

Thursday 1 February 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-11319 Kenneth Gibson: Lifting the £50 Million Charity Cap

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Skills

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget 2024-25

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:15 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security Committee

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

9:30am Public Audit Committee

10:15am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with Fife Council housing officials and what was discussed. ([S6O-03046](#))
- 2. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what representations it has made to the UK Government regarding any medicine shortages in Scotland. ([S6O-03047](#))
- 3. Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve recruitment and retention of GPs and consultants, particularly in rural areas. ([S6O-03048](#))
- 4. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last discussed waiting times for hernia operations with NHS Dumfries and Galloway. ([S6O-03049](#))
- 5. Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made, including through any funding to the National Autism Implementation Team, to help all NHS board areas establish adult neurodevelopmental pathways. ([S6O-03050](#))
- 6. Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle the potential harm of gambling to individuals, families and communities. ([S6O-03051](#))
- 7. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with the UK Government regarding any charges levied by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency for converting to, and investing in, net zero fishing vessels. ([S6O-03052](#))
- 8. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of annual woodland planting targets have been met in each year since 2017-18. ([S6O-03053](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Douglas Ross:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02762](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02763](#))
- 3. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S6F-02773](#))
- 4. Stephanie Callaghan:** To ask the First Minister what steps the Scottish Government is taking to prevent a resurgence of measles in Scotland. ([S6F-02778](#))
- 5. Graham Simpson:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that Scottish Water plans to increase charges by 29% over three years. ([S6F-02770](#))
- 6. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the First Minister when the Scottish Government expects the remainder of the National Treatment Centres to be opened, in light of reports that NHS capital infrastructure projects have been paused. ([S6F-02767](#))

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-11319](#) Kenneth Gibson: Lifting the £50 Million Charity Cap—That the Parliament acknowledges the incredible amount of money raised by charity lotteries in the UK, including the

Scotland-based People's Postcode Lottery, the players of which have raised what it sees as a phenomenal £1.2 billion for good causes across the country; understands that the demand for funding from charities has greatly increased amid the cost of living crisis and the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic; believes that the current £50 million cap on annual charity lottery sales serves no purpose, and that it is impacting the ability of charity lotteries to increase the amount of funding that they can provide to charities and good causes; notes the view that charities, including those in the Cunninghame North constituency, will continue to miss out on millions of pounds of funding so long as the sales cap remains in place, and further notes the calls for the UK Government to remove the charity lottery annual sales limit as a matter of urgency so that charities across the country are not missing out on vital funding when they need it most.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

1. **Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it will deliver its commitment to reduce teacher class contact time by 90 minutes per week. ([S6O-03038](#))
2. **Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to support staff retention and wellbeing in primary schools in Glasgow. ([S6O-03039](#))
3. **Ivan McKee:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the Scottish Funding Council's decision to stop funding three of Scotland's seven Innovation Centres. ([S6O-03040](#))
4. **Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government how it matches up the skills required in the economy with the courses on offer at Scotland's colleges and universities. ([S6O-03041](#))
5. **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the provision available for children, and those who teach or look after them, who were babies or toddlers during the COVID-19 pandemic and missed out on important socialisation opportunities. ([S6O-03042](#))
6. **Foysoi Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to ensure that pupils can interact with museums as part of their education to help address racism and the legacy of colonialism. ([S6O-03043](#))
7. **Alasdair Allan:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting local authorities to provide appropriate levels of special educational needs staff for secondary schools to ensure a safe and encouraging learning environment for all pupils. ([S6O-03044](#))
8. **Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government when a decision will be made regarding the Scottish Funding Council's recommendation to end the regional colleges arrangement in Lanarkshire and Glasgow. ([S6O-03045](#))

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget 2024-25

[S6M-12035](#) **Kenneth Gibson on behalf of the Finance and Public Administration Committee: Scottish Budget 2024-25**—That the Parliament notes the pre-budget scrutiny undertaken by the Finance and Public Administration Committee, and other parliamentary committees.

