

Wednesday 24 January 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Debate:
Investing in Scotland's Green Economy

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-
11728 Ariane Burgess: Celebrating
Scotland's National Native Woodlands

Committee Meetings

9:00am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public
Petitions Committee

9:30am Criminal Justice Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

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Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- 1. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government how the spending proposals in its draft Budget will help to achieve woodland planting targets. ([S6O-02990](#))
- 2. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether there is any scope in its proposed land reform legislation to amend the power of the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, known as the KLTR. ([S6O-02991](#))
- 3. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government whether fishing in the Firth of Clyde will be suspended in 2024, in line with the cod spawning season. ([S6O-02992](#))
- 4. Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of its 2024-25 Budget on rural and island communities. ([S6O-02993](#))
- 5. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reported concerns regarding food labelling being a devolved matter, what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the potential impact on Scotland's food and drink sector of the reported proposal for "not for EU" labelling on food and drink products in the UK. ([S6O-02994](#))
- 6. Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its most recent assessment is of the potential impact of the Border Target Operating Model on rural affairs in Scotland. ([S6O-02995](#))
- 7. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government what financial support will be made available to farmers in 2024-25. ([S6O-02996](#))
- 8. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the importance of the salmon industry for Scotland's economy. ([S6O-02997](#))

NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

- 1. Bob Doris:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-02998](#))
- 2. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the announcements made in its Budget, what action it is taking to ensure that well-established community mental health services are appropriately funded. ([S6O-02999](#))
- 3. Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support people with diabetes. ([S6O-03000](#))
- 4. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the Forth Valley University College NHS Partnership's impact on the delivery of health services in Forth Valley. ([S6O-03001](#))
- 5. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support and improve the network of community hospitals. ([S6O-03002](#))
- 6. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to take any action on any concerns that it may have regarding the 2018 GP contract in relation to rural practices. ([S6O-03003](#))
- 7. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the support that is available for people living with, or affected by, dementia. ([S6O-03004](#))

8. Christine Grahame: To ask the Scottish Government what research it has undertaken on the impact of changing demographics on NHS services. ([S6O-03005](#))

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Investing in Scotland's Green Economy

[S6M-11945](#) Neil Gray: Investing in Scotland's Green Economy—That the Parliament considers that a just transition is vital to both tackling the climate emergency and building a strong and sustainable economy; welcomes the growing strength of Scotland's green economy, with more than 42,000 FTE jobs supported by Scotland's renewable energy sector, and the recent Climate Emergency Skills Action Plan report that identified almost £90 billion of green investments currently under way or planned to commence in the next three years; agrees that the energy transition and associated supply chain development has the potential to help grow a fair, green wellbeing economy in Scotland; recognises the vital role of public investment in continuing to deliver a just transition to net zero and that the forthcoming Green Industrial Strategy will identify and focus action on the most significant economic opportunities for Scotland; is deeply concerned by the UK Government's failure to keep pace, with overall capital investment levels in decline; understands that declining levels of investment in the UK are in stark contrast to initiatives to increase public investment elsewhere, such as the Inflation Reduction Act in the USA and the European Green Deal; recognises the limits that this lack of action at the UK level imposes on Scotland, and that in spite of this, £2.7 billion will be invested by the Scottish Government in activities that will have a positive impact on the delivery of its climate change goals in 2024-25; notes that the Climate Change Committee has estimated that 1-2% of GDP needs to be invested in the transition annually until 2050, and calls, therefore, on the UK Government to urgently increase green investment to at least £28 billion a year to ensure that Scotland and the rest of the UK can deliver a just transition to net zero.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-11945.2](#) Douglas Lumsden: Investing in Scotland's Green Economy—As an amendment to motion [S6M-11945](#) in the name of Neil Gray (Investing in Scotland's Green Economy), leave out from "is deeply" to end and insert "notes that the recent Scottish Budget for 2024-25 is anti-growth and will damage Scotland's ability to create a thriving green economy by stymying investment, cutting enterprise funding, and by placing a higher tax burden on Scotland compared to the rest of the UK; further notes that the education system is not aligned with the opportunities that the green economy offers; believes that the Scottish Government's opposition to new oil and gas exploration licences will damage the economy of the north east, and that the Scottish National Party administration's inability to deliver economic growth has hindered the development of green jobs and a just transition, and calls on the Scottish Government to back the 93,000 oil and gas sector jobs and ensure that they are not abandoned, to end its opposition to nuclear and to ensure that the financial costs of the transition to net zero do not disproportionately fall upon individuals, families and communities."

[S6M-11945.1](#) Sarah Boyack: Investing in Scotland's Green Economy—As an amendment to motion [S6M-11945](#) in the name of Neil Gray (Investing in Scotland's Green Economy), insert at end "; recognises the economic damage and challenges created by the fiscal policy choices of the UK Government, and the impact that this could have on investment in the green economy; notes the Labour Party's Green Prosperity Plan; agrees that a cross-government mission is needed to deliver clean energy by 2030, and acknowledges the economic opportunities that this could create for Scotland."

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-11952](#) **George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—**

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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

followed by Business Motions

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Tuesday 6 February 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Financial Resolution: 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

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 Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Members' Business

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

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 29 January 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

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Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-11728](#) Ariane Burgess: Celebrating Scotland's National Native Woodlands—That the Parliament notes the 10th anniversary, on 29 January 2024, of Scots pine becoming Scotland's national tree; understands that Caledonian pinewoods are unique to Scotland, and are the natural home of Scots pine; considers that Scotland is globally important for Caledonian pinewoods and Atlantic rainforest, and therefore has a special responsibility to protect and restore them; understands that both types of woodland support a wealth of biodiversity and can help mitigate against the impacts of climate change; notes the belief that browsing by deer and the spread of invasive non-native species means that many Caledonian pinewoods and Atlantic rainforests will not survive without urgent action; believes that these pressures impact all native woodlands across Scotland; notes the support for landscape-scale deer management and targeted grant funding to enable their restoration; further notes the view that Forestry and Land Scotland should continue to take a leadership role in this restoration, especially in the removal of invasive non-native species such as rhododendron; notes what it sees as the growing number of private landowners involved in pinewood and rainforest restoration, including at Glen Loyne in East Glen Quoch, Highlands, and thanks environmental groups like Trees for Life, Woodland Trust Scotland and Plantlife, as well as community groups such as Arkaig Community Forest in the Highlands, Langholm Initiative in the Borders, Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust, Argyll Coast and Communities Trust, and others in the Community Woodlands Association, for their efforts to restore Scotland's native woodlands.

