

Tuesday 6 February 2024

Business Bulletin

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Portfolio Questions: Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 7 February: Finance and Parliamentary Business – Questions 1 and 8.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Dorothy Wallace, Parish Minister, West Lochfyneside Parish Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

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

Committee Meetings

9:00am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:00am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:00am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:30am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

12:00pm Criminal Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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1. Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to comments made by the chief executive of the Scottish Prison Service that prisoners may need to be released early due to overcrowding. ([S6T-01780](#))

2. Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the reported recall of 150,000 women who were wrongly excluded from cervical cancer screening since 1997. ([S6T-01788](#))

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-12070](#) **Tom Arthur: Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the 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
Debate on the subject of—**

[S6M-10234](#) **Donald Cameron: Celebrating the Work of Dunoon Grammar School**—That the Parliament congratulates the pupils, staff, parents and partners of Dunoon Grammar School on the school's ongoing and award-winning work collaborating with the local community and public bodies for the benefit of all; understands that the school has collaborated with a large number of organisations, including Apps for Good, Argyll Holidays, the Dunoon Film Festival, Police Scotland and the Wood Foundation, ensuring that its pupils leave school with a wider experience of the world outside; notes that the school is involved with a company set up to develop Dunoon as an adventure capital of Scotland, and provides a junior board to the company; commends what it sees as the empowering leadership of the school's head teacher, David Mitchell, who, it understands, supports staff, pupils, parents and partners to operate in the knowledge that the head teacher has their support; recognises that the school has been facilitated and supported by Argyll and Bute Council; believes that Dunoon Grammar School demonstrates that a school can

be the heart of, and make a significant difference to, its community, and hopes that lessons can be learned throughout Scotland from the successful partnership between Dunoon Grammar School and Argyll and Bute Council.

Committee Meetings

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

Finance and Public Administration Committee 7th Meeting, 2024

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

- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] from—
Tom Arthur, Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance, and Laura Parker, LBTT Policy Lead, Directorate for Tax and Revenues, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Tom Arthur (Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance) to move—
S6M-11928—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.
- Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill Financial Memorandum:** The Committee will take evidence from—
John Kerr, Deputy Director Agriculture, Rural Policy Division, Mandy Callaghan, Deputy Director, Agriculture and Land Transition, Karen Morley, Head of Finance, Agriculture and Rural Economy Directorate, and Ewen Scott, Branch Head Agriculture Bill, Scottish Government.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 4th Meeting, 2024

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] from—
Maree Todd, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Marianne Barker, Unit Head, Adult Social Care Charging and Support from Home, and Clare Thomas, Policy Manager, Adult Social Care Charging and Support from Home, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Maree Todd (Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport) to move—
S6M-11853—That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.
- Post-legislative scrutiny: Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Alison Douglas, Chief Executive, Alcohol Focus Scotland;
Dr Alastair MacGilchrist, Chair, Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP);
Tracey McFall, Chief Executive, Scottish Recovery Consortium;
Justina Murray, CEO, Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol & Drugs;
and then from—
Dr Pete Cheema, Chief Executive, Scottish Grocers Federation;

Bob Price, Director and Policy Advisor, National Association of Cider Makers;
David Richardson, Regulatory and Commercial Affairs Director, The Wine and Spirit Trade Association;
Paul Waterson, Honorary President and former CEO, Scottish Licensed Trade Association.

5. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report.
6. **Post-legislative scrutiny: Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.
7. **Healthcare in remote and rural areas:** The Committee will further consider its approach to the inquiry.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 5th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
2. **Scottish Biodiversity Strategy (draft Delivery Plan) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 5th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Paul McLennan, Minister for Housing, Kate Hall, Director, Cladding Remediation Directorate, Rachel Sunderland, Deputy Director, Cladding Remediation Directorate, and Micheila West, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/3)
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/4)
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/5)
[Council Tax \(Dwellings and Part Residential Subjects\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/10)
4. **Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of secondary legislation.
5. **Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill:** The Committee will consider a briefing from the clerks.
6. **Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

5th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Foysol Choudhury will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
3. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
 - [Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Expiry of Section 10: Extension\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
 - [Rent Adjudication \(Temporary Modifications\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
 - [National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
 - [Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
 - [The Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
 - [Local Authority \(Capital Finance and Accounting\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
 - [Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/19)
 - [National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/21)
 - [National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/22)
 - [Road Works \(Scottish Road Works Register Fees and Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/23)
 - [Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/24)
 - [Non-Domestic Rating \(Valuation of Utilities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/25)
5. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
 - [Health and Care \(Staffing\) \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/20 (C.3))
6. **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

4th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
2. **Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.