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followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:15 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 3rd Meeting, 2024

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private. The Committee will also decide whether to consider in private at future meetings the Scottish Government's Report on the Review of Poverty and Inequality Commission Resignations and the Committee's follow-up on its inquiry into Addressing Child Poverty Through Parental Employment.
- Homelessness and temporary accommodation:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Nicky Brown, Head of Homelessness and Household Support, City of Edinburgh Council;
Michael Cameron, Chief Executive, Scottish Housing Regulator;
Gordon MacRae, Assistant Director (Communications & Advocacy), Shelter Scotland;
Jim McBride, Head of Homelessness and Complex Needs, Glasgow City Council;
Gavin Smith, Service Manager for Housing Access at Fife Council, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers (ALACHO).
- Social Security Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence on its performance and operation from—
Ally MacPhail, Deputy Director for Strategy, Change, Data and Engagement, Gayle Devlin, Deputy Director of Health and Social Care, and James Wallace, Deputy Director for Finance and Corporate Services, Social Security Scotland.
- Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 4th Meeting, 2024

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

- National Outcomes:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Pete Wishart MP, Chair, Scottish Affairs Committee.

Public Audit Committee 4th Meeting, 2024

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.
- The 2022/23 audit of the Scottish Prison Service:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Michael Oliphant, Audit Director, and Tommy Yule, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
- The 2022/23 audit of the Scottish Prison Service:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Michael Oliphant, Audit Director, and Tommy Yule, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

4. **The 2022/23 audit of the Scottish Prison Service:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 2nd Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:15 am

1. **Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 31 January 2024

Tuesday 6 February 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Bankruptcy and Diligence (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-10234 Donald Cameron: Celebrating the Work of Dunoon Grammar School

Wednesday 7 February 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy
Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Delivering Record Social Security Investment in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis and Inequality

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-11700 Rona Mackay: Definition of Deafblindness

Thursday 8 February 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-11396 Stephen Kerr: The Future of the Grangemouth Oil Refinery

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Ministerial Statement: Minimum Unit Pricing of Alcohol

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 20 February 2024

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 21 February 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Opposition Debate: Scottish Liberal Democrats 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 22 February 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: Social Justice

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
- *...* 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 and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-12010.3 Jackie Baillie: UK Covid-19 Inquiry Revelations](#) (lodged on 30 January 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-12008 Tess White: BBC School Broadcasting Celebrates Centenary](#) (lodged on 30 January 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Murdo Fraser*, Edward Mountain*, Annie Wells*, Pam Gosal*, Bill Kidd*, Paul Sweeney*, Jeremy Balfour*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*, Meghan Gallacher*, Douglas Ross*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Rachael Hamilton*, Craig Hoy*, Pauline McNeill*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Smyth*, Sue Webber*, Donald Cameron*

[S6M-12007 Stuart McMillan: Greenock Pantomime Breaks Records](#) (lodged on 29 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-12006 Stephen Kerr: Strathcarron Hospice Raises Funds by Recycling Christmas Trees](#) (lodged on 29 January 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-12005 Donald Cameron: Highlands and Islands Food and Drink Producers Feature at Taste of Scotland Event](#) (lodged on 29 January 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-12000 Keith Brown: Congratulating the University of Stirling on the Launch of its Winning Students 100 Programme](#) (lodged on 29 January 2024)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Evelyn Tweed*, Bill Kidd*, Liz Smith*, Colin Beattie*, Alexander Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Alasdair Allan*, Miles Briggs*, Pam Gosal*, Murdo Fraser*, Kevin Stewart*, Michelle Thomson*, Emma Harper*

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[S6M-11999](#) Kaukab Stewart: National Conversation on a Kindergarten Stage in Scotland (lodged on 30 January 2024)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Kenneth Gibson*, Ross Greer*, Willie Rennie*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Maggie Chapman*, Liam McArthur*, Beatrice Wishart*

[S6M-11998](#) Tess White: Success for the Davidson Legacy Preservation Group (lodged on 29 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Brian Whittle*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11997](#) Tess White: Angus-based Gin Bothy Gin Selected for Oscar Nominees (lodged on 29 January 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Roz McCall*, Brian Whittle*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11996](#) Tess White: Inverurie Birthing Pool Reopens for Women in Grampian (lodged on 29 January 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Roz McCall*, Brian Whittle*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11995](#) Beatrice Wishart: Recognising Eddie Watt, Loganair's Longest-serving Pilot, on his Retirement (lodged on 29 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-11993](#) Michelle Thomson: Falkirk East's Candle Shack is an International Success (lodged on 29 January 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-11991](#) Alasdair Allan: Simon Fraser Memorial Lecture (lodged on 29 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-11990](#) Kaukab Stewart: Venturithm Receives a Scottish EDGE Award of £10,000 (lodged on 29 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-11988](#) Sharon Dowey: "Big Dip" Fundraiser for Ayrshire Cancer Care (lodged on 29 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Brian Whittle*, Colin Smyth*

