

Wednesday 6 March 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

Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy
Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Conservative and
Unionist Party Debate: Ending Violence in
Scottish Schools

followed by Scottish Conservative and
Unionist Party Debate: Backing Scotland's Oil
and Gas Sector

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 — S6M-
12000 Keith Brown: Congratulating the
University of Stirling on the Launch of its
Winning Students 100 Programme

Committee Meetings

9:00am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public
Petitions Committee

9:30am Criminal Justice Committee

9:30am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy

- 1. Kaukab Stewart:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-03150](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to next meet with the sole director of the GFG Alliance. ([S6O-03151](#))
- 3. Clare Haughey:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-03152](#))
- 4. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its review of how to increase the number of co-operatives, social enterprises and employee-owned businesses, as part of the move to a wellbeing economy. ([S6O-03153](#))
- 5. Christine Grahame:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-03154](#))
- 6. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding an increased windfall tax on the excess profits of large oil and gas companies, in light of reports that the income from any such tax could be used to support households struggling with the cost of living crisis, including in Scotland. ([S6O-03155](#))
- 7. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government how outcomes from the New Deal for Business will be measured. ([S6O-03156](#))
- 8. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is on course to achieve its 2030 target for reducing emissions. ([S6O-03157](#))

Finance and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the finance secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the impact of its current income tax policy, in light of reports that higher taxes could deter experienced professionals from moving to Scotland. ([S6O-03158](#))
- 2. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to invest in and revitalise town centres in urban areas. ([S6O-03159](#))
- 3. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on its financial planning process of the UK Government having Autumn and Spring statements, in light of reported calls for a multi-year budget approach. ([S6O-03160](#))
- 4. Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government what spending it has allocated from its Budget to date for its plans for a National Care Service. ([S6O-03161](#))
- 5. Collette Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government when the finance secretary last met the UK Government and what was discussed. ([S6O-03162](#))
- 6. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has received a final report from the Scottish Local Authorities Remuneration Committee. ([S6O-03163](#))
- 7. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it will allocate through its Budget to fund any potential cost increases related to improvements to the A720 City Bypass grade separation of Sheriffhall roundabout. ([S6O-03164](#))

8. Jim Fairlie: [Not Lodged] ([S6O-03165](#))**followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Ending Violence in Scottish Schools**

[S6M-12389](#) Liam Kerr: Ending Violence in Scottish Schools—That the Parliament believes that no pupil, teacher or member of school staff should suffer physical or verbal abuse and that every child and young person has the right to an uninterrupted school day, free from violence and disruption; notes the impact that the current escalation of violence in schools has had on the teaching profession, especially in relation to retention and mental health; further notes, with concern, the alarming reports of instances of violence and disruption, and calls on the Scottish Government to support parents, teachers and staff, assisting them in promoting acceptable behaviour and tackling instances of violence and disruption; calls on the Scottish Government to support children and young people impacted by violence and disruption in schools and to facilitate an environment in which all young people are safe to learn, develop and grow, and further calls on all Members of the Scottish Parliament to work together in tackling the seriousness of this issue, diligently and without delay.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-12389.2](#) Jenny Gilruth: Ending Violence in Scottish Schools—As an amendment to motion S6M-12389 in the name of Liam Kerr (Ending Violence in Scottish Schools), insert at end ", alongside local authorities, schools, teachers and young people themselves; recognises the work that is already underway to respond to these challenges, including the joint national action plan with COSLA, which will publish in the spring; welcomes the publication of the gender-based violence in schools framework, which it agrees is a necessary step in responding to the increase in misogynistic behaviours identified by the behaviour in Scottish schools research and reports by teaching unions, and reaffirms, in the week of International Women's Day, the need to end misogyny in Scotland's schools and wider society."

[S6M-12389.1](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Ending Violence in Scottish Schools—As an amendment to motion S6M-12389 in the name of Liam Kerr (Ending Violence in Scottish Schools), insert at end "; notes that teachers and school staff must be safe from violence and harassment at work; recognises that cuts to education, increased teacher workload, the absence of more non-contact time and a lack of support for pupils with additional support needs continue to contribute to the rise of violence and poor behaviour in schools; further recognises the important role that youth work and external programmes, like the MCR Pathways service in Glasgow, play in providing additional support for young people, and calls on the Scottish Government to publish the national action plan on behaviour in schools imminently, and to include in it the collection of national, anonymous data, clear processes for the reporting of incidents with support from senior management in schools, the addition of teacher wellbeing as a measure of inspection, and clear guidance on consequences and escalation."

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector

[S6M-12388](#) Douglas Lumsden: Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector—That the Parliament recognises the vital role that oil and gas plays in Scotland's energy mix and in supporting tens of thousands of Scottish jobs, particularly in the north east, and in providing vital energy security;

condemns the Scottish Government's "presumption against new exploration for oil and gas" as stated in its draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan, as well as the Scottish National Party administration's failure to welcome new oil and gas developments such as Rosebank, which will boost UK energy security and the economy with a direct investment of over £8 billion as well as providing nearly 1,600 jobs; further condemns the Labour Party's intention to block any new oil and gas licences and its proposed extended windfall tax, which the OEUK has warned will lead to "42,000 job losses" and £26 billion of economic value being wiped out; acknowledges that there is a climate emergency and, therefore, welcomes that the UK has become the first major economy to halve emissions from their peak; notes that a just transition is needed to meet net zero targets, but believes that this must not leave any industry or community behind and cannot be achieved without the investment, innovation and skills from the oil and gas sector, and calls on the Scottish Government and the Labour Party to end their reckless assault on North Sea oil and gas workers and Scotland's economy.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-12388.3 Màiri McAllan: Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector—As an amendment to motion S6M-12388 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector), leave out from first "vital" to end and insert "important role that is played by oil and gas in the energy profile of Scotland, the tens of thousands of jobs in that sector, and the essential contribution that the sector's skilled workforce must make to Scotland's present and future energy security; understands the severity and urgency of the global climate emergency and the clear body of scientific evidence showing the need for a rapid shift away from current reliance on fossil fuels as part of the response to this; further understands that a just transition for Scotland's oil and gas sector is essential, given both the declining nature of the North Sea basin and Scotland's climate change commitments; supports a just transition approach for all sectors of Scotland's economy, in which emissions are reduced in line with climate goals, energy security is maintained, and workers and communities are supported as part of a genuine managed transition; acknowledges that the Scottish Government is in the process of finalising its Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan, following the publication of analysis of consultation responses on the draft Strategy and Plan; recognises that licensing and regulation for offshore oil and gas, and the associated fiscal regime, are all matters that currently remain reserved to the UK Government; expresses frustration that the Scottish Government does not have all of the powers necessary to ensure that Scotland fully capitalises on its competitive advantages in the energy transition, including its world-leading and highly skilled offshore workforces; calls on the UK Government to deliver simple, holistic and predictable windfall taxes on excessive profits to address the cost of living crisis and to increase investment in the transition to net zero, and believes that revenues should not be used to fund new nuclear power."