Committee Meetings

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee 3rd Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 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 1).

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 2nd Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Scottish Government documents for approval:** The Committee will take evidence on the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2023 from—
Gillian Martin, Minister for Energy and the Environment, Grant McLarty, Solicitor, and Andrew Voas, Veterinary Head of Animal Welfare, Scottish Government.
2. **Scottish Government documents for approval:** Gillian Martin, Minister for Energy and the Environment to move—S6M-11748—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2023 be approved.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 from—
Gillian Martin, Minister for Energy and the Environment, Andrew Voas, Veterinary Head of Animal Welfare, and Grant McLarty, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin, Minister for Energy and the Environment to move—S6M-11549—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 be approved.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 1st Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Oliver Mundell 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. **Inquiry into A9 Dualling Project:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Grahame Barn, Chief Executive, CECA Scotland;
and then from—
Alison Irvine, Chief Executive, Rob Galbraith, Head of Project Delivery, Roy Brannen, former Chief Executive, and Michelle Quinn, former Director of Major Projects and former interim Chief Executive, Transport Scotland.
4. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
PE1862: Introduce community representation on boards of public organisations delivering lifeline services to island communities;
PE1876: Accurately record the sex of people charged or convicted of rape or attempted rape;

- PE1896: Provide every primary school child in Scotland with a reusable water bottle;
PE1941: Stop the destruction of headstones within community cemeteries;
PE1948: Improve the way that unexplained deaths are dealt with; and
PE2004: Abolish the use of Public Private Partnerships in Scotland.
5. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE2052: Ban child circumcision unless it is medically necessary with no less invasive solutions available;
PE2053: Stop the cuts to community link workers and help secure their long-term future within GP practice teams;
PE2055: Stop the exportation of live animals as a priority;
PE2057: Promote shared parenting and prevent the separation of children from their parents; and
PE2061: Require solicitors to ensure capacity of vulnerable individuals by having a medical professional co-sign legal documents.
6. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.
7. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider a letter from the Minister for Parliamentary Business on the 2024-25 Scottish Budget.

Criminal Justice Committee 4th 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 parts 5 and 6 of the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Professor James Chalmers, Regius Professor of Law, School of Law, University of Glasgow;
Professor Vanessa Munro, Professor of Law, Law School, University of Warwick;
Professor Cheryl Thomas KC, Co-Director of the UCL Judicial Institute, University College London;
and then from—
Tony Lenehan KC, President of Faculty of Advocates Criminal Bar Association;
Sheila Webster, President, and Alan McCreadie, Head of Research and Secretary to the Society's Criminal Law Committee, Law Society of Scotland;
Simon Di Rollo KC.
2. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 3rd 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 item 3 in private.
2. **Scottish Tourism and Hospitality:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Marc Crothall, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Tourism Alliance;
Leon Thompson, Executive Director, UKHospitality Scotland;
Colin Wilkinson, Managing Director, Scottish Licensed Trade Association.

3. **Scottish Tourism and Hospitality:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Glasgow Prestwick Airport (in private):** The Committee will consider a paper.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 17 January 2024

Thursday 25 January 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-11789 Paul O'Kane: Holocaust Memorial Day 2024

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland as a Technology Nation

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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>

Public Audit Committee

25 January 2024

3rd 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 3 and 4 in private.
2. **The 2022/23 audit of NHS Forth Valley:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Pat Kenny, Associate Partner, Audit and Assurance, and Rebecca McConnachie, Senior Manager, Deloitte LLP;
Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **The 2022/23 audit of NHS Forth Valley:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Pat Kenny, Associate Partner, Audit and Assurance, and Rebecca McConnachie, Senior Manager, Deloitte LLP;
Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **The 2022/23 audit of NHS Forth Valley:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lynn Russell at

Lynn.Russell@parliament.scot

Finance and Public Administration Committee

25 January 2024

5th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill Financial Memorandum:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Maree Todd, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Donna Bell, Director of Social Care and National Care Service Development, Richard McCallum, Director of Health and Social Care Finance, Digital and Governance, and Lee Flannigan, National Care Service Senior Finance Manager, Scottish Government.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting and from the meeting on Tuesday 23 January 2024.

Proposed future business

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

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

25 January 2024

2nd Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:15 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Welfare Foods \(Best Start Foods\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023](#)
3. **Budget Scrutiny 2024-25:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget Budget Scrutiny 2024-25 from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Sean Neill, Director for Local Government and Communities, Stephen Kerr, Director, Social Security, and Shirley Laing, Director for Tackling Child Poverty and Social Justice, Scottish Government.
4. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

25 January 2024

3rd Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at james.johnston@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:

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- *...* 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-11958](#) Richard Lochhead: Scotland as a Technology Nation**—That the Parliament recognises the fundamental role of technology, science and innovation in shaping the modern world; notes the global trends that will impact upon Scotland's future economy and society; celebrates the successes of Scotland's high-tech industries and the benefits that they bring in generating economic prosperity, enabling the transition to a green economy, offering solutions to the challenges of the 21st century, providing thousands of high-skilled jobs and generating inward investment and export opportunities, and recognises the role of the Scottish Government in supporting Scotland to become a hub of world-class technology, building on the strengths of these industries to play a central role in the delivery of an economy that is fair, green and growing, and benefits all of Scotland's communities and people.

Supported by: Gillian Martin*, Neil Gray*, Lorna Slater*

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increase green investment to at least £28 billion a year to ensure that Scotland and the rest of the UK can deliver a just transition to net zero.

