in nocturnal or cloudy conditions, and commends Nith Inshore Rescue and the University of Strathclyde for their role in developing what it sees as this important project, which has been funded by the European Space Agency.

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***[S6M-15659](#) Clare Adamson: Pathways Church and MADE4U in ML2 Partnership for Christmas Toy Drive**—That the Parliament commends Pathway Church for its partnership with MADE4U IN ML2, in support of its annual community Christmas toy drive, which aims to bring joy to children in the ML2 area during the festive season; believes that this initiative has a positive impact, by providing toys and gifts to local children, ensuring that families in need can experience the joy of Christmas; highlights the opening of the Sparkle and Shine shop, which offers preloved Christmas jumpers, party outfits and pyjamas for children up to 14 years old to any families that would benefit from these donations; believes that this is particularly important during the current cost of living crisis, with many people struggling financially, and congratulates Pathway Church and MADE4U IN ML2 on their commitment to supporting their local community and, it believes, for making a tangible difference to the lives of those in need during this special time of year.

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***[S6M-15658](#) Clare Adamson: New College Lanarkshire in Scottish Chefs Nespresso Student Afternoon Tea Challenge**—That the Parliament congratulates the students and staff of New College Lanarkshire (NCL) on being runners-up at the prestigious Scottish Chefs Nespresso Student Afternoon Tea Challenge; understands that NCL students came a close second, with two points between them and Edinburgh College, which took home the top spot in this highly competitive event; commends the outstanding skills demonstrated by the team, which competed

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against top institutions, including Edinburgh College, Forth Valley College and UHI Perth; believes that the team showed creativity, passion and professionalism both in the kitchen and front of house; celebrates the commitment and hard work that went into their performance; considers that this reflects the high standards of culinary education at New College Lanarkshire, and wishes all students all the best in their studies and future careers.

Supported by: Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Clare Haughey*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Gillian Mackay*

***S6M-15656 Liam McArthur: Orkney Rowers Davie Flett and David Walker Break World Record for Longest Continuous Row**—That the Parliament congratulates Davie Flett and David Walker on their record-breaking achievement of the longest continuous row for their age group; understands that, having started their row at 12.00 pm on 22 November 2024, the pair shattered the British and world record of 24 hours, 30 minutes and 40.2 seconds on 23 November, finally clocking up an astonishing 34 hours, 34 minutes and 34.5 seconds, in front of a crowd of onlookers at the Orkney Sailing Club shed in Kirkwall; commends this truly Herculean physical feat and the remarkable levels of mental perseverance that it required; welcomes the funds of over £3,000 that were raised by the pair for Crossroads Care Orkney and Orkney Rowing Club; notes that Crossroads Care is a charity doing invaluable work to support carers, and those for whom they care, across Orkney, and that Orkney Rowing Club is a vibrant local club growing in popularity and providing opportunities for members of the community to get involved, keep fit and gain new skills; thanks both Davie and David for their outstanding achievement and the funds that they have raised for two worthwhile causes, and looks forward to seeing what further world record-breaking attempts the pair choose to target in the future.

Supported by: Douglas Ross*, Pam Gosal*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Emma Roddick*, Kenneth Gibson*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kevin Stewart*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Stephanie Callaghan*

***S6M-15655 Clare Adamson: Vision Taekwondo Club**—That the Parliament congratulates the members of Vision Taekwondo Club in Wishaw on their medal success in two major competitions, the British National Championships and the Dutch Open; recognises the achievements of Kaila Sloan, Jordan Payton, Kirsty Marshall, Ava Bett and Sophia Bett across both competitions; understands that taekwondo is one the most systematic and scientific Korean traditional martial arts, which teaches more than physical fighting skills; believes that it is a discipline that shows ways of enhancing the spirit and life through training the body and mind; considers that the club's success will now inspire many across Wishaw and Motherwell to take up the sport, and commends the coaches, Ross and Craig Eden, on their outstanding work preparing their students to compete to such a high standard.

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***S6M-15650 Pam Duncan-Glancy: Burrell Collection Awarded Best Building in Scotland Award**—That the Parliament congratulates the Burrell Collection on being awarded the Andrew Doolan Best Building in Scotland Award by the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland; notes that the Burrell Collection is a prominent museum in Scotland, housed in a late 20th century building; recognises that the award comes after a major refurbishment by John McAslan + Partners, which undertook the most comprehensive refurbishment of the museum since its opening in 1983; welcomes that the architecture firm repaired the grade A listed building, upgraded its environmental performance and found ways to display more of the collection, and

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notes that the Doolan Award judges praised the refurbishment as “an outstanding example of problem-solving and future-proofing that has rejuvenated an old friend”.