S6M-12388.1 Daniel Johnson: Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector—As an amendment to motion S6M-12388 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "believes that if Scotland is to maintain its reputation for expertise in energy generation, there is a need to deliver a just transition to the clean energy industries of the future; recognises the huge contribution that oil and gas make to Scotland's energy mix and economy, supporting tens of thousands of well-paid jobs, and agrees that, as part of the energy transition, oil and gas production will continue in the North Sea for decades to come; condemns the economic incompetence of the UK Conservative administration and the Scottish National Party administration, which has exacerbated the cost of living crisis for households in Scotland; believes that the policies and instability of the UK Conservative administration are further undermining progress in delivering the energy jobs of the future and failing to improve

energy security; notes that the Scottish National Party administration has chosen to side with energy giants over working people with its recent u-turn on a windfall tax on exorbitant profits of oil and gas companies, all while raising taxes on working people, and notes that the Labour Party's proposed windfall tax is time-limited, will sunset at the end of the next parliamentary session and will provide the revenue to deliver the Labour Party's Green Prosperity Plan, which will support 50,000 clean energy jobs in Scotland, create GB Energy as a publicly-owned energy company, bring down energy bills and deliver the just transition that Scotland's climate needs, and that workers in the north east deserve, so that no community is left behind."

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-12397](#) **George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—**

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 March 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Housing (Cladding Remediation) (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 13 March 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 Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 14 March 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 Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Addressing Child Poverty Through Parental Employment

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 March 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (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 20 March 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

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

Thursday 21 March 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 11 March 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-12398](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 27 September 2024.

[S6M-12399](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 26 April 2024.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-12400](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Food Commission (Appointment) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-12401](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-12402](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership—That the Parliament agrees that—

Marie McNair be appointed to replace Fulton MacGregor as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Evelyn Tweed be appointed as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Gordon MacDonald be appointed to replace Marie McNair as a member of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, and

Jackie Dunbar be appointed to replace Evelyn Tweed as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

[S6M-12403](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that—

Kevin Stewart be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Colin Beattie be appointed to replace Gordon MacDonald as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Collette Stevenson be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee;

Bob Doris be appointed to replace Jackie Dunbar as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Karen Adam be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, and

David Torrance be appointed to replace James Dornan as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

[S6M-12404](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Automated Vehicles Bill.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-12000](#) Keith Brown: Congratulating the University of Stirling on the Launch of its Winning Students 100 Programme—That the Parliament congratulates the University of Stirling, in the Clackmannanshire and Dunblane constituency, on the successful launch of its new Winning Students 100 programme; understands that this launch marks an important update to the existing Winning Students programme, initially established in 2008, which has awarded 1,700 scholarships since then, supporting gold medal Olympians and Paralympians, as well as European and world champions, in balancing their studies with high-performance and professional sports; commends the achievements of this scheme; understands that the scheme is made possible through cross-departmental support from the Scottish Funding Council, sportscotland, and the tertiary education sector, and looks forward to witnessing what it sees the positive impact of this updated programme on the lives and careers of the participating student-athletes from across the network of universities and colleges that are involved.

Committee Meetings

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

Economy and Fair Work Committee 8th Meeting, 2024

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

- Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Craig Fergusson, Head of Finance (Transactions), South Lanarkshire Council;
Melanie Mackenzie, Strategic Commercial Manager, Aberdeenshire Council and Aberdeen City Council;
Lynette Robertson, Head of Commercial and Procurement Services, City of Edinburgh Council;
and then from—
Gordon Beattie, Director of National Procurement, NHS National Services Scotland;
Stephen Connor, Senior Procurement Manager, Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges;
Rob Mustard, Director of Capital Investment, and Joe Rowan, General Manager of Procurement, Scottish Water.
- Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 1
- Just Transition for the North East and Moray:** The Committee will further consider a draft report.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 7th Meeting, 2024

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

- Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 4th Meeting, 2024

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
- Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
PE2035: Recognise legal control of generalist predators as a conservation act, taking evidence from—
Alex Hogg, Petitioner
and then consider—
PE1900: Access to prescribed medication for detainees in police custody;
PE1947: Address Scotland's culture of youth violence;
PE1952: Specialist services for patients with autonomic dysfunction;
PE1967: Protect Loch Lomond's Atlantic oakwood shoreline by implementing the High road option for the A82 upgrade between Tarbet and Inverarnan;

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;

PE2009: Ensure fair access to Scottish universities for all residents in Scotland and the UK;

PE2012: Remove need for follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) blood tests before prescribing Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT); and

PE2014: Revert to the appeals system used in 2022 for SQA exams.

3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE2056: Introduce legislation allowing Scottish Ministers to intervene on the hire of public land;
PE2064: Ensure that under 16s charged with rape are treated as adults in the criminal justice system;
PE2065: Improve and prioritise pedestrian safety; and
PE2069: Ensure accuracy of statements informing Child Welfare Reports.
4. **Decision on publication of submission:** The Committee will decide whether to accept a request to provide an anonymous submission for 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.
5. **Consideration of Evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.

Criminal Justice Committee 10th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Criminal Justice Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandums lodged by Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (LCM(S6)43) and (LCM(S6)43a).
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Firefighters' Pension Schemes \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/26)
[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Prescribed Police Stations\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/30)
3. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Education, Children and Young People Committee 8th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2024](#)
2. **Additional Support for Learning Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
May Dunsmuir, President of the Health and Education Chamber of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland, First-tier Tribunal for Scotland.
3. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 28 February 2024

Thursday 7 March 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-11697 Mark Ruskell: Site-specific Just Transition for Mossmorran

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions
Transport

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day: Global Perspective

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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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>

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

7 March 2024

6th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Review of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Ed Barker, Head of Policy and External Affairs, Agricultural Industries Confederation Scotland;
 - Jonnie Hall, Director of Policy, National Farmers Union Scotland;
 - Sarah Millar, Chief Executive, Quality Meat Scotland.