Supported by: Richard Lochhead, Gillian Martin, Lorna Slater, Patrick Harvie

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Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S6M-11934](#) Kenneth Gibson: Protecting Scotland's Key Blue Carbon Habitats** —That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to develop a Blue Carbon Action Plan to improve the management, protection and enhancement of what it sees as Scotland's critical blue carbon environments, including those off the coast of Arran, Cumbrae and Ayrshire; understands that these seabed environments sequester CO2 from kelp forests, seagrass, saltmarshes and other coastal ecosystems; notes the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's *Climate Change 2023 Synthesis Report*, which states that "coastal blue carbon management can enhance biodiversity and ecosystem functions, employment and local livelihoods", and notes the belief that the Blue Carbon Action Plan should include management measures designed to provide appropriate protections for Scotland's key blue carbon habitats.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Emma Harper*, Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*

***[S6M-11927](#) Gordon MacDonald: Gas and Electricity Standing Charges**—That the Parliament understands that standing charges are the fixed component of customers' energy bills, and that Ofgem, the energy regulator for Great Britain, has set the maximum standing charge that a supplier can charge a customer at 29.6 pence per day for gas, 62.08 pence per day for electricity in southern Scotland, and 59.38 pence per day for electricity in northern Scotland; further understands that Scottish consumers using both fuels, including those in the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency, could be paying up to £335 per year before they use any power to heat or light their home; believes that Scottish energy users could be paying 61% more in electricity standing charges than people in London, despite Scotland being what it sees as an energy-rich nation and

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reportedly generating far more electricity than is used domestically; further believes that Scottish customers are being penalised by a complex and unfair charging system, and notes the calls for the UK Government to scrap standing charges and institute a more equitable price structure.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Jim Fairlie*, Clare Haughey*, Kevin Stewart*, Alasdair Allan*, John Mason*, Rona Mackay*, Ash Regan*, Karen Adam*, Collette Stevenson*, Ivan McKee*, Stephanie Callaghan*, David Torrance*, Jackie Dunbar*, Maggie Chapman*, Ben Macpherson*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

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11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 29 January 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

***[S6M-11942](#) Alexander Stewart: Cervical Cancer Prevention Week 2024**—That the Parliament welcomes Cervical Cancer Prevention Week 2024, which runs from 22 to 28 January and is aimed at raising awareness of the causes and symptoms of the condition; understands that it is the most common cancer in women under 35 and that, every day in the UK, sadly two women lose their lives to cervical cancer and nine more receive a life-changing diagnosis; commends Jo’s Cervical Cancer Trust, which leads the End Cervical Cancer campaign, launched in 2023, to work towards a day where cervical cancer is a thing of the past; believes that the charity aims to remove any potential barriers that may prevent women from attending screenings; highlights the importance of cervical screening as the best protection against cervical cancer; expresses its delight that NHS England has committed to eliminating cervical cancer by 2040, and understands that the charity wishes to see this ambition shared across the UK; is enthused at reports, which emerged on 22 January 2024 from Public Health Scotland, that no cervical cancers have been detected in fully vaccinated women following HPV immunisation at age 12-13 since the programme started in Scotland, and considers that this is an excellent sign that Scotland is moving in the right direction, but believes that, with national cervical screening coverage below 70%, and the HPV vaccination programme still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, there is still a lot of work to do to tackle inequalities and make sure that everyone has the right information, access and support to protect themselves from cervical cancer.

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***[S6M-11940](#) Paul Sweeney: Jill Mackay Celebrates 25 Years at North United Communities**—That the Parliament celebrates Jill Mackay on her 25 years at North United Communities in Glasgow; understands that Jill has been involved with the organisation since 1999, and has watched it grow from a small youth project into a large youth and family organisation that serves North Glasgow communities such as Ruchill and Milton; recognises that, as Chief Executive, and alongside other colleagues, she provides educational and diversionary group work programmes for young people, family support, sports and outdoor activities, arts music and drama, employment and training advice and conducts regular street work and outreach delivery, and thanks Ms Mackay for all her hard work and dedication, which it considers has had a life-changing effect on people’s lives and the wider community.

***[S6M-11939](#) Finlay Carson: Recognising the Prolific Goalscoring Career of Stephen Dobbie**—That the Parliament recognises the remarkable footballing career of Scottish former professional player, Stephen Dobbie, whose outstanding career saw him become one of Europe’s most prolific marksmen, especially at Queen of the South, where he became the second-highest goalscorer of all time, netting 166 goals, and also the "Doonhamers" record scorer in a single season, with 43 goals scored in 2018-19; notes that he started his career at Rangers, followed by spells at Hibernian and St Johnstone, before scoring 55 goals in 105 appearances for the Dumfries club during his first spell at Palmerston Park and then featuring in the club’s first ever appearance in the Scottish Cup final in 2008, which subsequently earned the club a place in the UEFA Cup, only to be beaten by Danish Superliga club, FC Nordsjaelland, over two legs; acknowledges that his scoring prowess continued when he moved to Blackpool, helping the

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team to promotion to the Premier League via the 2010 play-offs, and later achieving the same feat with Swansea City during the 2011 play-offs, before returning to Blackpool where he played in a third successive play-off final; further acknowledges that his scoring exploits continued at Brighton, and then at Crystal Palace where he helped the Eagles to win promotion to the Premier League, before returning to Scotland for a second stint at the "Doonhamers" where he scored a further 111 goals in 178 appearances, earning him a testimonial match, which was staged on 7 January 2024 and saw a Queen of the South XI challenge a team of Scotland legends, and wishes Stephen every success in his new role as senior professional development coach.