Criminal Justice Committee 6th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 12 noon in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on part 6 of the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Simon Brown, Vice-President, Scottish Solicitors Bar Association.
2. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 31 January 2024

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

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>

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

7 February 2024

4th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (1 day of 2).

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at emma.johnston@parliament.scot

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

7 February 2024

2nd Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Inquiry into A9 Dualling Project:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Màiri McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition, Scottish Government;
Lawrence Shackman, Director, Major Projects, Jo Blewett, Head of Sustainable Transport Projects, and Rob Galbraith, Head of Project Delivery, Transport Scotland.
3. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petition—
PE1979: Establish an independent inquiry and an independent national whistleblowing officer to investigate concerns about the alleged mishandling of child safeguarding enquiries by public bodies, taking evidence from—
Neil McLennan, Petitioner
Alison Dickie, Petitioner
Bill Cook, Petitioner
Brendan Barnett, Whistleblower
and then consider—
PE1930: Ensure customers are always given information on cheapest possible fare in new Scotrail contract;
PE1945: Ban the extraction and use of peat for horticulture and all growing media by 2023;
PE1946: To call on the Scottish Government to pay all charges for homeless temporary accommodation;

PE2006: Review and simplify the legislation in relation to dismissal of property factors; and

PE2008: Provide funding for a separate mental health A&E for children.

4. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE2060: Review existing legislation and legal remedies against trespassers; and
PE2062: Introduce a National Screening Programme for Prostate Cancer.
5. **Evidence session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda items 2 and 3.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jyoti Chandola on 85227 or at jyoti.chandola@parliament.scot

Criminal Justice Committee

7 February 2024

7th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Andrew Baird, Policy Officer, Criminal Justice Reform Unit, Alastair Bowden, Policy Officer, Criminal Justice Reform Unit, Jeff Gibbons, Unit Head, Violence Against Women and Girls Unit, Nicola Guild, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Lindsay Mackay, Policy Officer, Criminal Law, Practice and Licensing Unit, Lisa McCloy, Unit Head, Criminal Justice Reform Unit, and Heather Tully, Policy Officer, Criminal Justice Reform Unit, Scottish Government.
2. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
3. **Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Proposed future business

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

Economy and Fair Work Committee

7 February 2024

5th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Consumer Scotland Act 2020 (Relevant Public Authorities) Regulations 2024 [draft] from—
Tom Arthur, Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance, Heather Galbraith, Solicitor, and Neal Rafferty, Head of Heat Strategy and Consumer Policy Unit, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Tom Arthur (Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance) to move—
S6M-11828—That the Economy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Consumer Scotland Act 2020 (Relevant Public Authorities) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.
4. **Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Joanne Davidson, Scottish Chambers of Commerce Network, Scottish Chambers of Commerce;
Stacey Dingwall, Head of Policy and External Affairs (Scotland), Federation of Small Businesses;
Lindsey Millen, Head of Policy and Development, Close the Gap;
Colin Smith, Chief Executive, Scottish Wholesale Association.
5. **Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 4.
6. **Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
7. **Correspondence (in private):** The Committee will consider correspondence from Consumer Scotland.

Proposed future business

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee

7 February 2024

5th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3).
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft] from—
Natalie Don, Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise, and Joanna Mackenzie, Team Leader, Targeted Children and Family Wellbeing, Scottish Government;
Nico McKenzie-Juetten, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Natalie Don (Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise) to move—S6M-11977—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

Proposed future business

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

Public Audit Committee

8 February 2024 5th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to consider any future draft reports on Adult mental health in private at future meetings.
3. **The 2022/23 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carole Grant, Audit Director, and Richard Smith, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **The 2022/23 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carole Grant, Audit Director, and Richard Smith, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
5. **The 2022/23 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
6. **Adult mental health:** The Committee will consider a draft report on Adult mental health.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

8 February 2024 3rd Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **SPPA Committee:** The Committee will consider an annual update on Cross-Party Groups' compliance with the Code of Conduct.
3. **'A Parliament for All': Report of the Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit -** The Committee will give further consideration of recommendations in the Gender Sensitive Audit report.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

8 February 2024 4th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
2. **Scottish Government's Report on the Review of Poverty and Inequality Commission Resignations (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach.
3. **Addressing Child Poverty Through Parental Employment (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Motions for Debate