Proposed future business

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

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

7 March 2024

7th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 - Erica Young, Policy Officer (Social Justice), Citizens Advice Scotland;
 - Jon Shaw, Welfare Rights Worker, Child Poverty Action Group Scotland;
 - Richard Gass, Welfare Rights and Money Advice Manager, Rights Advice Scotland;
 - Michael Clancy OBE, Director of Law Reform, Law Society of Scotland;
 - Diane Connock, Advice Services and Welfare Reform Team Leader, Stirling Council.
3. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme:** 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

Public Audit Committee

7 March 2024

8th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 4 and 5 in private.
3. **Investing in Scotland's infrastructure:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Alyson Stafford, Director-General Scottish Exchequer, Morag Angus, Chief Surveyor, Dr Alison Cumming, Director of Budget and Public Spending, and Alan Morrison, Deputy Director Health Infrastructure, Investment and PPE , Scottish Government; Alison Irvine, Chief Executive, Transport Scotland; Peter Reekie, Chief Executive, Scottish Futures Trust.
4. **Investing in Scotland's infrastructure:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland; Dharshi Santhakumaran, Senior Manager, and Ashleigh Madjitey, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
5. **Investing in Scotland's infrastructure:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 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

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Motions

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Motions for Debate

***[S6M-12416](#) Kaukab Stewart: International Women's Day: Global Perspective**—That the Parliament welcomes the 2024 International Women's Day theme of "Inspire Inclusion", which recognises that, when people understand and value women's inclusion, they forge a better world; acknowledges that, at a time of increasing conflict affecting civilians around the world, the specific impact on women and girls can be profound; recognises that achieving gender equality is more vital than ever and remains one of the greatest human rights challenges globally; marks International Women's Day and the second anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, and welcomes the efforts of organisations and communities working tirelessly in pursuit of peace, inspiring inclusion, pushing forward on gender equality and amplifying the voices of women and marginalised groups, and notes the Scottish Government's investment in women as advocates for human rights, and initiatives such as the Warm Scots Future, Women in Conflict 1325 Fellowship and Human Rights Defender Fellowship, and its commitment to a feminist approach to international relations.

Supported by: Shirley-Anne Somerville*, Paul McLennan*, Emma Roddick*, Angus Robertson*

[S6M-12389](#) Liam Kerr: Ending Violence in Scottish Schools—That the Parliament believes that no pupil, teacher or member of school staff should suffer physical or verbal abuse and that every child and young person has the right to an uninterrupted school day, free from violence and disruption; notes the impact that the current escalation of violence in schools has had on the teaching profession, especially in relation to retention and mental health; further notes, with concern, the alarming reports of instances of violence and disruption, and calls on the Scottish Government to support parents, teachers and staff, assisting them in promoting acceptable behaviour and tackling instances of violence and disruption; calls on the Scottish Government to support children and young people impacted by violence and disruption in schools and to facilitate an environment in which all young people are safe to learn, develop and grow, and further calls on all Members of the Scottish Parliament to work together in tackling the seriousness of this issue, diligently and without delay.

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Supported by: Graeme Dey*, Natalie Don*

***S6M-12389.1 Pam Duncan-Glancy: Ending Violence in Scottish Schools**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12389 in the name of Liam Kerr (Ending Violence in Scottish Schools), insert at end "; notes that teachers and school staff must be safe from violence and harassment at work; recognises that cuts to education, increased teacher workload, the absence of more non-contact time and a lack of support for pupils with additional support needs continue to contribute to the rise of violence and poor behaviour in schools; further recognises the important role that youth work and external programmes, like the MCR Pathways service in Glasgow, play in providing additional support for young people, and calls on the Scottish Government to publish the national action plan on behaviour in schools imminently, and to include in it the collection of national, anonymous data, clear processes for the reporting of incidents with support from senior management in schools, the addition of teacher wellbeing as a measure of inspection, and clear guidance on consequences and escalation."

Supported by: Martin Whitfield*

S6M-12388 Douglas Lumsden: Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector—That the Parliament recognises the vital role that oil and gas plays in Scotland's energy mix and in supporting tens of thousands of Scottish jobs, particularly in the north east, and in providing vital energy security; condemns the Scottish Government's "presumption against new exploration for oil and gas" as stated in its draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan, as well as the Scottish National Party administration's failure to welcome new oil and gas developments such as Rosebank, which will boost UK energy security and the economy with a direct investment of over £8 billion as well as providing nearly 1,600 jobs; further condemns the Labour Party's intention to block any new oil and gas licences and its proposed extended windfall tax, which the OEUK has warned will lead to "42,000 job losses" and £26 billion of economic value being wiped out; acknowledges that there is a climate emergency and, therefore, welcomes that the UK has become the first major economy to halve emissions from their peak; notes that a just transition is needed to meet net zero targets, but believes that this must not leave any industry or community behind and cannot be achieved without the investment, innovation and skills from the oil and gas sector, and calls on the Scottish Government and the Labour Party to end their reckless assault on North Sea oil and gas workers and Scotland's economy.

***S6M-12388.3 Màiri McAllan: Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12388 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector), leave out from first "vital" to end and insert "important role that is played by oil and gas in the energy profile of Scotland, the tens of thousands of jobs in that sector, and the essential contribution that the sector's skilled workforce must make to Scotland's present and future energy security; understands the severity and urgency of the global climate emergency and the clear body of scientific evidence showing the need for a rapid shift away from current reliance on fossil fuels as part of the response to this; further understands that a just transition for Scotland's oil and gas sector is essential, given both the declining nature of the North Sea basin and Scotland's climate change commitments; supports a just transition approach for all sectors of Scotland's economy, in

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which emissions are reduced in line with climate goals, energy security is maintained, and workers and communities are supported as part of a genuine managed transition; acknowledges that the Scottish Government is in the process of finalising its Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan, following the publication of analysis of consultation responses on the draft Strategy and Plan; recognises that licensing and regulation for offshore oil and gas, and the associated fiscal regime, are all matters that currently remain reserved to the UK Government; expresses frustration that the Scottish Government does not have all of the powers necessary to ensure that Scotland fully capitalises on its competitive advantages in the energy transition, including its world-leading and highly skilled offshore workforces; calls on the UK Government to deliver simple, holistic and predictable windfall taxes on excessive profits to address the cost of living crisis and to increase investment in the transition to net zero, and believes that revenues should not be used to fund new nuclear power."

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

***[S6M-12388.2](#) Liam McArthur: Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12388 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector), leave out from first "condemns" to end and insert "recognises that there is a climate emergency, and that it is essential that Scotland meets its net zero targets by 2045 and drives down its reliance on fossil fuels; believes that the phasing down of the traditional oil and gas sector must be done hand in hand with the expansion of renewables and the creation of green jobs, using the wealth of talent and skills available, in order to ensure that communities are not left behind, and further believes that, in order to achieve a successful just transition, both of Scotland's governments must work together, and with the oil and gas and renewables sectors, so that change can be managed properly and effectively."