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***S6M-15606 Tess White: Women Across Scotland Stand With Gisèle Pelicot**—That the Parliament pays tribute to Gisèle Pelicot, who waived her anonymity during the trial of her husband and other alleged abusers in Avignon, France, who are accused of mass rape, to shine a light on the pervasiveness of sexual violence; considers that the public trial has forced a worldwide debate on societal attitudes and beliefs surrounding rape and sexual abuse, including what constitutes sexual consent, as well as the men who perpetrate these heinous crimes and the circumstances in which they occur; regrets that it is necessary to continue to challenge what, it believes, are deeply regressive and harmful societal attitudes to sexual violence, from victim-blaming to shaming; notes with concern that the justice system can be traumatic, isolating and stigmatising for survivors of sexual crime, and believes that much more must be done to support victims of rape and sexual assault; highlights reports of Madame Pelicot’s testimony during the trial that “it’s not for us to have shame, it’s for them”, adding that she does not want women who have been raped “to be ashamed any longer”, and believes that Madame Pelicot’s courage, bravery, dignity and determination in the face of unimaginable adversity have inspired women in Scotland and across the world, who stand with her, shoulder to shoulder, in strength and solidarity.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-15678 Alasdair Allan: Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

S6M-15677 Angela Constance: Electronic Monitoring (Use of Devices and Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Siobhian Brown*

S6M-15653 Rona Mackay: 50 Years of Oncology at the University of Glasgow and 10 Years of Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annie Wells*

S6M-15652 Claire Baker: Celebrating a National Gold Award for Ore Valley Housing Association in Fife at Green Apple Environment Awards 2024 (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Foysoyl Choudhury*

S6M-15651 Keith Brown: Glenview Nursery, Tullibody, Achieves Rights Respecting Gold Award (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-15645 Clare Haughey: Burnside Squirrel Drey Earns Acorn Awards (lodged on 27 November 2024)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15644](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow's Helping Heroes in Govan (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Tim Eagle*, Craig Hoy*, Liam Kerr*, Stephen Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15643](#) Stephen Kerr: Opposing a Reduction to the National Speed Limit (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Liam Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15642](#) Maggie Chapman: Dundee and Angus College: CDN 2024 Awards Winner (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Ross Greer*

[S6M-15641](#) Maggie Chapman: UN Study on the Effects of Nuclear War (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*, Elena Whitham*

[S6M-15639](#) Liam Kerr: Aberdeen Care Home Tor-Na-Dee Receives Gold Standards Framework Accolade (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*, Meghan Gallacher*, Douglas Ross*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, Alexander Stewart*, Russell Findlay*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*, Craig Hoy*, Colin Beattie*, Stephen Kerr*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Douglas Lumsden*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15638](#) Willie Coffey: Superstar Lands Lead Roll (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15636](#) Willie Coffey: Break the Silence Paddleboard Challenge (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15635](#) Willie Coffey: Medals for Kilmarnock's Northwest Amateur Boxing Club (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15632](#) Jackson Carlaw: East Renfrewshire Business Named as Finalist for Diabetes Project of the Year (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15630](#) Kevin Stewart: NHS Grampian's Use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham*

[S6M-15629](#) Alexander Stewart: Wee County Artist Showcases Work in Edinburgh Music Store (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Stephen Kerr*, Sharon Dowey*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S6M-15628](#) Pam Gosal: Congratulating Bearsden Restaurant, Scallop's Tale, Awarded a Gold Seal at the Good Food Awards (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15627](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Law Firm, Weightmans, Wins Law Firm of the Year (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Tim Eagle*, Craig Hoy*, Liam Kerr*, Stephen Kerr*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15620](#) Sharon Dowey: Troon Golfer Wins Scottish Senior Men's Order of Merit (lodged on 26 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15619](#) Sharon Dowey: Troon Golfer Honoured in Scottish Golf's Order of Merit (lodged on 26 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15616](#) Stephen Kerr: 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Sir Winston Churchill (lodged on 26 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15614](#) Sharon Dowey: Trump Turnberry Named Best Luxury Experience at the Scottish Thistle Awards (lodged on 26 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15610](#) Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Considine Raises over £25,000 for Friends of ANCHOR in Memory of Fiona Wildgoose (lodged on 26 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15600](#) Clare Adamson: Lanarkshire Carers Commended at the Carer Positive 10th Anniversary Awards (lodged on 25 November 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-15598](#) Douglas Ross: Iryna Porfilova, Runner-up in the World Buttery Championship (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15573](#) Kenneth Gibson: Recognising the Legacy of Dr Henry Faulds, Originator of Fingerprint Identification, on the 150th Anniversary of his Medical Mission to Japan (lodged on 21 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15562](#) Douglas Ross: Robert Fleming, 50 Years in the Scotch Whisky Sector (lodged on 22 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15397](#) Miles Briggs: Carers Rights Day 2024 (lodged on 11 November 2024)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Elena Whitham*