***[S6M-12079](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Delivering Record Social Security Investment in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis and Inequality**—That the Parliament believes that social security plays a vital role in tackling poverty and reducing economic and social inequalities, and that the Scottish social security system must have dignity, fairness and respect at its heart; welcomes the Scottish Government's record investment of £6.3 billion in social security expenditure in 2024-25 and that the Scottish Fiscal Commission has forecast that this is an investment of £1.1 billion more than the funding received from the UK Government through the social security block grant; notes that this investment includes the Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods, as well as the landmark, and extended, Scottish Child Payment, which is estimated to lift 50,000 children out of relative poverty in 2024; recognises that £614 million of Scotland-only benefits are being delivered in 2024-25, which is support that is unparalleled across the UK; further recognises the substantial difference that Social Security Scotland is making through improved disability and carers benefits; notes that Scottish Government support is being delivered despite continued UK Government block grant cuts and continued UK Government austerity, and calls on the UK Government to drop planned Work Capability Assessment changes, introduce an essentials guarantee and immediately scrap the two-child cap and the associated so-called rape clause.

Supported by: Patrick Harvie*, Paul McLennan*, Emma Roddick*

***[S6M-12070](#) Tom Arthur: Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill.

Supported by: Shona Robison*, George Adam*, Joe FitzPatrick*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-12076](#) Alexander Stewart: The Return of Central Safe Drive, Stay Alive for 2024**—That the Parliament welcomes the return of the Central Safe Drive, Stay Alive project live shows, resuming at the MacRobert Centre in Stirling during February 2024; acknowledges that Safe Drive, Stay Alive is a live theatre-based education production that aims to raise road safety awareness among young people and to positively influence their attitudes to driving and as passengers;

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considers that these shows have been actively educating teenagers and young adults on the seriousness of complacency, recklessness or dangerous activity behind the wheel; understands that, during the last 16 years, tens of thousands of young people from across Forth Valley have attended these events, which are specially crafted and engineered to aim to contribute towards a real reduction in the number of young people killed or who have had life-changing injuries in road traffic accidents in the area; believes that over 4,000 school students from Stirling, Clackmannanshire and across the Forth Valley in the Mid Scotland and Fife region could potentially attend the latest series of performances, which commence on 5 February 2024; commends the members of the emergency services who give presentations in their own time based on their personal experiences, and understands that some people who have had their lives completely changed after being involved in road accidents also come forward and share their experiences and how they are dealing with debilitating injuries day to day; expresses its deep regret and disappointment regarding reports that the organisers, due to a shortage of available funding and the increased costs involved, were unable to run any shows on the Friday of this year with no alternative, and notes the view that urgent assistance and funding are necessary to help sustain what it sees as this excellent project into the future.

Supported by: Pam Gosal*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jamie Greene*, Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*

***S6M-12054 Liz Smith: Henry Cheape Completes World's Hardest Row**—That the Parliament sends its congratulations to Henry Cheape after completing what it understands is the world's hardest row, across the Atlantic; understands that the business owner, who owns the Balgove Larder in St Andrews, rowed 3,000 miles from the Canary Islands to Antigua over 49 days, 12 hours and 11 minutes; commends Henry for raising, it understands, over £100,000 for charity to date, and for reportedly becoming the fastest Scottish solo rower ever; acknowledges the extreme physical and mental challenge that he undertook in aid of promoting sustainability, and believes that, in this spirit, he was only consuming food sourced locally in Scotland throughout the challenge.

***S6M-12053 Tom Arthur: Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]**—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Shona Robison, George Adam, Joe FitzPatrick

***S6M-12052 Mairi Gougeon: Scottish Food Commission (Appointment) Regulations 2024 [draft]**—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Scottish Food Commission (Appointment) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Gillian Martin

***S6M-12051 Clare Adamson: New College Lanarkshire Partnership with Skyrora**—That the Parliament recognises New College Lanarkshire, in partnership with Skyrora, for launching a competition for young people in North Lanarkshire, providing students with the opportunity to showcase their technical and creative skills; understands that the contest will mark the 10th anniversary of the college by seeking young people's ideas, creativity and commitment to sustainability; notes that pupils in S1 to S3 across North Lanarkshire will be asked to develop a solution to a climate-based problem in Lanarkshire, or create a piece of art that brings attention to a neglected aspect of the climate crisis; understands that the competition will have two categories, STEM and the arts, and that the winners will be awarded £500 and the opportunity to visit Skyrora's premises; recognises what it sees as New College Lanarkshire's efforts to engage

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young people in tackling the climate crisis; commends its ongoing efforts to strengthen its partnerships with schools and businesses, and wishes all involved all the best for the future.