***[S6M-12388.1](#) Daniel Johnson: Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12388 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "believes that if Scotland is to maintain its reputation for expertise in energy generation, there is a need to deliver a just transition to the clean energy industries of the future; recognises the huge contribution that oil and gas make to Scotland's energy mix and economy, supporting tens of thousands of well-paid jobs, and agrees that, as part of the energy transition, oil and gas production will continue in the North Sea for decades to come; condemns the economic incompetence of the UK Conservative administration and the Scottish National Party administration, which has exacerbated the cost of living crisis for households in Scotland; believes that the policies and instability of the UK Conservative administration are further undermining progress in delivering the energy jobs of the future and failing to improve energy security; notes that the Scottish National Party administration has chosen to side with energy giants over working people with its recent u-turn on a windfall tax on exorbitant profits of oil and gas companies, all while raising taxes on working people, and notes that the Labour Party's proposed windfall tax is time-limited, will sunset at the end of the next parliamentary session and will provide the revenue to deliver the Labour Party's Green Prosperity Plan, which will support 50,000 clean energy jobs in Scotland, create GB Energy as a publicly-owned energy company, bring down energy bills and deliver the just transition that Scotland's climate needs, and that workers in the north east deserve, so that no community is left behind."

Supported by: Michael Marra*

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***[S6M-12394](#) David Torrance: MS Awareness Week 2024**—That the Parliament welcomes MS Awareness Week 2024, taking place from 22 to 28 April 2024; understands that Scotland has one of the highest rates per head of population of multiple sclerosis (MS) in the world, with around 15,500 people living with the condition, including in Kirkcaldy; notes that MS can cause a range of often fluctuating physical and cognitive symptoms, which can impact the way people move and feel; understands that MS affects everyone with the condition differently; welcomes the work of charities such as the MS Society, Revive MS, the MS Trust, MS Together, MS-UK, Shift.ms, Overcoming MS and the Neuro Therapy Network in raising awareness of MS, and in supporting people living with MS and their families; understands that, during this year's MS Awareness Week, the week of campaigning will aim to raise awareness of the wide range of symptoms and challenges that people with MS face, while also supporting and encouraging people with MS to speak out and seek support, and notes the calls for MSPs across the Parliament to help raise awareness of MS and MS Awareness Week.

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***[S6M-12342](#) Collette Stevenson: Shining a Light on Domestic Abuse in LGBT+ History Month**—That the Parliament condemns domestic abuse in all its forms; understands that domestic abuse often consists of intimate partner violence (IPV), and that this is defined by the World Health Organization as behaviours including sexual abuse, violence, psychological abuse and controlling behaviours perpetrated by a current or former intimate partner; is concerned by Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) statistics showing that 30,139 charges were reported to COPFS with a domestic abuse identifier in 2022-23; notes that these figures show that the accused was male in 86% of these cases; understands that Police Scotland statistics for 2021-22 show that 1,691 domestic abuse incidents were recorded with same-sex victims and suspected perpetrators, representing around 3.5% of incidents in which gender was recorded, but that the data is not broken down for transgender people; believes that these statistics are a stark reminder of what it considers to be the unacceptable levels of domestic abuse in Scotland, but considers that these likely underestimate the scale of LGBTQ+ domestic abuse; understands that research suggests that 30% to 45% of LGBTQ+ people will ever experience IPV, which, it believes, is in line with cisgender women in heterosexual relationships; notes the view that structural inequalities could be prohibiting LGBTQ+ victims of domestic abuse from coming forward or receiving the support that it considers they deserve from services; acknowledges that the theme of LGBT+ History Month 2024, "Medicine: #UnderTheScope", aims to showcase the work of LGBT+ healthcare staff and highlight what it sees as the health inequalities experienced by LGBTQ+ people today; believes that domestic abuse is a public health issue; considers that the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 strengthened the law to protect people in East Kilbride and across Scotland against abusive behaviour, including physical and psychological abuse, as well as coercive control; recognises the Scottish Government's Equally Safe strategy to tackle violence against women and girls; notes the calls for a national LGBTQ+ domestic abuse policy, with specific outcomes and measures to help the community, including ensuring that services and staff have the right procedures and training to ensure that LGBTQ+ people get appropriate support; further notes the belief that such a policy could be aligned with or supplementary to Equally Safe, which, it considers, offers a good framework for such a policy; notes reports that LGBTQ+ people can face barriers in accessing services, including potential stigma, misunderstanding of LGBTQ+ relationships, and what it considers to be default heterosexual norms; further notes the calls for a comprehensive analysis to identify gaps in domestic abuse service provision for LGBTQ+ individuals, to ensure routine risk assessment processes are more inclusive for LGBTQ+

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experiences, and to ensure that LGBTQ+ people are considered and included in sexual violence and domestic abuse courses; acknowledges that a roundtable on LGBTQ+ IPV was held in the Parliament on 8 February 2024, with stakeholders including members of the LGBTQ+ community and representatives from the third sector, local authorities and Police Scotland; understands that this roundtable for the wider LGBTQ+ community builds on previous research by academics in Scotland, including Dr Steven Maxwell, from the University of Glasgow, and Professor Jamie Frankis, from Glasgow Caledonian University, into same-sex male relationship IPV; believes that LGBTQ+ people experiencing domestic abuse should not be made to feel invisible, and notes that people who have experienced domestic abuse are encouraged to seek the support to which they are entitled.

Supported by: Clare Haughey, Jackie Dunbar, Rona Mackay, Bill Kidd, David Torrance, Kevin Stewart, Colin Smyth

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-12404](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Automated Vehicles Bill.

***[S6M-12403](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that—

Kevin Stewart be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Colin Beattie be appointed to replace Gordon MacDonald as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Collette Stevenson be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee;

Bob Doris be appointed to replace Jackie Dunbar as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Karen Adam be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, and

David Torrance be appointed to replace James Dornan as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

***[S6M-12402](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that—

Marie McNair be appointed to replace Fulton MacGregor as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Evelyn Tweed be appointed as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Gordon MacDonald be appointed to replace Marie McNair as a member of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, and

Jackie Dunbar be appointed to replace Evelyn Tweed as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

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*[S6M-12401](#) **George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

*[S6M-12400](#) **George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Food Commission (Appointment) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

*[S6M-12399](#) **George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 26 April 2024.

*[S6M-12398](#) **George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 27 September 2024.