[S6M-11987](#) Bob Doris: Cadder Primary Pupils Shine in School's Inaugural Burns Night (lodged on 29 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-11986](#) Claire Baker: Celebrating the Success of Craig Jackson, Head Chef at Murrayshall Country House Hotel and Golf Club (lodged on 26 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-11985](#) Alexander Burnett: Aberdeenshire West Businesses Awarded Scottish EDGE Funding (lodged on 26 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

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[S6M-11983](#) Meghan Gallacher: Speech Therapy Waiting Times for Children (lodged on 26 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11982](#) Douglas Lumsden: Cycle4David (lodged on 25 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11981](#) Meghan Gallacher: Hamilton Teenager Takes Curling to an Olympic Level (lodged on 26 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-11980](#) Stuart McMillan: McClure Solicitors (lodged on 24 January 2024)

New Support: Michael Marra*

[S6M-11975](#) Sue Webber: Congratulating St John The Baptist Primary School and Fauldhouse Nursery on Being Named One of the Best Schools in Scotland (lodged on 25 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-11974](#) Audrey Nicoll: Scotland Moorland Groups' Game for Giving Campaign (lodged on 25 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-11973](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Business Owners Awarded Scottish EDGE Development Funding (lodged on 25 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-11969](#) Meghan Gallacher: Lanarkshire Mind Matters Offers Online Support to Ease January Blues (lodged on 25 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-11966](#) Stephanie Callaghan: African Lanarkshire for Mental Health Awarded £25,125 for Play and Wellbeing Project (lodged on 25 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-11965](#) Stephen Kerr: Remembering the Battle of Falkirk Muir, 1746 (lodged on 25 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-11964](#) Stephen Kerr: Falkirk Round Table Raises over £16,000 for Charities (lodged on 25 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-11963](#) Stephen Kerr: Scotland's National Drink Flourishing in Falkirk (lodged on 25 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

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[S6M-11951](#) Kaukab Stewart: 30-year Anniversary of The Garage (lodged on 25 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Bob Doris*

[S6M-11949](#) Monica Lennon: Cervical Cancer Prevention Week (lodged on 24 January 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth*, Sue Webber*, Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-11942](#) Alexander Stewart: Cervical Cancer Prevention Week 2024 (lodged on 23 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-11938](#) Daniel Johnson: Congratulating David Dempster, Head Teacher at Boroughmuir High School, on his Retirement (lodged on 23 January 2024)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-11937](#) Michelle Thomson: Celtic Connections 2024 (lodged on 23 January 2024)

New Support: John Mason*

[S6M-11927](#) Gordon MacDonald: Gas and Electricity Standing Charges (lodged on 23 January 2024)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-11926](#) Jackson Carlaw: Eastwood Groups Receive Keep Scotland Beautiful Awards (lodged on 23 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-11925](#) Jackson Carlaw: Four Eastwood Churches Supported by UK Government Grant Scheme (lodged on 23 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-11923](#) Alexander Stewart: Alva Academy Students' Youth and Philanthropy Initiative Win for Women's Aid (lodged on 23 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-11919](#) Alexander Stewart: Alloa Saints FC's Proactive Local Work with Defibrillators (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-11918](#) Donald Cameron: Scottish Opera Highlights Spring Tour 2024 (lodged on 25 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-11917](#) Roz McCall: Success for Fife Bakers and Butchers at the World Championship Scotch Pie Awards 2024 (lodged on 22 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-11916](#) Pam Gosal: Bearsden in Bloom Receives Special Achievement Award from Keep Scotland Beautiful (lodged on 22 January 2024)

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[S6M-11909](#) Sandesh Gulhane: People's Palace and Winter Gardens in Glasgow Receives National Lottery Funding (lodged on 19 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-11906](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders Business Takes Home Scottish Agricultural Award (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-11904](#) Craig Hoy: Welcoming the Contribution of the Scotch Whisky Industry (lodged on 19 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-11900](#) Miles Briggs: Reinstate Funding for the Outward Bound Trust (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-11898](#) Michelle Thomson: NHS Forth Valley Opens New Long COVID Recovery Support Service (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-11897](#) Alexander Stewart: Jan Szpula of St Ninians Celebrates 101 Years (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-11892](#) Paul Sweeney: Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2024 (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-11891](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow School Helping Families Build a Community (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-11882](#) Donald Cameron: Welcoming the Positive Scotch Whisky Association Economic Impact Report (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-11878](#) Roz McCall: Dunfermline Plays Tribute to Robert Burns (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-11876](#) Liam Kerr: Commending Jamie Robertson for Promotion of Peterhead as a Tourist Destination (lodged on 16 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