***S6M-12050 Clare Adamson: Asda Foundation's Donation to Newmains Bowling Club —** That the Parliament congratulates Newmains Bowling Club on receiving an Asda Foundation grant of £600; believes that the grant will assist with building renovations at the club's premises; understands that the Asda Foundation is a charitable company that provides grants to a range of good causes across Scotland and supports local projects that are nominated by the people and communities that they serve; thanks the store manager and community champion at Asda Newmains for their support of Newmains Bowling Club, and wishes Newmains Bowling Club all the best for the future.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-12049 Clare Adamson: Drones in Construction Sessions for North Lanarkshire Pupils (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Ivan McKee*

S6M-12048 Clare Adamson: James Chapman (Butchers) Ltd Success at the 2024 World Championship Scotch Pie Awards (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*

S6M-12047 Claire Baker: Congratulating Mid Scotland and Fife-based Bakeries on Winning Accolades at the 2024 World Championship Scotch Pie Awards (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Tess White*, Kevin Stewart*, Paul O'Kane*, Bill Kidd*

S6M-12046 Rachael Hamilton: NHS Borders Opens New Bereavement Room (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Craig Hoy*, Meghan Gallacher*, Bill Kidd*, Tess White*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Monica Lennon*, Annie Wells*, Jackson Carlaw*, Jim Fairlie*, Jackie Dunbar*, Russell Findlay*, Sandesh Gulhane* R, Douglas Ross*, Stuart McMillan*, Pam Gosal*, Stephen Kerr*

S6M-12045 Pam Gosal: Celebrating Chinese New Year 2024 - Year of the Dragon (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane*, Tess White*, Donald Cameron*, Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Ivan McKee*, Jamie Greene*, Paul O'Kane*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jackson Carlaw*, Stephen Kerr*, Brian Whittle*

S6M-12044 Foyso Choudhury: Scotland's Lascar Heritage: Investigating the Lives of South Asian Mariners (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Ivan McKee*, Jeremy Balfour*

S6M-12043 Foyso Choudhury: International Mother Language Day 2024 (lodged on 02 February 2024)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Karen Adam*, Paul O'Kane*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alex Rowley*

[S6M-12042](#) Gillian Mackay: Bo'ness Pupils Launch Campaign to Stop Owners Allowing Dogs to Foul in School Playground (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S6M-12041](#) Pam Gosal: Milngavie Cricket Club Women's Team Wins the Wee Bash Tournament in Edinburgh (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Donald Cameron*, Jamie Greene*, Jackson Carlaw*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-12040](#) Pam Gosal: Helensburgh Tennis Star Wins Milestone Sixth Australian Open Doubles Title (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Donald Cameron*, Jamie Greene*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jackson Carlaw*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-12039](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Children's Mental Health Week 2024 (lodged on 02 February 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Annabelle Ewing*, Karen Adam*, Paul O'Kane*, Alex Rowley*

[S6M-12037](#) Evelyn Tweed: Stirling Businesses Success at Confetti Awards 2024 (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

[S6M-12036](#) Finlay Carson: Great Britain Mixed Curling Team Strike Gold at Youth Olympics (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Donald Cameron*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jackson Carlaw*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-12032](#) Christine Grahame: Borders College Receives Glowing Report (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

[S6M-12031](#) Beatrice Wishart: Shetland Business Owner Awarded Scottish EDGE Funding (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

[S6M-12030](#) Murdo Fraser: Perthshire Named Most Welcoming Region in the World by Travel Website (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-12029](#) Michelle Thomson: Yvonne Manning, Falkirk Council's Principal Librarian Named Librarian of the Year (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Tess White*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kevin Stewart*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sue Webber*, Bill Kidd*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-12028](#) Michelle Thomson: In Memoriam of Arthur Midwinter (lodged on 01 February 2024)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Richard Leonard*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Ash Regan*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-12019](#) Stephanie Callaghan: VIP Arts & Sports Academy Awarded £39,998 for its Everyone Together Indoors and Outdoors Project (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

[S6M-12018](#) Alexander Burnett: Aberdeen and North East Rotary Clubs Raise Over £30,000 for Charities (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Jackson Carlaw*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-12017](#) Christine Grahame: Legacy of PC Sean Wright (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

[S6M-12012](#) Michelle Thomson: Two Musicians Selected to Represent Scotland at European Youth Brass Band (lodged on 01 February 2024)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Karen Adam*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tess White*, Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