*[S6M-12397](#) **George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 March 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 13 March 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 Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 14 March 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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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 Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Addressing Child Poverty Through Parental Employment

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 March 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (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 20 March 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

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

Thursday 21 March 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

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2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 11 March 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-12396](#) Sue Webber: St Ninian's Primary School in Livingston Achieves Gold Rights Respecting School Award**—That the Parliament congratulates St Ninian's Primary School in Livingston on being awarded Gold by UNICEF UK's Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA) programme; understands that this prestigious Gold Award is the highest level award granted to any school and is given in recognition of the 54 articles from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; further understands that in the report from UNICEF, the school's strengths were noted as health and wellbeing, in particular, mental health where the pupil voice was highly valued, and understands that the entire school community was commended for their understanding of how their rights are connected to school life, their Catholic values, and to their local and global community.

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***[S6M-12395](#) Liz Smith: Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme**—That the Parliament sends its congratulations to the Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme on receiving Age Scotland's national award for Services to Older People and being recognised for 40 years of service to the local community; commends the selfless dedication of its volunteers, who provide transport for rural residents in Kinross-shire and take them to their essential engagements, including hospital and dentistry appointments, and for groceries and haircuts, and understands that the group completed 2,900 volunteer hours and over 5,000 miles in order to provide assistance to its over 300 clients.

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***[S6M-12393](#) Sharon Dowey: Stuttgart Medal Winners**—That the Parliament congratulates Dougal MacPherson, from Troon, and Emilia Wood, from Kirkoswald, on bringing back two medals from the Stuttgart Culinary Olympics in February 2024; recognises the skill and talents of the Ayrshire College lecturer and student, who, it understands, represented the UK and managed to fight off stiff competition from 55 nations and over 1,200 chefs taking part in the event; understands that Dougal, assisted by Emilia, earned themselves a silver medal in the regional teams cold food art competition and bronze in the community catering contest; commends what it

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sees as their outstanding achievement, and wishes them continued success for the future and their culinary careers.

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***S6M-12392 Tess White: Scottish Independent Broadband Provider, GoFibre, Launches £50,000 Charity Fund in Aberdeenshire and Angus**—That the Parliament congratulates independent Scottish broadband provider, GoFibre, as it announces the launch of its GoFurther Fund in Aberdeenshire and Angus for the first time; understands that local charities and organisations in the area are now able to apply for a share of GoFibre's £50,000 fund, which launched in summer 2023 to support vital projects and groups in their efforts to transform local lives within the regions where GoFibre continues to build its network; notes that around 20,000 residents and businesses across towns in Aberdeenshire and Angus are in the process of being able to access GoFibre's full fibre broadband, with the network now live in the areas of Stonehaven, Newtonhill, Portlethen, Laurencekirk, Montrose and Kirriemuir, and with construction underway in Forfar; recognises that the GoFurther Fund provides grants up to the value of £3,000 to those who meet the relevant criteria, including supporting the creation of work experience opportunities, developing skills and the local economy, promoting good health and wellbeing, or actively tackling climate change and contributing to net zero targets in their local areas; notes that the GoFurther Fund is part of GoFibre's stated ongoing commitment to tackle the digital divide across Scotland, and wishes good luck to all those who apply for the fund.

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***S6M-12391 Tess White: NHS Grampian and Partners to Run Pilot Study to Prevent Insomnia in New Breast Cancer Patients**—That the Parliament recognises that NHS Grampian is taking part in a pilot study to improve night-time sleep for newly-diagnosed breast cancer patients; notes that the study will examine the use of Sleep Restriction Therapy, which helps to improve sleep by stabilising patterns and reducing time spent awake in bed, and will be delivered during cancer treatment by breast cancer research nurses; understands that Sleep Restriction Therapy has been used successfully to treat chronic insomnia in breast cancer survivors who have completed cancer treatment; further understands that one fifth of breast cancer survivors experience insomnia, with sleep difficulties often beginning at the time of diagnosis and can become worse during cancer treatment, and continuing long into cancer survival; notes that NHS Grampian along with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and researchers at the University of Strathclyde are aiming to recruit 40 patients to participate in the study from April 2024; notes that, if successful, the pilot could be expanded to a full-scale insomnia prehabilitation trial, and wishes NHS Grampian, its partners and new breast cancer patients taking part in the study all the very best.

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***[S6M-12390](#) Alasdair Allan: World Day of Prayer 2024**—That the Parliament recognises that 1 March 2024 was a World Day of Prayer, a program that called for everyone to show love and compassion despite all difficulties and oppression; recognises that this particular program was written by a group of ecumenical Christian Palestinian women using *Ephesians 4:1-7* as the basis of their program; admires their aspiration to use prayer in the hope of inspiring other women across the globe to bear with one another in love during troubled times, and congratulates the Salvation Army for its successful service held at Bayhead Salvation Army Hall, which it believes brought the various congregations and faiths of Stornoway together in an evening of joint prayer for peace, justice, love and unity across the world.

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***[S6M-12387](#) Willie Coffey: Onthank Primary Awarded Gold School Sport Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Onthank Primary School in Kilmarnock on being awarded a sportscotland Gold School Sport Award; understands that this marks a significant milestone for the school, being the first in the local authority area to receive this prestigious recognition since before the COVID-19 pandemic; notes the range of sporting activities that the children are offered in and out of school and the regular opportunities that exist for learners to compete in sporting events in school and in the wider community; considers the hard work and dedication that the children, staff and active school coordinators have put into this project to be outstanding, and sends a massive "well done" to team Onthank.

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***[S6M-12385](#) Jackie Dunbar: First Recipients of the ABZWorks Development Fund Announced**—That the Parliament congratulates the first recipients of the ABZWorks Development Fund, which was announced on 28 February 2024; notes that 10 community-based organisations in Aberdeen City, including Aberdeen Donside-based organisation, Absafe, have received funding totalling £75,000 in the first round of funding through the ABZWorks Development Fund; understands that the funds will help the organisations to develop or further build the capacity of their employability projects; notes that applicants were required to demonstrate how their projects meet local need and reflect local circumstances, how they would support people removed from the labour market and how they would deliver these projects, including early engagement activities; commends what it sees as the incredible work carried out by each organisation, and wishes them all the best with their work going forward.

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***[S6M-12384](#) David Torrance: FSB Scotland's Celebrating Small Business Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Kirkcaldy's Rose Marketing UK on its achievement at the FSB Scotland's Celebrating Small Business Awards, winning the Expansion and Growth Award; notes that Rose Marketing UK Limited is a manufacturer, importer and distributor of confectionery and drinks; understand that the FSB Celebrating Small Business Awards showcase the best small businesses from the length and breadth of the country, offering national recognition for those who have made the biggest impression over the last 12 months; further understands that the finalists, from across 12 areas, will now proceed to the national UK finals taking place at a VIP-attended awards

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ceremony on 9 May 2024 in Blackpool; commends the team members on their innovation, tenacity and incredible journey, and wishes them all the very best for the future.