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***S6M-11938 Daniel Johnson: Congratulating David Dempster, Head Teacher at Boroughmuir High School, on his Retirement—**That the Parliament expresses thanks and gratitude to David Dempster for his service to Boroughmuir High School, and wishes him well for his retirement in 2024; commends David for what it sees as a highly successful tenure as head teacher and the many successes that he has delivered at one of Scotland's leading secondary schools; highlights what it considers to be the positive impact that he has had on lives of the many young people who have studied at Boroughmuir; notes the school's successful move to its new world-class campus in Fountainbridge; praises what it sees as the outstanding academic achievement of the school on a national level, including the successful introduction of Mandarin into its modern language provision through its Chinese Language Centre; notes the alumni who have been successful, it believes, as a result of the school's teaching methods and its proud community, especially those who have reached the rank of "Time Lord", and wishes the best of luck to the next head teacher of the school.

***S6M-11937 Michelle Thomson: Celtic Connections 2024—**That the Parliament congratulates those involved in Celtic Connections 2024, an annual event that is being hosted by Glasgow Life in Glasgow, a UNESCO City of Music, from 18 January to 4 February 2024 at several iconic venues across the city; notes that Celtic Connections began in 1994 in one venue, featuring 66 events over its duration; understands that the event in 2024 will host around 1,200 musicians over 300 events for the duration of its 31st festival celebrating Scotland's global cultural connections; notes that the huge variety of events taking place includes workshops, screenings, recitals and both large and small musical performances; further notes that the range of musical genres and cultures incorporated into the festival includes folk, jazz, Americana, Breton, rock and orchestral performances; celebrates what it sees as the cultural diversity shown by Celtic Connections both through examples of the arts from across the world, but also involvement in curating the cultural programme for major international sporting events such as the Ryder Cup, Olympics, Commonwealth Games, multi-sport European Championships, UCI World Cycling Championships and UEFA European Championships; notes what it considers to be the importance of the annual Celtic Connections festival in showcasing what it sees as Scotland's important cultural links with other countries across the globe; congratulates once again those involved in Celtic Connections 2024, and looks forward to its future events.

***S6M-11936 Pam Gosal: HMS Oardacious Wins 3,000-mile Atlantic Race—**That the Parliament congratulates Commander Mike Forrester MBE, of Garelochhead, and his team on winning the 3,000-mile Atlantic race, beating 36 teams to the finish line in 35 days, four hours and 30 minutes, having raced from the Canary Islands to Antigua; understands that the race is known to be the toughest rowing challenge currently available; further understands that the team of five submariners, known collectively as HMS Oardacious, had rowed in shifts of two and a half hours

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on the oars, followed by 90 minutes' rest in the tiny cabins at each end of the boat; believes that the £70,000 raised for Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity, along with the Submariner Memorial appeal, will go a long way to promote mental health awareness among submariners and their families during their course of duty, and wishes the team every success for the December 2024 challenge.

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***S6M-11933 Jackie Dunbar: International Day of Clean Energy—**That the Parliament notes that the United Nations (UN) General Assembly has declared 26 January as the International Day of Clean Energy, as a call to raise awareness and mobilise action for a just and inclusive transition to clean energy for the benefit of people and the planet; recognises what it sees as the positive contributions that are being made across Scotland in the research and development of clean energy technologies; believes that Aberdeen, with a reputation as being the oil and gas capital of Europe, has a key role to play in the global transition to clean energy; recognises in particular the work being done in Aberdeen to support a just transition, and the city's ambition to be a global net zero capital, and commends the research, development and deployment of clean energy technologies across Scotland.

***S6M-11932 Gordon MacDonald: Congratulations to the Edinburgh-based National Robotarium on its First Anniversary—**That the Parliament congratulates the National Robotarium on the occasion of its first anniversary; understands that the National Robotarium is a world-leading centre for robotics and artificial intelligence (AI), situated on Heriot-Watt University's Edinburgh campus, whose pioneering work positions Scotland at the forefront of robotics innovation globally; welcomes what it sees as the National Robotarium's achievements over its first year, which, it understands, include becoming home to 100 people working in robotics, housing four new start-up businesses, having 16 ongoing projects inspired and funded by industry, with five research projects using the facility, holding more than 150 events to promote and communicate the opportunities presented by robotics, and reaching an engagement milestone of 10,000 school pupils from around Scotland, the UK and Europe; thanks all of those whose vision, expertise and dedication made the National Robotarium possible, and looks forward to its continued growth and success as a centre of global excellence for responsible and human-centric emerging technologies in the years ahead.

***S6M-11931 Clare Adamson: Letitia McKell's Charitable Donation to Motherwell Library—**That the Parliament recognises Letitia McKell (née Milligan) for the charitable donation left within her will to Motherwell Library, which it understands allowed the recent refurbishment to take place, including a new creative craft space within the library; thanks Letitia for her generous donation; notes the appeal to find her friends and loved ones to attend the opening ceremony to share in her memory; believes that libraries provide valuable services that provide opportunities for residents; further believes that arts play a vital role in society, and celebrates the addition of the new creative space, which it considers will contribute to making arts accessible to all.

***S6M-11930 Clare Adamson: Recognising the Carswell Foundation—**That the Parliament recognises Ben Balgowan for his charitable work raising funds and for setting up the Carswell Foundation and raising awareness of various issues affecting people in Motherwell; understands that Ben set up the foundation following the loss of Ben's grandparents, who both died of cancer within a year of each other, and the loss of his close friend Ross McPherson, who tragically took

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his own life in August 2022; thanks Ben for his work within the community and in honouring his loved ones' memories; believes that every life lost to suicide is an enormous tragedy; notes the reported announcement of £123 million of funding for the Cancer Research UK Scotland Institute in September 2023, and hopes that this work will lead to increasing the survival rates of cancer.

***S6M-11929 Ross Greer: Palestinians' Right to Self-determination—**That the Parliament condemns Benjamin Netanyahu for his recently reported opposition to the establishment of a Palestinian state, and states its support for the Palestinian people's right to self-determination, including a Palestinian state if they so choose.