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

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Motions Gluasadan				

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

New Support: Tess White*, Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Paul O'Kane*, Alex Rowley*, Neil Bibby*

[S6M-11939](#) Finlay Carson: Recognising the Prolific Goalscoring Career of Stephen Dobbie
(lodged on 23 January 2024)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S6M-11869](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Congratulating Glasgow Students on Designing Nil by Mouth's New Anti-sectarianism Campaign (lodged on 23 January 2024)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Annabelle Ewing*, Ivan McKee*, Pauline McNeill*, Jeremy Balfour*, Foyso Choudhury*

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Questions Ceistean				

Oral Questions

Topical Questions selected for answer on 06 February 2024

1. Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to comments made by the chief executive of the Scottish Prison Service that prisoners may need to be released early due to overcrowding. ([S6T-01780](#))

2. Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the reported recall of 150,000 women who were wrongly excluded from cervical cancer screening since 1997. ([S6T-01788](#))

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 08 February 2024

1. Douglas Ross: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02792](#))

2. Anas Sarwar: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02793](#))

3. Craig Hoy: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the Scottish Information Commissioner's intervention into its use and retention of informal communications, in light of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry. ([S6F-02813](#))

4. Jim Fairlie: To ask the First Minister whether he will provide an update on what progress the Scottish Government has made towards implementing the recommendations of the COVID-19 Recovery Committee's report, *Long COVID*. ([S6F-02821](#))

5. Monica Lennon: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the Who Cares? Scotland research report, *Is Scotland Keeping the Promise?*, which reportedly indicates that, on the fourth anniversary of the publication of *The Promise*, key pledges made to care experienced people are not being fulfilled. ([S6F-02810](#))

6. Ariane Burgess: To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to strengthen enforcement powers in relation to long-term empty homes. ([S6F-02798](#))

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 05 February 2024

[S6W-25212](#) Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what work it has done to establish how many XL Bully-type dogs have arrived in Scotland from England and Wales since the Dangerous Dogs (Designated Types) (England and Wales) Order 2023 came into force on 31 December 2023.

[S6W-25213](#) Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what work it has been doing to prevent XL Bully-type dogs coming into Scotland from England and Wales since the Dangerous Dogs (Designated Types) (England and Wales) Order 2023 came into force on 31 December 2023.

[S6W-25214](#) Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to provide additional funding to (a) Police Scotland and (b) local authorities for the enforcement of any legislation relating to XL Bully-type dogs.

[S6W-25215](#) Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of the process that will be used to deal with the reported complaint that has been made against the Chief Constable of Police Scotland by a civilian colleague, the Deputy Chief Officer.

[S6W-25216](#) Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans to conduct a review into the dual role of the Lord Advocate.

[S6W-25217](#) Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether retail crime, including shoplifting, should form part of the Scottish Police Authority's Strategic Police Priorities.

[S6W-25218](#) Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether any funding for policing set out in the Scottish Budget 2024-25 will be directed towards tackling retail crime, including shoplifting and abuse and violence towards shop workers.

[S6W-25219](#) Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) arrests, (b) prosecutions, (c) convictions and (d) any other disposals there have been under the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Act 2021 in each year since it came into force.

[S6W-25220](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting action by local authorities to increase social housing stock.

[S6W-25221](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it undertook with local authorities regarding the reported 26% reduction in funding for affordable homes in the Scottish Budget 2024-25.

[S6W-25222](#) Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that CalMac will begin crew familiarisation on the Glen Sannox.

[S6W-25223](#) Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-24320 by Neil Gray on 19 January 2024, what the most recent (a) total cost is of the contract for Hull (i) 801 and (ii) 802 and (b) projected operational date is for Hull 801.

[S6W-25224](#) Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-24320 by Neil Gray on 19 January 2024, on what date it anticipates that it will report the outcomes from the business case and cost review exercise for upgrading Ardrossan Harbour.

[S6W-25225](#) Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has received (a) Peel Ports' and (b) North Ayrshire Council's study of the (i) business case and (ii) cost review exercise for upgrading Ardrossan Harbour.

[S6W-25226](#) Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is taking steps to ensure that the annual payment of a dividend by Ardrossan Harbour Co Ltd to the parent company, Peel

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Questions Ceistean				

Ports, between 2017-18 and 2022-23 is considered as part of the revised business case for the Ardrossan Harbour upgrade.

[S6W-25228 Foysoil Choudhury](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the availability of qualified stonemasons to repair and maintain traditionally built homes, in light of Edinburgh College no longer delivering a stonemasonry apprenticeship.