[S6M-15396](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Oysters Wins Award for Best Pacific Oyster at Best Scottish Shellfish Competition (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham*

[S6M-15394](#) Kenneth Gibson: Recognition of The Woolly Pig Company for Winning the Best Agroforestry Award (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham*

[S6M-15390](#) Bill Kidd: Drumchapel Friendship House (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham*

[S6M-15360](#) Fulton MacGregor: Introducing Mandatory Reporting in Scotland (lodged on 08 November 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham*

[S6M-15353](#) Liam McArthur: Concern Regarding OVO Energy Plans to Charge for Paper Bills (lodged on 08 November 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham*

[S6M-15351](#) Brian Whittle: Kilmarnock Businessman Surprised with Well-deserved Award (lodged on 08 November 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham*

[S6M-15348](#) Christine Grahame: Safer Ageing Week - Raising Awareness of Economic Abuse (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham*

[S6M-15347](#) Pauline McNeill: Availability and Accessibility of Toilets for People Living with a Stoma (lodged on 08 November 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham*

[S6M-15296](#) Willie Coffey: Gold School Sport Award for Shortlees Primary (lodged on 07 November 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham*

[S6M-15252](#) Karen Adam: Outstanding Service of Martin Kennedy to Farming (lodged on 07 November 2024)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

[S6M-15082](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Cathedral Organ Concert to Raise Money for the Homeless (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*, Sharon Dowey*, Liam Kerr*

Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged from 28 November 2024 to 29 November 2024

[S6W-31490 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it issues to (a) its departments and (b) organisations working on its behalf regarding its (i) definition of, (ii) criteria for and (iii) expectations surrounding the process of a peer review.

[S6W-31687 Ariane Burgess](#): To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has carried out of job losses in (a) shellfish fishing, (b) sea angling, (c) tourism and (d) other sectors that have been reportedly caused by the salmon farming industry in each year since 1999.

[S6W-31727 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the discovery of hundreds of dead fish in Linlithgow Loch on 12 November 2024, what action SEPA has taken in response to this possible pollution event.

[S6W-31728 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether Transport Scotland has carried out an assessment of the use of Starlink on ScotRail services, in light of the proposed appointment of Elon Musk as a member of the Cabinet of the Government of the United States.

[S6W-31789 Paul O'Kane](#): To ask the Scottish Government what support it has provided to local authorities for the provision of school (a) libraries and (b) librarians in the current financial year, and in each year since 2021.

[S6W-31817 Keith Brown](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the (a) value of the role of physician associate, (b) function that physician associates have in supporting GPs and (c) contribution that physician associates make to patients and the NHS.

[S6W-31819 Brian Whittle](#): To ask the Scottish Government what safeguards exist for patients with suspected inflammatory bowel disease who remain on the endoscopy waiting list past its target of six weeks, and how it has assessed the effectiveness of any such safeguards.

[S6W-31820 Brian Whittle](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it is assessing the impact of the four new mobile endoscopy units on faster diagnosis for inflammatory bowel disease.

[S6W-31821 Maurice Golden](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of any costs that it has incurred through legal action that it has been party to in each year since 2007.

[S6W-31822 Maurice Golden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has provided towards research on (a) strokes, (b) heart disease, (c) cancer, (d) hearing loss and (e) sight loss in each year since 2016.

[S6W-31823 Maurice Golden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many road accidents there have been in each of the last five years in which a (a) defective and (b) poor road surface was recorded as a contributory factor, broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-31824 Maurice Golden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many appointments by ministers to positions on (a) public bodies and (b) NHS boards there have been in each year since 2007 in which the appointee has declared a political affiliation, broken down by political party declared.