***S6M-11928 Tom Arthur: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft]—**That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

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***S6M-11926 Jackson Carlaw: Eastwood Groups Receive Keep Scotland Beautiful Awards—**That the Parliament congratulates two groups in Eastwood on receiving awards from Keep Scotland Beautiful, for their commitment to improving local communities; recognises that the Black Door Shop, which is managed by the 86th Glasgow Boys' Brigade in Giffnock, was awarded both the Level 5 Outstanding Certificate and a Certificate of Recognition at the Keep Scotland Beautiful It's Your Neighbourhood awards ceremony in December 2023; understands that the Black Door Shop was honoured at the event for its work with the Orchardhill Thursday Gardeners group; recognises that Netherlee and Stamperland Community Council also received commendation at the event, and the group was awarded a Certificate of Recognition for participation in the It's Your Neighbourhood scheme; notes that the It's Your Neighbourhood initiative is Keep Scotland Beautiful's community environmental improvement programme, and commends both the Black Door Shop and Netherlee and Stamperland Community Council for receiving awards at the 2023 celebration event.

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***S6M-11925 Jackson Carlaw: Four Eastwood Churches Supported by UK Government Grant Scheme—**That the Parliament welcomes the award of funding for four churches in the Eastwood constituency through the UK Government's Listed Places of Worship (LPW) Grant Scheme; recognises that Netherlee and Stamperland Parish Church has been awarded funds of £194,759, and that the finance made available to the church is one of the biggest grants provided to places of worship in the UK through the latest phase of the initiative; understands that the funding allocated to Netherlee and Stamperland Parish Church is key for the future of the place of worship, with the money to be used for refurbishment of the roof and taking forward repairs to masonry, gutters, downpipes, lead work and drains; notes that the UK Government's LPW Grant Scheme has also resulted in the award of financial support for Orchardhill Parish Church, Giffnock South Parish Church and Greenbank Parish Church in Clarkston; understands that the grants provided to the churches in the Eastwood constituency are part of a £42 million financial package, with 4,900 places of worship across the UK receiving funding from the scheme in the previous year; recognises that the aim of the LPW Grant Scheme is to assist with the safeguarding of religious buildings representing all faiths and denominations, and understands that, since 2010,

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the initiative has provided a total of £346 million to support places of worship throughout the UK, including churches, synagogues, mosques and temples.

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***S6M-11924 Kevin Stewart: Charging Partnerships Creating a Cleaner, Greener Scotland—**

That the Parliament welcomes the new electric vehicle (EV) charging partnership between First Bus and Openreach; understands that, under the partnership, Openreach EVs will be able to charge at First Bus depots while buses are in service, with the initial phase being rolled out in Aberdeen and Glasgow; understands that Police Scotland and DPD already have similar arrangements with First Bus; believes that this partnership will enable Openreach to reduce its environmental impact and to better meet the needs of its customers; commends the efforts being made to share the EV charging infrastructure, and believes that this is a step towards realising a cleaner, greener Scotland.

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***S6M-11923 Alexander Stewart: Alva Academy Students' Youth and Philanthropy Initiative**

Win for Women's Aid—That the Parliament welcomes the news that a team of young students at Alva Academy has been successful in securing a huge funding grant for its chosen charity; understands that the group of three girls took part in the final of the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) at Alva, winning the competition and earning £3,000 in funding for Women's Aid; believes that the final of the competition, which took place on 15 December 2023, saw pupils Mally McPherson, Abi Henderson and Amelia Castle-Izatt securing the cheque for their charity; notes that the girls have been recognised as Alva Academy's school ambassadors for Women's Aid, highlighting the importance of the charity to them all; considers that Women's Aid Clackmannanshire aims to help as many women and children as it can to escape situations of domestic abuse or violence, and commends the pupils, Alva Academy and Women's Aid Clackmannanshire on all of their excellent endeavours.

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***S6M-11922 Jackie Dunbar: Jacqui Innes Celebrates 45 Years with Northfield Community**

Centre—That the Parliament congratulates Jacqui Innes, who recently celebrated 45 years working at Northfield Community Centre in Aberdeen; understands that Jacqui first volunteered at the community centre's Summer Playscheme, which then led to her helping with the Thursday Club and the 16-21 Club, later working with the young unemployed; further understands that, during her time so far, Jacqui has supported numerous clubs and activities for all ages within the local community, including kids' football teams, Thursday Clubs for children aged five to 11, and bingo sessions for pensioners within the local community, as well as organising the annual Christmas lunch for the community; recognises that Jacqui's colleagues describe her as being a bedrock of the local community and praise her dedication to supporting those within the area, and commends what it sees as the incredible work that Jacqui has carried out across 45 years at Northfield Community Centre.

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***[S6M-11910](#) Jamie Greene: Celebrating the Service and Recognition of McCaskie Butchers**

—That the Parliament congratulates Ms Elizabeth Craig Ovens on being awarded an MBE for her services to retail and the economy in Scotland following her long years of service working for McCaskie Butchers in Wemyss Bay; understands that Ms Ovens has worked at the butcher shop for over 62 years, and has co-owned McCaskie Butchers since 1998; further understands that McCaskie Butchers was named UK Butcher Shop of the Year in May 2023 by *Food Manufacture* and *Meat Trades Journal*, and is one of the most highly awarded butchers in the UK; congratulates the staff at McCaskie on their work and achievements; welcomes the celebration of local Scottish produce, and considers the many awards to be a testament to the outstanding quality of produce in Scotland; recognises Ms Ovens's dedication and service to her community in Inverclyde and North Ayrshire, and celebrates her fantastic achievement.