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***S6M-12383 Liam Kerr: Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2024**—That the Parliament recognises the start of Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2024; understands that Scottish Apprenticeship Week showcases the diverse abilities and backgrounds of apprentices and emphasises the attainment of qualifications and skills through practical experience; acknowledges what it sees as the crucial role that Scottish apprenticeships, including foundation and graduate apprenticeships, play in revitalising the Scottish economy, as well as transmitting skills throughout the generations; thanks all participating employers in Scotland, and extends its best wishes to all apprentices for their future endeavours.

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***S6M-12382 Jackie Dunbar: Purple Day 2024**—That the Parliament notes that 26 March marks Epilepsy Awareness Day, better known as Purple Day; understands that epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions in the world, with more than 58,000 people in Scotland currently living with the condition; considers that people with epilepsy are more likely to develop mental health conditions, including depression and anxiety as a result of the condition; understands that, while children and older people are more likely to develop the condition, anyone can develop epilepsy at any time in their life, irrespective of their age, gender or background, with every individual's epilepsy being different; further understands that epilepsy is defined as the tendency to have repeated seizures, which start in the brain; understands that a seizure can be a one-off occurrence triggered by extreme events, such as sustaining a serious head injury, and it is estimated that one in 20 people will have a one-off seizure during their lifetime; notes that Epilepsy Scotland takes the opportunity each Purple Day to encourage people to talk about epilepsy and to try and dispel myths and stigma attached to the condition, and recognises that landmarks such as Marischal College, in Aberdeen, will be lit purple to mark the day.

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***S6M-12380 Jackie Dunbar: AberNecessities Becomes Charity Partner with Aberdeen International Airport**—That the Parliament commends AberNecessities on being selected as the newest charity partner with Aberdeen International Airport; notes that AberNecessities was chosen after an employee-led vote took place to determine which charity would be appointed; understands that, since launching in 2019, AberNecessities has supported over 12,000 children by distributing items and supplies to families across the north east; further understands that over £62,000 was raised for the previous two charity partners over two years; congratulates AberNecessities on this newfound partnership, and wishes it all the best for the future.

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Motions Gluasadan				

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***[S6M-12379](#) Russell Findlay: Publication of the 2024 Retail Crime Survey by the British Retail Consortium**—That the Parliament notes the findings of the latest Crime Survey published by the British Retail Consortium (BRC), which includes the Scottish Retail Consortium (SRC); understands that the retail industry constitutes 5% of the UK's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and is the largest private sector employer, providing around three million direct jobs and an estimated 2.7 million in the supply chain; notes that the BRC has a membership of over 200 major retailers with thousands of smaller independent retailers represented by trade association members; understands that together these businesses generate over £350 billion of retail sales per annum; is concerned that the 2024 survey report shows a 50% increase in levels of violence and abuse in the retail sector, with 1,300 reported incidents each day, and that the cost of theft has doubled to £1.8 billion in 2022-23, with over 45,000 incidents each day; expresses alarm at abuse and violence towards shop workers and acts of theft; notes with concern that "thieves have become bolder and more aggressive, and the impact on retail workers is severe", according to the BRC Chief Executive, Helen Dickinson OBE; believes that any mistreatment of retail workers is unacceptable and should not be tolerated; understands that retailers have made record investment in crime prevention, including CCTV, additional security personnel and body-worn cameras; considers that, whilst abusing or assaulting a shopworker in Scotland is now a distinct criminal offence, more can be done to ensure that those attacking retail workers are apprehended and prosecuted, thereby facing the consequences for their actions, and believes, therefore, that greater prioritisation should be given to retail crime in upcoming iterations of the Scottish Government's strategic police priorities for Scotland.

Supported by: Roz McCall*

***[S6M-12377](#) Jackie Dunbar: 60th Anniversary of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)**—That the Parliament acknowledges the 60th anniversary of the United Nations (UN) Security Council unanimously adopting resolution 186 on 4 March 1964, which noted that the then situation in Cyprus, of violence between Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities, was "likely to threaten international peace and security", and that this resolution brought about the establishment of the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP); understands that the mandate of UNFICYP remains in place to prevent a recurrence of fighting, to contribute to the maintenance and restoration of law and order, and to contribute to a return to normal conditions; recognises what it considers to be the sacrifices made over the past 60 years by military, police and civilian personnel from 43 countries working under the UN banner, including the ultimate sacrifice paid by the 187 peacekeepers who gave their lives, in the service of peace on the island; understands that UNFICYP is today one of the longest-running UN peacekeeping missions; commends all those who have contributed to the work of UNFICYP over six decades, including many personnel deployed with the Royal Regiment of Scotland, and its antecedent regiments, and continues to hope for an agreed, just and lasting settlement in Cyprus.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Colin Smyth*, Stuart McMillan* R, Kenneth Gibson*, Ivan McKee*, Bob Doris*

***[S6M-12374](#) Maggie Chapman: World Water Day 2024**—That the Parliament acknowledges World Water Day on 22 March 2024 and recognises what it sees as the importance of this day; considers that, due to climate change, communities across the country are becoming increasingly susceptible to water scarcity and floods; further considers, therefore, that it is important to take

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action against these concerns, in a step to protect numerous communities; fears for the affected communities that have endured both periods of water scarcity and floods, such as residents of Castleton Cottages near Eassie in Angus, who have reportedly experienced repeated flooding over recent months, and residents in Aberdeenshire with private water supplies that have reportedly faced water shortages in recent years; understands that these increasingly common conditions have adverse implications for Scottish industries such as agriculture and whisky production; considers that water scarcity and floods are a large concern globally, with UNICEF reporting that displaced individuals in Gaza are only able to access 1.5 to two litres of water a day, while, it understands, three litres are required for survival; believes that Scotland has a unique skill set and expertise in water management, including at Dundee University's UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science; hopes to see Scotland become a leader that will take steps to ensure water access and flood relief worldwide, and to champion what it sees as this important issue, and further hopes that these issues will form part of ongoing parliamentary discussions on improving access to human rights.