[S6W-31825 Maurice Golden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many patients have had treatment in a private hospital paid for by the NHS in each of the last five years, broken down by NHS board.

[S6W-31826 Maurice Golden](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-12880 by Richard Lochhead on 20 December 2022, what information it has regarding what the (a) claimant count and (b) unemployment rate in Dundee has been in each year since June 2022, broken down by ward area.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S6W-31827 Maurice Golden](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-04033 by Graeme Dey on 1 November 2021, how much grant funding it has provided to each local authority to purchase and/or lease zero emission vehicles in each year since 2021-22.

[S6W-31828 Maurice Golden](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-04456 by Lorna Slater on 18 November 2021, what information it has regarding the (a) weight and (b) carbon impact of the single-use (i) plastic cutlery, (ii) plastic plates, (iii) plastic straws, (iv) plastic beverage stirrers and balloon sticks, (v) food containers made of expanded polystyrene and (vi) cups and other beverage containers made of expanded polystyrene, including their covers and lids, that have been used in Scotland in each year since 2021-22.

[S6W-31829 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether all parts of the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde area have access to home ear wax removal, and, if this is not the case, which parts of the NHS board area do not currently have access to this service.

[S6W-31830 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (GGC) and (b) health and social care partnerships (HSCPs) in the NHS GGC area regarding home ear wax removal, and how it is supporting HSCPs to make this service available to patients who need it.

[S6W-31831 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government what members of the health and social care workforce are qualified to carry out home ear wax removal services, and what assessment it has made of any vacancy levels in this area, including any recruitment and retention challenges.

[S6W-31832 Daniel Johnson](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to make the legal process of getting married more equitable.

[S6W-31833 Daniel Johnson](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review the 29-day waiting period by which couples must give notice to the registrar of where they plan to get married.

[S6W-31834 Daniel Johnson](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered removing the requirement for a formal wedding ceremony in order for couples to get married.

[S6W-31835 Daniel Johnson](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered introducing a cap on the cost for a registrar to conduct a marriage ceremony.

[S6W-31836 Daniel Johnson](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered waiving or greatly reducing the cost of (a) marriage notices, (b) marriage certificates and (c) ceremony fees to make the legal process of getting married more equitable.

[S6W-31837 Ariane Burgess](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the publication of the *Scottish Biodiversity Delivery Plan 2024–2030* on 27 November 2024, how it will increase public grant support to levels that will meet its ambition to regenerate native woodland landscapes, particularly to reduce the browsing impacts from deer and sheep

[S6W-31838 Foysoil Choudhury](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that increases in child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) staff numbers are consistent and proportionate across NHS boards.

[S6W-31839 Kenneth Gibson](#): To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what its position is on whether MSP staff should be entitled to reimbursement for pedal cycle miles in relation to official business-related travel.

[S6W-31840 Martin Whitfield](#): To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of primary schools currently meet its target of providing at least two hours of quality physical education per week.

[S6W-31841 Martin Whitfield](#): To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of schools do not have access to a dedicated PE teacher.

[S6W-31842 Martin Whitfield](#): To ask the Scottish Government what the most recent data is for participation in physical education among school pupils, broken down by (a) year group, (b) gender and (c) local authority.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S6W-31843](#) Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many and (b) what percentage of schools have (i) reduced, (ii) increased and (iii) maintained the hours allocated to physical education in each of the last five years.

[S6W-31844](#) Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government how much has been allocated to improving physical education facilities in schools in each of the last five years.

[S6W-31845](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the calls by the Miracle Foundation for the establishment of a 24-hour trauma therapy support centre for young people in the NHS Lanarkshire area, and whether it will provide funding towards this.

[S6W-31846](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what services are in place that support young people who have been identified as at risk of self-harm.

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New Bills Bilean Ùra				

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New accompanying documents printed on 28 November 2024

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)—A revised version of the Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 40A–EN) has been printed. (Government Bill)

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)—A revised version of the Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 42A–EN), a supplementary Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 42A–FM) and a supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 42A–DPM) have been printed. (Government Bill)

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Members' Bills Proposals Molaidhean airson Bilean Buill				

Members' Bills Proposals

Proposals for Member's Bills

A member seeking to introduce a Member's Bill must first lodge a draft proposal, together with a consultation document (or a statement of reasons why consultation is not considered necessary). Subsequently, the member may lodge a final proposal, in broadly similar terms to the draft, accompanied by a summary of consultation responses (or the statement of reasons). The member secures the right to introduce a Bill to give effect to the proposal if the final proposal secures, within one month, the support of at least 18 other members from at least half the political parties or groups represented in the Parliamentary Bureau, and provided no statement is made that the Scottish Government is planning equivalent legislation.