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

—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow students Marco Romero, Dylan McKirdy and Lucas Ross on creating the winning design of Nil by Mouth's campaign, United Against Division; understands that the students won the City of Glasgow College's Pitch Perfect competition, which attracted the involvement of more than 100 marketing students; acknowledges what it sees as the key role of classrooms across Scotland in shifting mindsets to stamp out sectarianism; understands that Nil by Mouth's campaign is being rolled out to a range of media outlets and teaching websites, and supports efforts such as those by Nil By Mouth to eradicate sectarianism in Scotland.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-11935.1](#) Carol Mochan: Celebrating and Supporting Breastfeeding in Scotland (lodged on 22 January 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11921](#) Michelle Thomson: New MSYPs Elected in Falkirk East (lodged on 22 January 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Roz McCall*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Fulton MacGregor*

[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: Douglas Lumsden*, Miles Briggs*, Russell Findlay*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Craig Hoy*, Edward Mountain*, Alexander Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*, Douglas Ross*, Meghan Gallacher*, Liam Kerr*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Murdo Fraser*, Jamie Greene*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sue Webber*, Paul Sweeney*, Bill Kidd*, Donald Cameron*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Douglas Ross*, Paul Sweeney*, Annie Wells*, Jackie Dunbar*, Craig Hoy*, Edward Mountain*, Jackson Carlaw*, Douglas Lumsden*, Russell Findlay*, Roz McCall*, Kevin Stewart*, Sue Webber*, Donald Cameron*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-11915 Claire Baker: Celebrating National Lottery Heritage Grant of £630,000 to St Andrews Heritage Museum and Garden (lodged on 22 January 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Roz McCall*, Sue Webber*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-11913 Annie Wells: Time to Talk Day (lodged on 19 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kevin Stewart*, Meghan Gallacher*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Murdo Fraser*, Pam Gosal*, Monica Lennon*, Bill Kidd*, Edward Mountain*, Jackson Carlaw*, Douglas Ross*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Liam Kerr*, Karen Adam*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Donald Cameron*

S6M-11911 Paul Sweeney: University Positions Glasgow at the Forefront of Space Industry Innovation (lodged on 19 January 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Martin Whitfield*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

S6M-11908 Monica Lennon: Holly Burke Takes Curling to Olympic Level (lodged on 22 January 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Alasdair Allan*, Gillian Mackay*, Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-11907 Karen Adam: Taste of Buchan 2024 (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Alexander Burnett*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: John Mason*, Colin Smyth*, Douglas Lumsden*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-11903 Pam Gosal: Financially Included (lodged on 22 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Roz McCall*, Alexander Stewart*, Craig Hoy*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Miles Briggs*, Meghan Gallacher*, Douglas Ross*, Colin Beattie*, Bob Doris*, Murdo Fraser*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*, Pauline McNeill*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sue Webber*, Russell Findlay*, Paul Sweeney*, Donald Cameron*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Liam Kerr*, Ben Macpherson*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-11902 Christine Grahame: The Craig Angus Merit Award (lodged on 18 January 2024)

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New Support: Colin Smyth*, David Torrance*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-11901](#) Christine Grahame: "Take-up" Campaign for Pension Credit (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Annie Wells*, Pam Gosal*, Edward Mountain*, Craig Hoy*, Alexander Stewart*, Meghan Gallacher*, Liam Kerr*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Murdo Fraser*, Douglas Ross*, Foysol Choudhury*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jamie Greene*, Kevin Stewart*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sue Webber*, Russell Findlay*, Donald Cameron*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-11895](#) Monica Lennon: Hamilton Grammar Wins South Lanarkshire Film Competition (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-11893](#) Finlay Carson: Colin Wilson Celebrates 30 Years at Castle Douglas Post Office (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: John Mason*, Colin Smyth*, Ben Macpherson*, Beatrice Wishart*, Sandesh Gulhane* R, Martin Whitfield*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11886](#) Clare Adamson: Father Frank Dougan of Motherwell Diocese Appointed as Bishop of Galloway (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-11885](#) Clare Adamson: Morrisons in Wishaw to Host Autism Support Group with National Autistic Society (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-11881](#) Annabelle Ewing: George McPherson's book, "Tell Tales (fae the Haw...an' beyond)" (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Audrey Nicoll*, Douglas Lumsden*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Roz McCall*, Bill Kidd*, Karen Adam*, Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-11879](#) Claire Baker: Celebrating the Success of Amber Barclay Academy of Dance from Leven, in Fife, on Qualifying for the Dance World Cup (lodged on 18 January 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11870](#) Annie Wells: Mackintosh at the Willow (lodged on 16 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11868](#) Annie Wells: Mackintosh at the Willow Secured by the National Trust for Scotland (lodged on 15 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-11855](#) Alexander Burnett: Elaine Barnwell and Dr Donald Cruickshank Mentioned in the New Year Honours List (lodged on 15 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11854](#) Alexander Burnett: Douneside House and the MacRobert Trust Raise £7,000 for Local Charities (lodged on 12 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11851](#) Alexander Stewart: Alloa Ballet Company Voted Dance Studio of the Year (lodged on 12 January 2024)

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New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11850](#) Alexander Stewart: Father and Daughter Walk Over 1,100 Miles and Raise More than £4,000 for Scottish Autism (lodged on 11 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11848](#) Pam Gosal: Milngavie Designer Invents Self-watering Origami Plant Pots (lodged on 11 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11847](#) Pam Gosal: Helensburgh Automotive Employee Trust Takes Ownership of Helensburgh Toyota (lodged on 11 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11846](#) Rachael Hamilton: Scottish Borders Organisations Levelled Up after Latest Round of UK Shared Prosperity Funding Announced (lodged on 11 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11842](#) Roz McCall: Playhouse Theatre Company Comes to Dunfermline (lodged on 11 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11838](#) Alexander Burnett: Deeside Rugby Club U16 Team Wins SRU National Plate Final (lodged on 11 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11833](#) Tess White: Success for Stonehaven Fireballs Festival 2024 (lodged on 11 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11832](#) Alexander Stewart: Town Break Dementia Support Services (lodged on 11 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11820](#) Rachael Hamilton: Hawick Young Roofer Awarded Second Place at UK Competition (lodged on 11 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11819](#) Clare Adamson: The Economic Forum For Women Empowerment Scotland Receives £10,000 Grant from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 11 January 2024)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S6M-11818](#) Clare Adamson: Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust Receives £38,000 Grant from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 11 January 2024)