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***[S6M-12358](#) Sue Webber: Livingston Skatepark Granted Category B Listed Status by Historic Environment Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates Livingston Skatepark on being listed by Historic Environment Scotland at category B; understands that it was the local skateboarder, Kenny Omond, who first approached Livingston Development Corporation with the idea for a skatepark, which was opened in 1981; further understands that the park was later extended, achieving international renown within the skate scene from its earliest days due to its scale, ambition and quality, being known for its very deep double bowl and finely-tuned transitions; appreciates that, due to its legendary status, it attracted the world legend skateboarder, Tony Hawk, to skate there in 1991; considers that the skatepark is an enduring icon of the Scottish skate and bike scene, being the earliest surviving purpose-built skatepark in Scotland, which remains a highly valued creative and important social space for the community of Livingston and the skating and biking community, and hopes that this designation will help ensure that it is protected for future generations.

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***[S6M-12290](#) John Mason: UK Defence**—That the Parliament considers that the UK faces significant embarrassment and perceived flaws in its defence spending and strategy; believes that this comes as the UK's multi-billion-pound warship, HMS Queen Elizabeth, reportedly withdrew from a significant NATO drill at the last minute due to a propeller shaft issue, and that this was further compounded by reports of a failed nuclear missile test; notes reports that the £3.5 billion aircraft carrier was scheduled to participate in the largest NATO exercise since the Cold War, until engineers discovered a significant problem with its starboard propeller shaft, potentially side-lining the vessel for several months, according to naval experts; understands that HMS Queen Elizabeth only returned to service in July 2023, following extensive repairs lasting nearly a year; considers that what it sees as this setback echoes the breakdown of HMS Prince of Wales, the sister ship of HMS Queen Elizabeth, which experienced a similar malfunction off the Isle of Wight 18 months prior, with the subsequent repairs reportedly costing £25 million and lasting nine months; notes reports of a failed nuclear missile test, in which a Trident missile crashed into the sea near the

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submarine that launched it; believes that the test, which occurred on 30 January 2024 off the coast of Florida, marked another setback for the UK's nuclear programme, and that this was reminiscent of a failed trial launch eight years prior; understands that the missile, which was armed with "dummy" warheads, failed to ignite its first-stage boosters and crashed into the sea shortly after being propelled into the air; considers that this raises serious concerns about the readiness of the UK's defence infrastructure, and reflects on what it considers to be the inability of the UK Government to deliver an effective defence strategy.

***[S6M-12280](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Highlighting the Needs of the Brain Tumour Community —**

That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the unmet need for those affected by brain tumours within current patient pathways; understands that there are over 120 different types of brain tumour, which can be high or low grade but equally devastating; believes that diagnosis times for those referred with a potential brain tumour must be faster and that all brain tumour patients should have access to a high level of care; understands that brain tumours remain the biggest cancer killer of those under 40, and considers that four key areas, namely diagnosis, care, treatment and research, must be addressed so that outcomes for those affected by this disease can be improved.

Supported by: Ash Regan*, Neil Bibby*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, David Torrance*, Kenneth Gibson*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*

***[S6M-12261](#) Ross Greer: United Nations Universal Periodic Review of China's Human Rights Record—**

That the Parliament notes with concern the recent United Nations Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) into the human rights record of China; understands that multiple UN member states brought forward recommendations highlighting concerns regarding reported human rights breaches committed by the Chinese state in a number of areas, particularly in relation to the alleged oppression of the Tibetan people; further understands that there was an increase of 11 member states, since 2018, that made recommendations to end restrictions on the Tibetan language, harassment of human rights defenders, interference with Tibetan cultural and religious rights, as well as abolishing the residential boarding school system for Tibetan children; understands that concerns regarding the alleged similar treatment of the Uyghur people were also raised by member states at the UPR; commends the work of Tibetan solidarity groups, including Free Tibet, and of the Central Tibetan Administration, which, it considers, have worked tirelessly to bring human rights abuses reportedly committed by China to the attention of the international community.

***[S6M-12189](#) Paul Sweeney: Recognising the Importance of Community Health Workers—**

That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of community-based health services, including mental health support, addiction services and health visiting; believes that health interventions, which are made early and are easily accessible in the local area, do not only improve individual health outcomes but prevent an increase in demand on already strained acute services and prescribing further down the line; notes reports that NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde has already cut 63 roles; further notes the reported concerns of workers and representative trade unions that these proposals have been put forward without satisfactory consultation of workers and the public who rely on these services; notes the reported decision of UNISON, RCN and UNITE to lodge a formal dispute on this matter, and believes that these 63 roles should be maintained and properly resourced so that key workers can be supported to stay well at work, deliver the services that they care about and ensure that people can access the care and support that they need in the community. **R**

Supported by: Monica Lennon* **R**, Foysoil Choudhury* **R**, Pam Duncan-Glancy* **R**

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-12381 Fulton MacGregor: Friends Together Club in Coatbridge Recognised by the Order of Malta (lodged on 04 March 2024)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Jeremy Balfour*, Karen Adam*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, Bob Doris*

S6M-12376 Jeremy Balfour: 250th Anniversary of St Patrick's Church in Cowgate (lodged on 04 March 2024)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Jamie Greene*, Bill Kidd*, Brian Whittle*, Annie Wells*, Craig Hoy*, Meghan Gallacher*, Stuart McMillan*, Tess White*, Russell Findlay*, Paul Sweeney*, Roz McCall*, Jackson Carlaw*

S6M-12375 Marie McNair: Women Against State Pension Injustice (WASPI) Campaign (lodged on 04 March 2024)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Evelyn Tweed*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bob Doris*, Ivan McKee*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Michelle Thomson*

S6M-12373 Willie Coffey: Kilmarnock Academy Gains STEM Recognition (lodged on 04 March 2024)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Karen Adam*, Paul Sweeney*, Brian Whittle*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-12371 Sandesh Gulhane: International Long Covid Awareness Day 2024 (lodged on 04 March 2024)

New Support: Beatrice Wishart*, Tess White*, Russell Findlay*

S6M-12370 Monica Lennon: Belgium Becomes First European Country to Recognise Ecocide as an International Crime (lodged on 04 March 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-12369 Fulton MacGregor: Fostering a Discussion on a Kindergarten Stage in Scotland (lodged on 04 March 2024)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*

S6M-12368 Colin Beattie: Recognition for Cherry Road Centre in Bonnyrigg (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

S6M-12367 Murdo Fraser: Gleneagles Hotel Named as Best Hotel in Scotland and the UK (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*, Roz McCall*

S6M-12366 Beatrice Wishart: Shetland and Fair Isle Awarded Important Marine Mammal Area Status (lodged on 04 March 2024)