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[S6M-11872](#) Tess White: Congratulations to Award-winning, Angus-based Chocolatier, Chloe Oswald (lodged on 16 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-11864](#) Kate Forbes: The Economic Contribution of the Third Sector in Scotland (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-11801](#) Ross Greer: My Old School at the Scottish BAFTAs (lodged on 24 January 2024)

New Support: Rona Mackay*, Colin Beattie*, Ariane Burgess*, Bill Kidd*, Maggie Chapman*, Kevin Stewart*, Gillian Mackay*, Bob Doris*, Pauline McNeill*, Stuart McMillan*, Michelle Thomson*

[S6M-11073](#) Ben Macpherson: Enhancing Scottish Football (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Liam McArthur*, Monica Lennon*, Sue Webber*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 07 February 2024

Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy

- Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it will take in the next financial year to boost the confidence of those operating in the business sector and to promote entrepreneurship. ([S6O-03054](#))
- Foyso Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding actions that can be taken to preserve energy networks following periods of bad weather. ([S6O-03055](#))
- Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government how its cities strategy supports town centres within cities to be vibrant destinations, which offer a range of services and amenities to support the community. ([S6O-03056](#))
- Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has held with South of Scotland Enterprise regarding any preliminary analysis of the outcome of its recently implemented four-day working week pilot. ([S6O-03057](#))
- Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the growth of international exports. ([S6O-03058](#))
- Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether, as part of the implementation of the recommendations of the City Centre Recovery Taskforce report, the role of larger retail stores in city centres is being considered. ([S6O-03059](#))
- Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of the reduction in funding for Highlands and Islands Enterprise on women in business. ([S6O-03060](#))
- Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress against the five fair work benchmarks in the National Strategy for Economic Transformation. ([S6O-03061](#))

Finance and Parliamentary Business

- Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has allocated to local authorities from its 2024-25 Budget. ([S6O-03062](#))
- Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what dialogue it has had with Inverclyde Council regarding the Scottish Budget for 2024-25. ([S6O-03063](#))
- Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has made of the potential impact on its Medium-Term Financial Strategy and future Scottish Budgets of reports that the cost of a National Care Service could rise to £2 billion. ([S6O-03064](#)) R
- Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government what its latest engagement has been with the UK Government regarding cost of living support. ([S6O-03065](#))
- Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government how its Budget for 2024-25 will support the delivery of local services in the Mid Scotland and Fife region. ([S6O-03066](#))

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6. Ivan McKee: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of how much money it expects to be able to reallocate from back office costs to front line services in the Scottish Budget, as a result of its work on public service reform. ([S6O-03067](#))

7. Evelyn Tweed: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is, regarding any potential impact on Scotland's public finances, to reports that the Chancellor of the Exchequer is considering reducing taxes in the UK Budget in March. ([S6O-03068](#))

8. Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration is being given to increasing the funding settlement for local authorities. ([S6O-03069](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 08 February 2024

Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

1. Michelle Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding what is required to unlock the full potential of Scotland's green economy. ([S6O-03070](#))

2. Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government what it can do to address potholes on the road network, including what support is available for local authorities to do so, in light of reports that Edinburgh is the second worst city in the UK for potholes. ([S6O-03071](#))

3. Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to encourage a modal shift to public transport. ([S6O-03072](#)) R

4. Karen Adam: To ask the Scottish Government how it is embedding gender equality into its efforts to deliver a just transition. ([S6O-03073](#))

5. Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the net zero secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the role of the renewable energy sector in meeting its net zero ambitions. ([S6O-03074](#))

6. Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government what impact the 2024-25 Budget will have on Strathclyde Partnership for Transport. ([S6O-03075](#))

7. Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what criteria it plans to use to assess how successful the ScotRail peak fares removal pilot has been. ([S6O-03076](#))

8. Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on transport infrastructure projects in the south of Scotland. ([S6O-03077](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 08 February 2024

1. Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the most recent *Police Scotland Officer and Staff Numbers* statistics showing the number of police officers in Police Scotland's Edinburgh division. ([S6O-03078](#))

2. Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure the availability of psychological services for all who need them. ([S6O-03079](#))

3. Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has conducted an analysis of the potential impact that its 2024-25 Budget will have on primary care services. ([S6O-03080](#))

4. Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry, what its response is to reports that Scottish Government decisions appeared to have been taken for

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"purely political" reasons, including comments made by the former First Minister's chief of staff regarding seeking a "good old-fashioned rammy" with the UK Government. ([S6O-03081](#))

5. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government what criteria it considers when determining how to allocate funding for humanitarian aid in situations such as those in Gaza. ([S6O-03082](#))

6. David Torrance: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that all legal predator control is carried out in a way that is consistent with best practice in animal welfare standards. ([S6O-03083](#))

7. Alasdair Allan: To ask the Scottish Government what support will be put in place to assist local authorities in establishing "areas of linguistic significance", as set out in the Scottish Languages Bill. *The Member has provided the following Gaelic translation:* Gus faighneachd do Riaghaltas na h-Alba de an taic a bhios ann do dh'ughdarrasan ionadail a tha airson àitichean a tha "sònraichte a thaobh chànan" a stèidheachadh, mar a chaidh a chuir an làthair ann am Bile nan Cànan Albannach. ([S6O-03084](#))

8. Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government when the project board that is being formed to oversee the consideration of future funding for violence against women services will next meet. ([S6O-03085](#))

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Written Questions

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

Government Initiated Questions are initiated by the parliament Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

Government initiated questions lodged on 31 January 2024

S6W-25083 Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work regarding the publication of the UK National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides.

Written questions lodged on 31 January 2024

S6W-25000 Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government what data it has on cases of intentional paracetamol overdose.

S6W-25001 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what its long-term aspirations are regarding Regional Land Use Partnerships, and when it will provide the (a) communities and (b) stakeholders involved in them greater certainty regarding (i) funding and (ii) strategic policy importance.

S6W-25002 Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the debate in the Parliament on Forestry (Contribution to Net Zero) on 9 November 2022, what progress it is making on the delivery of the £100 million investment for the forestry sector to increase woodland creation.

S6W-25003 Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government how many patients have been prescribed cannabis-based medicines in Scotland to date.

S6W-25004 Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to improve access to cannabis-based medicines to NHS patients.

S6W-25005 Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the number of private prescriptions for cannabis-based medicines in Scotland.

S6W-25006 Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-24530 by Fiona Hyslop on 29 January 2024, whether Transport Scotland's Ferries Unit is in possession of performance and carrying statistics for CalMac for the period after 16 May 2023, in light of its contract management team monitoring the performance of operators through analysing monthly performance reports and meetings with operators, as stated in the Audit Scotland report, *Transport Scotland's ferry services*, and, if so, whether Transport Scotland will consider publishing that information.

S6W-25007 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how many GP practices currently provide an online booking system for patients.

S6W-25008 Stephanie Callaghan: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration has been given to extending the current limit of three years of Student Awards Agency Scotland funding, for part-time postgraduate MSc courses with no full-time equivalent, to support people who may need extra time to complete their course, such as those who work full time, are disabled or have caring responsibilities.

S6W-25009 Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government, further to his letter of 10 January 2024, when the Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights will attend the multi-agency meeting with Transport Scotland, West Lothian Council, Winchburgh Developments Ltd and Network Rail to further discuss a proposal for a railway station in Winchburgh.

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[S6W-25010](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the appointment of Edel Harris OBE to chair the Independent Review of Adult Disability Payment, how the review will progress, and how (a) members of the public and (b) organisations can best provide their views to the review.

[S6W-25011](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has made any projections for any inflation-based losses incurred on interest-free loans issued through its new and used electric vehicle loan schemes, and, if so, whether it will publish these projections.

[S6W-25012](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how (a) many applications to the Used Electric Vehicle Loan scheme were (i) received and (ii) approved and (b) much money was provided in loans, in each month that the scheme was active.

[S6W-25013](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Used Electric Vehicle Loan scheme was closed, and whether it is considering reopening this, or opening a similar scheme, in the future.

[S6W-25014](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what support it currently provides for people who are reliant on cars for personal transport to help them reduce their transport emissions.

[S6W-25015](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government (a) how much and (b) what proportion of money in total distributed through its (i) Electric Vehicle Loan scheme and (ii) Used Electric Vehicle Loan scheme (A) has been repaid to date and (B) it anticipates will be repaid.