New Support: David Torrance*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-11815](#) Paul Sweeney: Less Survivable Cancers Awareness Day (lodged on 11 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11814](#) Roz McCall: Simon McMahon Shortlisted for a Retail Week Award (lodged on 11 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11813](#) Roz McCall: David C Watt Awarded OBE (lodged on 10 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11811](#) Jamie Greene: Protecting Bank Branches for Rural and Island Communities (lodged on 11 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11810](#) Sharon Dowey: Pam Gosal MSP Receives MBE in the King's New Year Honours List 2024 (lodged on 11 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11806](#) Alexander Stewart: Dalgety Bay Defibrillator Campaign by That Place in the Bay (lodged on 10 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11797](#) Roz McCall: Dunfermline Businessman Awarded OBE in King's New Year Honours List (lodged on 10 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11794](#) Stuart McMillan: Longest Serving Member of Inverclyde Women's Aid Retires (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-11793](#) Stuart McMillan: Greenock Wanderers Rugby Football Club Celebrates 150 Years (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-11791](#) Pam Gosal: Cameron House Hotel Named One of the Best Hotels to Visit in the UK by Red Magazine (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11790](#) Roz McCall: Dunfermline Named the Best City in the UK for Quality of Life in 2024 (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11786](#) Tess White: Undertreatment for Heart Disease Leading to Rise in Mortality Rate in Women (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S6M-11785](#) Alexander Stewart: Karolina Pavlikova from Dollar: Duke of Edinburgh Awards' Youth Ambassador (lodged on 08 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11784](#) Liam McArthur: Nancy Scott Awarded British Empire Medal (lodged on 08 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11779](#) Alexander Burnett: Gordon Rural Action Receives £50,000 from UK Government Community Ownership Fund (lodged on 05 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11777](#) Rachael Hamilton: Stuart Hogg Named in King's New Year Honours (lodged on 05 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11776](#) Pam Gosal: William David Hutton Receives BEM for Services to Music and the Community (lodged on 05 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11775](#) Pam Gosal: Professor Yvonne Perrie Awarded MBE in New Year Honours List (lodged on 05 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11774](#) Alexander Stewart: Cathy Magee OBE (lodged on 05 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11773](#) Alexander Stewart: Lorraine Sanda MBE (lodged on 05 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11772](#) Alexander Stewart: David Clifford MBE (lodged on 05 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11771](#) Pam Gosal: Bishopbriggs Professor Awarded OBE in King's New Year Honours List 2024 (lodged on 09 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11757](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Avenue (lodged on 04 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11756](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Love Rara (lodged on 04 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11755](#) Alexander Stewart: Community Ownership Funding Award for The Bank, Dunblane (lodged on 04 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-11752](#) Jeremy Balfour: Commending 11-year-old Seb Jellema on His Ambition to Break the World Record for Running on Consecutive Days (lodged on 10 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11750](#) Donald Cameron: Oban Apprentice Wins Two Awards at Drax Awards Ceremony (lodged on 08 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11747](#) Jamie Greene: Celebrating Academic Links Between Scotland and Taiwan (lodged on 08 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11746](#) Alexander Burnett: Alford Bistro Choir (lodged on 08 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11744](#) Annie Wells: Rajas Pollokshields Wins Best Takeaway in Scotland Award (lodged on 08 January 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-11700](#) Rona Mackay: Definition of Deafblindness (lodged on 21 December 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-10871](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Congratulating Scotland's National Men's Football Team on Qualifying for Euro 2024 (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

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Questions Ceistean				

Written Questions

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

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

Government initiated questions lodged on 23 January 2024

[S6W-24759](#) Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work to publish an action-oriented International Strategy setting out the outcomes that it will seek to achieve through international engagement up to May 2026.

Written questions lodged on 23 January 2024

[S6W-24640](#) Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government what it anticipates the impact will be of the reported withdrawal of £75,000 of funding for the Mark Scott Leadership for Life Award, in light of the programme reportedly leveraging around a further £200,000 annually from other funding sources, supporting over 150 young people from around 60 schools across central Scotland, particularly in the Edinburgh Eastern constituency, and leading to community projects that support over 2,500 people annually.

[S6W-24652](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what impact assessment was conducted regarding the £37.8 million, or 75.6%, reduction to the Just Transition Fund in its Budget 2024-25.

[S6W-24653](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what impact assessment was conducted regarding the £7 million reduction to the "Support for bus services" budget line in its Budget 2024-25.

[S6W-24654](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what impact assessment was conducted regarding the £2.8 million reduction to the "Support for sustainable travel" budget line in its Budget 2024-25.

[S6W-24655](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what impact assessment was conducted regarding the £63.4 million reduction to the "Future Transport Fund – Low Carbon" budget line in its Budget 2024-25.

[S6W-24656](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what impact assessment was conducted regarding the £12 million reduction to the "Travel Strategy and Innovation" budget line in its Budget 2024-25.

[S6W-24657](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what impact assessment was conducted regarding the £23.5 million reduction to the "Lifelong Learning and Skills" budget line in its Budget 2024-25.

[S6W-24658](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what impact assessment was conducted regarding the £4.1 million reduction to Skills Development Scotland's budget in its Budget 2024-25.

[S6W-24659](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what impact assessment was conducted regarding the £9.3 million reduction to the "Skills Programmes" budget line in its Budget 2024-25.

[S6W-24660](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what impact assessment was conducted regarding the £4.3 million reduction to the "Education Maintenance Allowance" budget line in its Budget 2024-25.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S6W-24661](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what impact assessment was conducted regarding the £1 million reduction to the “Community Learning & Development” budget line in its Budget 2024-25.

[S6W-24662](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23861 by Fiona Hyslop on 10 January 2024, what information it holds on any criteria that must be met before a local authority can decide to withdraw a bus service route.

[S6W-24663](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23861 by Fiona Hyslop on 10 January 2024, what its response is to reported concerns that people who rely on bus travel in order to access public services are unable to do so due to the decisions of local authorities to withdraw bus service routes.