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at [Proposals for Members' Bills/Session 6 Proposals](#):

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Final Proposal for a Member's Bill

Monica Lennon: Proposed Ecocide Prevention (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to protect the environment in Scotland and deter environmental damage by introducing the crime of ecocide into Scots law. (lodged 12 November 2024)

The proposal was accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which is accessible online via the website page referred to above. The summary, and individual responses, may also be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe).

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 19 November 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2024)

Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 30 October 2024
Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 26 November 2024

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 19 November 2024
Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 25 June 2024

Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 20 November 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (59th Report, 2024)

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.

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 28 November 2024

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

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 10 December 2024

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 December 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Tuesday 3 December with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 3 December 2024

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 26 November 2024

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Before Stage 2 (evidence (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)), 26 November 2024

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

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

Stage 2 completed, 2 October 2024

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (71st Report, 2024)

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

Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 26 November 2024

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Before Stage 2 (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee), 26 November 2024

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

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 29 October 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62nd Report, 2024)

Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill (M)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 27 November 2024
 Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 19 November 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (63rd Report, 2024)

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 14 November 2024
 After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 December 2024
Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 11 December 2024
All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 5 December with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 3 December 2024
Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (66th Report, 2024)

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

Before Stage 2 (Criminal Justice Committee), 4 December 2024
Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
[*\(legislationteam@parliament.scot\)*](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 2 completed, 18 September 2024
 After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 December 2024
Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

Data (Use and Access) Bill LCM-S6-52

Lodged on 22 November 2024

Great British Energy Bill LCM-S6-48

Lodged on 8 August 2024
Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill LCM-S6-47

Lodged on 1 August 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 31 October 2024

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (12th Report, 2024)

Product Regulation and Metrology Bill LCM-S6-50

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 6 November 2024

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 December 2024

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Subject to approval by 27 November 2024

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (3 October 2024)
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Subject to approval by 6 December 2024

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#)
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[Rural Support \(Improvement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (28 October 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.\) Order 2025 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#)
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[Disability Assistance \(Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (1 November 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 13 December 2024

[Regulated Roles \(Prohibitions and Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to approval by 8 January 2025

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[Burial \(Management\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (14 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Burial and Cremation \(Inspection\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (14 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 12 January 2025

[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exclusions and Exceptions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (18 November 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 16 January 2025

[Electronic Monitoring \(Use of Devices and Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (22 November 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 21 January 2025

[Environmental Authorisations \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (27 November 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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[Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages \(Scotland\) Act 1965 \(Prohibition on Disposal of a Body without Authorisation\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/281\)](#) (15 October 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 9 December 2024
Lead committee report due by 2 December 2024

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/292\)](#) (31 October 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Diligence against Earnings \(Variation\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/293\)](#) (31 October 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

[Firefighters' Pension Schemes \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/295\)](#) (31 October 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 10 December 2024
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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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[Disability Assistance \(Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance\) \(Consequential Amendment, Revocation and Saving Provision\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/311\)](#) (1 November 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment 13 December 2024
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[Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Referrals by Chief Constable\) \(Prescribed Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/313\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Information for Listing and Vetting\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/314\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Level 1 and Level 2 Disclosure Information \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/315\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Consideration of Suitability for Regulated Roles \(Prescribed Purposes\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/316\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Disclosure and Use of Level 2 Disclosures \(Prescribed Purpose and Circumstances\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/317\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 16 December 2024
Lead committee report due by 9 December 2024

[Official Controls \(Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\) Amendment \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/324\)](#) (7 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 17 December 2024
Lead committee report due by 16 December 2024

[Food Safety \(Sampling and Qualifications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/326\)](#) (8 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/327\)](#) (8 November 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Feed Additives \(Authorisations\) and Uses of Feed Intended for Particular Nutritional Purposes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/330\)](#) (8 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 8 January 2025
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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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[Public Procurement \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/338\)](#) (14 November 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to annulment 15 January 2025
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[Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/352\)](#) (21 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 16 January 2025
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[Electronic Monitoring \(Approved Devices\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/354\)](#) (22 November 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

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