[S6W-25016](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a projected timeframe for the return of any money issued through its (a) Electric Vehicle Loan scheme and (b) Used Electric Vehicle Loan scheme.

[S6W-25017](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what dental service provision is available for any young people who require braces but do not have access to an NHS dentist to carry out the necessary preparatory work required by their orthodontist.

[S6W-25018](#) Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the proposed introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its Budget for 2024-25, whether it will provide further details of what its position is on whether the introduction of such a levy is consistent with the New Deal for Business Group's Implementation Plan recommendation to maintain a competitive and less complex rates regime.

[S6W-25019](#) Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the proposed introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its Budget for 2024-25, whether it has published any reports or analysis on the effectiveness of the previous iteration of the surtax, which was in place from 2012 to 2015.

[S6W-25020](#) Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the proposed introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its Budget for 2024-25, whether it has estimated the level of additional retail sales that would be required each year by retailers to offset the cost of the surtax.

[S6W-25021](#) Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the proposed introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its Budget for 2024-25, whether firms that are liable for the surtax would be subject to the highest non-domestic rates of any properties levied in the UK.

[S6W-25022](#) Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the proposed introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its Budget for 2024-25, whether the surtax would only be liable on those parts of a store that sell alcohol.

[S6W-25023](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government by what date it anticipates that the advisory group considering the implementation of the recommendations from the review of allied health professionals will report.

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[S6W-25024](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported comments from Peel Ports that “endless tinkering” by the Scottish Government has caused the delays to the repair of Ardrossan Harbour.

[S6W-25025](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its target to build 110,000 affordable homes by 2032.

[S6W-25027](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to protect island connectivity, in light of the reported series of disruptions to the Arran ferry service.

[S6W-25028](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022, in light of reported comments from the Scottish Property Federation that a lack of engagement with the investor community has resulted in a loss of confidence in the Scottish Government.

[S6W-25029](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what action it plans to take to improve access for disabled people at (a) Kirkconnel, (b) Annan and (c) Sanquhar railway station on the Nith Valley line.

[S6W-25030](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what the timescale is for the planned feasibility study into improvements to the A75.

[S6W-25031](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what the budget is for the planned feasibility study into improvements to the A75.

[S6W-25032](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what the proposed £8 million of funding, that it has been allocated from the UK Government for the A75, will be used for, and over what timescale.

[S6W-25033](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish a delivery plan for improvements to the (a) A75 and (b) A77 trunk road.

[S6W-25034](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that work will commence on a bypass for (a) Crocketford and (b) Springholm on the A75.

[S6W-25035](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government whether the proposed bypass for (a) Crocketford and (b) Springholm on the A75 will be dual or single carriageway.

[S6W-25036](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what the estimated improved travel time will be for journeys on the A75 as a result of the proposed (a) Crocketford and (b) Springholm bypass, and whether this is based on a single or dual carriageway bypass.

[S6W-25037](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what the proposed improvements to the A75 Cuckoo Bridge Roundabout, as set out in the second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2), will entail.

[S6W-25038](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what the proposed improvements to the A77 (a) between Turnberry and Girvan, (b) between Ballantrae and Smyrton, (c) at the Bellfield Interchange, (d) at the Dutch House Roundabout, (e) at the Whitletts Roundabout and (f) at the Holmston Roundabout, as set out in the second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2), will entail.

[S6W-25039](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what the timescale is for the proposed improvements to the A77 (a) between Turnberry and Girvan, (b) between Ballantrae and Smyrton, (c) at the Bellfield Interchange, (d) at the Dutch House Roundabout, (e) at the Whitletts Roundabout and (f) at the Holmston Roundabout, as set out in the second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2).

[S6W-25040](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to publish proposals for improvements to active travel opportunities between Cairnryan and Stranraer.

[S6W-25041](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what action it plans to take in relation to upgrading or relocating Stranraer railway station.

[S6W-25043](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government which headteachers are in its headteacher taskforce, and how they were selected.

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[S6W-25044 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its response to the recommendations in the Education Scotland report, *Improving Attendance: Understanding the Issues*, published on 28 November 2023.

[S6W-25045 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it collects data on the destination of school leavers six months after they have left school, and, if not, whether it plans to collect such data in the future.

[S6W-25046 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it defines (a) education, (b) training and (c) employment in terms of positive destinations.

[S6W-25047 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to publish a list of all colleges identified as having reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) present.

[S6W-25048 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to publish a list of all universities identified as having reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) present.