[S6W-24664](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what consultation it undertook with regional transport partnerships prior to taking its decision to remove all funding from the "Regional Transport Partnership" budget line in its Budget 2024-25.

[S6W-24665](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact that the £12.9 million reduction to the “Travel Strategy and Innovation” budget line will have on the Mobility as a Service (MaaS) pilots.

[S6W-24666](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23907 by Mairi McAllan on 9 January 2024, what research has been commissioned in relation to transport demand management options, other than the evidence review commissioned by Transport Scotland, *Reducing car use through parking policies*.

[S6W-24667](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23907 by Mairi McAllan on 9 January 2024, where “all available evidence from Scottish Government commissioned research and external sources” relating to transport demand management options will be published.

[S6W-24668](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what funding has been provided to (a) regional transport partnerships and (b) local authorities in order to help them plan for bus franchising arrangements.

[S6W-24669](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what support has been provided to local authorities to help them acquire the knowledge, skills, and capacity to introduce bus franchising arrangements under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019.

[S6W-24670](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what good practice guidance it has provided to local authorities regarding their consideration of the mobility needs of older people in the design of low-traffic neighbourhoods.

[S6W-24671](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what role it considers demand responsive transport planning will play in delivering its target of a 20% reduction in car kilometres travelled by 2030.

[S6W-24675](#) Paul O’Kane: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23223 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 12 December 2023, in light of its commitment to issue notifications of funding arrangements to third sector organisations no later than the end of March for funding beginning on 1 April, what processes it plans to put in place in relation to third sector funding in 2024 to ensure that this commitment is met.

[S6W-24679](#) Paul O’Kane: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide a list of voluntary sector organisations in receipt of Scottish Government funding that have received a reduction in their award, including the amount of any such reductions, in each of the last three financial years.

[S6W-24714](#) Tess White: To ask the Scottish Government how many trans (a) women and (b) men have (i) requested and (ii) undergone gender reassignment surgery while in prison in each of the last five years.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S6W-24717](#) Tess White: To ask the Scottish Government how many times intrauterine devices have been prescribed to prisoners in the female prison estate in each of the last five years, broken down by type of device.

[S6W-24718](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-24477 by Joe FitzPatrick on 18 January 2024, what its position is on whether the year-long timescale to review this planning application is acceptable, and what impact determination periods of this length have on the efficiency of (a) urban development, (b) investment and (c) economic growth in Glasgow, relative to peer cities.

[S6W-24719](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it (a) can and (b) will request that the Scottish Housing Regulator publish the daily rate of each person on its statutory managers list.

[S6W-24721](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can detail what its policies are in relation to designing clinical models for independent hospices.

[S6W-24722](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to increase capacity in hospices.

[S6W-24723](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-24240 by Fiona Hyslop on 19 January 2024, what assessment has been made of the potential impact that heavier electric vehicles will have on the vehicle carrying capacity of CalMac's ferry fleet.

[S6W-24729](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what provision local authorities have to allow Council Tax exemptions or discounts to residents in properties affected by flooding.

[S6W-24730](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the grid-level costs of (a) variable and (b) baseload generation.

[S6W-24731](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the grid-level costs of moving to 100% renewable generation.

[S6W-24732](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what the total cost was of balancing the electricity grid in Scotland in 2022.

[S6W-24736](#) Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what the cost has been of conducting the latest Scottish Household Survey (SHS), and how much it cost to conduct the SHS in each of the last 10 years.

[S6W-24754](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6F-02720 by Humza Yousaf on 18 January 2024, whether the First Minister plans to request the addition of a correction in the Official Report in relation to his claim that "All homes and businesses across Scotland can currently access a superfast broadband service", in light of Ofcom statistics reportedly showing that superfast availability across Scotland is at 94.7%.

[S6W-24755](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-24720 by Jenni Minto on 22 January 2024, whether it can provide information on (a) the names of (i) organisations that and (ii) individuals who are members of the Expert Group on eliminating cervical cancer, (b) whether the Expert Group's membership will comprise of any patients with lived experience, (c) when the group will meet and how often and (d) whether HPV home testing will be part of the group's remit.

[S6W-24760](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on how many GP surgeries have been assessed for any presence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete to date.

[S6W-24762](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how many Single Building Assessments have been carried out to date.

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 23 January 2023

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill – A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make further provision about eligibility of elected representatives in the Scottish Parliament and in local government and to reform certain aspects of the law relating to Scottish parliamentary and local government elections.

Introduced by: Shona Robison
Supported by: George Adam

A Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 42-DPM), Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 42-EN), Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 42-FM), Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 42-PM), and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 42-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)

Introduced, 14 November 2023

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 20 December 2023

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 23 January 2024

Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report (Economy and Fair Work Committee) published, 23 January 2024

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

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (4th Report, 2024)

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 24 January 2024

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)), 23 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)), 19 December 2023

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 23 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)

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)

Introduced, 23 January 2024

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 20 December 2023

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 24 January 2024

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

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 16 January 2024

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged 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)

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

Lead committee – Rural Affairs and Islands

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

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)), 17 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 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (13 December 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 29 January 2024

Lead Committee report due by 22 January 2024

[Gender Recognition \(Disclosure of Information\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/364\)](#) (5 December 2023) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2023 \(SSI 2023/366\)](#) (5 December 2023) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 31 January 2024

Lead Committee report due by 29 January 2024

[Meat Preparations \(Import Conditions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/367\)](#) (7 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Bus Services Improvement Partnerships and Local Services Franchises \(Provision of Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/368\)](#) (7 December 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Welfare Foods \(Best Start Foods\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/371\)](#) (7 December 2023) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment 1 February 2024

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[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)

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Gluasadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
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[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
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[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)

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 23 January 2024:

PE2078: Introduce mandatory licencing and inspection of private ambulance service providers

PE2080: Implement the recommended screening guidelines for people with Li Fraumeni Syndrome

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

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 23 January 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 23 January 2024 (SP Paper 509)

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 23 January 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Spending trends in the 2024-25 Scottish Budget (SFC/2024/1) laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

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