[S6W-25229 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-21824 by Jenny Gilruth on 26 October 2023, what percentage of teaching posts have been (a) permanent and (b) temporary in each year since 2010.

[S6W-25231 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to announce Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) round 11, stage 2 funding decisions.

[S6W-25232 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many working groups it has established since October 2023, and, further to the answer to question S6W-21835 by Jenny Gilruth on 25 October 2023, whether all of the working groups listed in that answer are still active.

[S6W-25233 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-21777 by Maree Todd on 24 October 2023, what analysis it has undertaken of any reduction in the number of young people participating in sport.

[S6W-25234 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government when the ScotRail consultation on alcohol on trains will be completed, and when a decision will be made on reallowing alcohol at certain times.

[S6W-25235 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the effectiveness of the participatory budgeting awards from the Just Transition Fund for the north east and Moray on a just transition.

[S6W-25236 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government what engagement mechanism has replaced the (a) Family Support Commissioning and Procurement Short Life Working Group and (b) Parental Involvement Act Statutory Guidance Working Group.

[S6W-25237 Collette Stevenson](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its response is, regarding the impact on households in Scotland, to reported data from Outra stating that the UK energy price cap increase has led to a 12.2% rise in fuel poverty.

[S6W-25238 Alexander Burnett](#): To ask the Scottish Government what financial support is available to medical students during placement years, when they are unable to work elsewhere.

[S6W-25239 Alexander Burnett](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to introduce grants for medical students, similar to the Paramedic, Nursing and Midwifery Student Bursary (PNMSB) scheme, which is administered by the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS).

[S6W-25240 Foysoil Choudhury](#): To ask the Scottish Government how often it monitors and reviews the decisions taken by NHS boards on safeguarding training for non-clinical staff who interact with patients.

[S6W-25242 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the costs associated with colleges transitioning to net zero.

[S6W-25243 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government by what date it plans to publish its updated guidance for local authorities on home schooling.

[S6W-25244 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to publish its response to the review of purpose-built student accommodation.

[S6W-25245 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government which stakeholders it has engaged with regarding its response to the review of purpose-built student accommodation, and when.

[S6W-25246 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of any reasons for the reported decline in applications for teaching bursaries.

[S6W-25247 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it reportedly stopped collecting literacy and numeracy data via the Scottish Survey of Literacy and Numeracy.

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[S6W-25248](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans to decarbonise the rail network between Aberdeen and the Central Belt.

[S6W-25249](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government when the conclusions of the review of the dualling of the A96 will be published.

[S6W-25250](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of any impact of local authorities decreasing relief on non-domestic rates for empty, listed properties.

[S6W-25251](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many jobs have been created in the renewables sector in the (a) Aberdeen City and (b) Aberdeenshire Council area in each of the last five years.

[S6W-25252](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent on safety improvements at the A90 Toll of Birness junction since 1 April 2017.

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New Subordinate Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to the negative procedure

The following instruments were laid before Parliament on 5 February 2024 and are subject to the negative procedure—

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/35\)](#)

Laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

[Sandeel \(Prohibition of Fishing\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/36\)](#)

Laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Progress of Legislation

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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.

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

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 6 February 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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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 6 February 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)), 6 February 2024

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 6 February 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)), 6 February 2024

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 6 February 2024

Stage 1 (Finance and Public Administration Committee), 30 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)), 7 February 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (75th Report, 2023)

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 22 February 2024

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 6 February 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (70th Report, 2023)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 1 February 2024
 Stage 1 (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 6 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)), 8 February 2024
 Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 6 February 2024

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 6 & 7 February 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

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

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

Lodged on 19 December 2023

Report – Lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands) (2nd Report, 2024)

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

Automated Vehicles Bill LCM-S6-42

Lodged on 20 December 2023

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

Criminal Justice Bill LCM-S6-43

Lodged on 21 December 2023

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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 (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 7 February 2024

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 26 February 2024

[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)

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[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)

Subject to approval by 20 March 2024

[Scottish Food Commission \(Appointment\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (1 February 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (1 February 2024) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

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[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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[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)

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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Subject to annulment 19 March 2024
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Subject to annulment 20 March 2024
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[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Prescribed Police Stations\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/30\)](#) (1 February 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 24 March 2024
Lead Committee report due by 18 March 2024

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/35\)](#) (5 February 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Sandeel \(Prohibition of Fishing\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/36\)](#) (5 February 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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