[S6W-25051 Annabelle Ewing](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-24401 by Michael Matheson on 24 January 2024, regarding the additional capital funding spend in the Scottish Budget 2024-25, which budget line covers each of the projects listed in the answer.

[S6W-25052 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23517 by Jenny Gilruth on 19 December 2023, what methods were used by Education Scotland to engage with teachers, and which other stakeholders it engaged with on these materials.

[S6W-25053 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether the number of places available on the dyslexia and inclusive practice programme are sufficient for demand.

[S6W-25054 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government what led to its decision to increase the number of spaces available on the dyslexia and inclusive practice programme.

[S6W-25055 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the number of accreditations awarded as part of the dyslexia and inclusive practice programme is reportedly significantly lower than the number of applications received in each cohort.

[S6W-25056 Jamie Greene](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it made regarding its reported decision to reduce the level of general capital support to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport to zero in its Budget for 2024-25.

[S6W-25057 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider implementing any of the recommendations in the Climate Emergency Response Group report, *Committing to delivery: Certainty and leadership for a just transition to a net zero, climate resilient future for Scotland*.

[S6W-25058 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered establishing a "net zero test", similar to the New Zealand Government's climate impact of policy assessment, for all policy and investment decisions, as recommended by the Climate Emergency Response Group.

[S6W-25059 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider introducing the standard, PAS 2080, into procurement standards for public authorities.

[S6W-25061 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will list the 37 schools that have been identified as having reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) present in their buildings.

[S6W-25062 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will list the six colleges that have been identified as having reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) present in their buildings.

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[S6W-25063](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will list the 10 universities that have been identified as having reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) present in their buildings.

[S6W-25065](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has (a) carried out any research into and (b) undertaken any other work exploring any impact that the presence of fire can have on reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) panels and beams.

[S6W-25066](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government whether applications for Individual Training Accounts administered by Skills Development Scotland will reopen for the 2024-25 financial year.

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 31 January 2024

Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 23

Sue Webber

221 In section 23, page 23, line 29, at end insert—

- <(3) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide that a secure accommodation service may only be approved if the service can ensure that a child's accommodation is separate from that of any child who has been affected by the child's offence or behaviour.>

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 4

Rachael Hamilton

10A As an amendment to amendment 10, leave out line 8

Section 7

Rachael Hamilton

173 In section 7, page 14, line 1, at end insert—

- <(f) regulations under section 16ABA.">

Before section 17

Rachael Hamilton

174 Before section 17, insert—

<Muirburn training

Muirburn training: fire-fighting

- (1) The Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 9 (fire-fighting), in subsection (2)(b), after “personnel” insert “including in relation to issues arising from the making of muirburn”.
- (3) In section 52 (interpretation of Part 2), after the definition of “Inspector” insert—

““making muirburn” has the meaning given in section 18 of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024.”>

Rachael Hamilton

175 Before section 17, insert—

<Report on wildfires

Report on wildfires

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, in respect of each reporting period, prepare and publish a report on the role of muirburn in relation to wildfires in Scotland.
- (2) The report must consider in particular the role of muirburn and the impact of and damage caused by wildfires on—
 - (a) habitats of wildlife,
 - (b) conservation of the natural environment,
 - (c) property, and
 - (d) any other matters that the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, a reporting period is—
 - (a) the period of two years beginning with the day of Royal Assent, and
 - (b) each subsequent period of two years.>

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Subject to the negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 31 January 2024 and is subject to the negative procedure—

[Dangerous Dogs \(Designated Types\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/31\)](#)

Laid under section 1(9) of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991

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

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

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

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

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

Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 16 January 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (77th Report, 2023)

Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 30 January 2024

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 31 January 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6th Report, 2024)

Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 6 February 2024

Stage 1 Report – Economy and Fair Work Committee (1st Report, 2024)

Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 8 February 2024

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Report – Lead committee (Finance and Public Administration) (1st Report, 2024)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (4th Report, 2024)

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

Stage 2 (Day 3) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 7 February 2024
Amendments to section 22 of the Bill onwards should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 1 February with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 23 January 2024
Report – Finance and Public Administration Committee (10th Report, 2023)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (64th Report, 2023)

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

Following an Order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 made by the Secretary of State for Scotland, this Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its current form.

Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 12 December 2023

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 30 January 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (1st Report, 2024)

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 30 January 2024

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 30 January 2024
 Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 25 January 2024
Report – Criminal Justice Committee (letter to lead committee, 10 February 2023)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13th Report, 2023)
Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (11th Report, 2022)

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 20 September 2023
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (75th Report, 2023)

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

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Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 23 January 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (70th Report, 2023)

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 1 February 2024

Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill (M)

Stage 1 Report (Social Justice and Social Security Committee) published, 11 January 2024

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Introduced, 29 November 2023

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 9 November 2023

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 31 January 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (78th Report, 2023)

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 12 March 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 6 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 22 November 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (65th Report, 2023)

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 7 February 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 1 February with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill LCM-S6-41

Lodged on 19 December 2023

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 31 January 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (8th Report, 2024)

Automated Vehicles Bill LCM-S6-42

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Lodged on 20 December 2023

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

Criminal Justice Bill LCM-S6-43

Lodged on 21 December 2023

Lead committee – Criminal Justice

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

Lodged on 14 September 2023

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (7th Report, 2023)

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

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

Lodged on 19 July 2023

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (6th Report, 2023)

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

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15

Lodged on 7 February 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill LCM-S6-40

Lodged on 15 December 2023

Lead committee – Criminal Justice

Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill LCM-S6-39

Lodged on 22 November 2023

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 31 January 2024

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 28 January 2024

[Welfare of Farmed Animals \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (4 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 31 January 2024

[Bus Services Improvement Partnerships \(Objections\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (7 December 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 6 February 2024

[Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#) (13 December 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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[Consumer Scotland Act 2020 \(Relevant Public Authorities\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (withdrawn and re-laid on 17 January 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to approval by 28 February 2024

[Community Care \(Personal Care and Nursing Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (11 January 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 6 March 2024

[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (18 January 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 7 March 2024

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (19 January 2024) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval by 12 March 2024

[Provision of Early Learning and Childcare \(Specified Children\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (24 January 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Expiry of Section 10: Extension\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (24 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Rent Adjudication \(Temporary Modifications\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (24 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to approval by 13 March 2024

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (25 January 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 14 March 2024

[Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (26 January 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (26 January 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Local Authority \(Capital Finance and Accounting\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (26 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 1 February 2024

Lead Committee report due by 29 January 2024

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/369\)](#) (8 December 2023) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Bovine Semen \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/370\)](#) (8 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/372\)](#) (8 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment 7 February 2024

Lead Committee report due by 5 February 2024

[Equality Act 2010 \(Specific Duties\) \(Use of Member Information\) \(Scotland\) Revocation Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/375\)](#) (14 December 2023) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 28 February 2024

Lead Committee report due by 26 February 2024

[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/3\)](#) (11 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/4\)](#) (11 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/5\)](#) (11 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Sea Fish \(Prohibition on Fishing\) \(Firth of Clyde\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/6\)](#) (11 January 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment 29 February 2024

Lead Committee report due by 26 February 2024

[Council Tax \(Dwellings and Part Residential Subjects\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/10\)](#) (12 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 6 March 2024

Lead Committee report due by 4 March 2024

[Official Controls \(Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/12\)](#) (18 January 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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Subject to annulment 12 March 2024
Lead Committee report due by 11 March 2024

[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/19\)](#) (24 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 13 March 2024
Lead Committee report due by 11 March 2024

[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/21\)](#) (25 January 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/22\)](#) (25 January 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Road Works \(Scottish Road Works Register Fees and Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/23\)](#) (25 January 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 17 March 2024
Lead Committee report due by 11 March 2024

[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/24\)](#) (29 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rating \(Valuation of Utilities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/25\)](#) (29 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Firefighters' Pension Schemes \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/26\)](#) (29 January 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 19 March 2024
Lead Committee report due by 18 March 2024

[Dangerous Dogs \(Designated Types\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/31\)](#) (31 January 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Instruments / Documents subject to approval

Lead Committee report due by 28 January 2024

[Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs \(Revocation\) \(Scotland\) Notice 2023 \(SG/2023/304\)](#) (4 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Lead Committee report due by 8 February 2024

[Draft Funeral Director Code of Practice \(SG/2023/300\)](#) (15 December 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Petitions

The following petitions were lodged by the Parliament on 31 January 2024:

PE2081 Make chronic kidney disease a key clinical priority

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

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 31 January 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 9th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 30 January 2024 (SP Paper 516)

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Budget Scrutiny 2024-25 (SP Paper 517)

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 31 January 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (SG/2024/5) laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

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