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New Support: Liam McArthur*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*, Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-12365](#) Emma Harper: Sanquhar Becomes the Latest Biosphere Town (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-12364](#) Gordon MacDonald: Wester Hailes Station to be Adopted (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12363](#) Pauline McNeill: Paying Tribute to Steve Cheyne (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-12362](#) Tess White: Brechin and Farnell Parish Church Welcomes New Minister, Reverend Adriaan van Tonder (lodged on 04 March 2024)

New Support: Alexander Stewart*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Brian Whittle*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Meghan Gallacher*, Annie Wells*, Jamie Greene*, Craig Hoy*, Douglas Ross*, Pam Gosal*, Russell Findlay*, Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Liam Kerr*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S6M-12361](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Success at the Current Archaeology Awards (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-12360](#) Christine Grahame: Phasing Out Farrowing Crates (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-12359](#) Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen International Airport Celebrates 90th Anniversary (lodged on 04 March 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*, Paul Sweeney*, Alasdair Allan*

[S6M-12356](#) Ruth Maguire: Scottish Sports Futures Youth Worker of Year Award (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Tess White*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-12355](#) Ruth Maguire: National Recognition for Irvine Judo Volunteer (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-12354](#) Ruth Maguire: Irvine Primary Pupil's Charitable Donation (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-12353](#) John Mason: COVID-19 Vaccines (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*

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[S6M-12351](#) Rona Mackay: Lenzie Academy Pupils Highlight Valuable Work of Families Outside (lodged on 01 March 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-12350](#) Alasdair Allan: Congratulating the Winners of FilmG 2024 (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-12348](#) Pam Gosal: Milngavie BID Elected to Lead for a Third Consecutive Term (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-12347](#) Rona Mackay: Bishopbriggs Fire Station Finishes Top in Scotland in the "Bag it and Bank it" Recycling Campaign (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12345](#) Liam Kerr: Hearts of Gold Charity Burns Supper Raises £20,000 for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-12344](#) Liam Kerr: Camphill School Launches Inclusive Outdoor Sensory Adventure and Learning Playground with Funding from UK Government (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane*, Karen Adam*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-12343](#) Roz McCall: Poppyscotland Dunfermline Organiser Receives British Empire Medal (lodged on 04 March 2024)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Annabelle Ewing*, Brian Whittle*, Craig Hoy*, Beatrice Wishart*, Douglas Ross*, Stuart McMillan*, Tess White*, Russell Findlay*, Jackie Dunbar*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S6M-12341](#) Finlay Carson: Abby Forsyth Wins Top Honour at Young Farmers Awards (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Stuart McMillan*, Tess White*, Russell Findlay*, Roz McCall*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S6M-12340](#) Carol Mochan: Protecting Mothers in Palestine on International Women's Day (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Katy Clark*, Liam McArthur*, Marie McNair*, Sarah Boyack*, Karen Adam*, Ruth Maguire*, Tess White*

[S6M-12339](#) Michelle Thomson: Regeneration Funding to Bring Improvements to Slamannan (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12338](#) Neil Bibby: Celebrating A Play, A Pie and A Pint's 20th Anniversary (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Katy Clark*, Karen Adam*

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[S6M-12337](#) Michael Marra: Dundee's 20 Years as a Fair Trade City (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-12336](#) Meghan Gallacher: Inspirational Young Disabled Swimming Champion (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-12334](#) Evelyn Tweed: Stirling Success at Fourth Scottish Cafe and Bakery Awards 2024 (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-12333](#) Christine Grahame: NHS Borders Celebrates UNICEF Accreditation for Neonatal Unit (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-12332](#) Kevin Stewart: ControlAI Campaign (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12328](#) Jackie Dunbar: 50th Anniversary of the McCrone Report (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12327](#) Christine Grahame: Wishing Ralph Roberts, Chief Executive of NHS Borders, Well on his Upcoming Retirement (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12326](#) Pam Gosal: Boogie Box Jive Celebrates £200,000 Charitable Donation Support (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-12325](#) Claire Baker: International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Katy Clark*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-12316](#) Annabelle Ewing: Iain Chalmers Selected as Member of the National Mining Museum of Scotland Collections Trust (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12315](#) Annabelle Ewing: Rotary Foundation Work on Eradicating Polio (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12314](#) Alasdair Allan: Celebrating the Heritage Work of John MacDonald (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

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[S6M-12313](#) Annabelle Ewing: Beath-Malawi Partnership Continuing to Flourish (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12311](#) Annie Wells: St Enoch Centre Pays Tribute to 1924 Olympic Champion, Eric Liddell (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-12310](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow School Pupils Participate in Kids' Athletics Day (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-12308](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Broadcaster, Dave Gray, Dies at 63 (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12307](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Cancer Care Experts' Epic Challenge for Beatson (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-12306](#) Annie Wells: Grand Old Lady of Renfield Street (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-12299](#) Alasdair Allan: St David's Day (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12298](#) Kevin Stewart: Grampian Housing Association (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12296](#) Keith Brown: Congratulations to Connect on its Fifth Anniversary (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12294](#) Monica Lennon: Scottish Power Customers and Staff Raise £40 Million for Cancer Research UK (lodged on 27 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12293](#) Ariane Burgess: Celebrating Heather Woodbridge's Election as Leader of Orkney Islands Council (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12292](#) Tess White: NHS Grampian to Benefit from Dietitian's Push on Recycling Plastics (lodged on 27 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12291](#) Emma Harper: Hairy Bikers Visit Dumfries and Galloway (lodged on 27 February 2024)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12289](#) **Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Aberdeen Café Winners** (lodged on 27 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12281](#) **Sandesh Gulhane: Newly Elected Glasgow Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament** (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12279](#) **Foysol Choudhury: Commending the Work of North Edinburgh Drug and Alcohol Centre** (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane* R, Karen Adam*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*

[S6M-12274](#) **Gillian Mackay: Launch of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency-led Vision in Business Environment Scotland (Vibes) Awards** (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12273](#) **Kenneth Gibson: 80th Anniversary of Barmill Jolly Beggars Club** (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12272](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Station House Media Unit Successfully Launches shmuFM on Digital Audio Broadcast Radio** (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12271](#) **Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Council Employee Recognised at Scottish Social Services Awards** (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12270](#) **Stuart McMillan: Aulds Bakers' Success at 2024 World Championship Scotch Pie Awards** (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12269](#) **Stuart McMillan: Ocean Youth Trust Scotland Receives Top Volunteering Award** (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12268](#) **Annabelle Ewing: Double Awards Success for Nardone's Academy of Performing Arts** (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12267](#) **Paul Sweeney: John Brown Awarded for 40 Years' Service as GMB Trade Union Workplace Convenor at BAE Systems Govan Shipyard** (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Katy Clark*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-12266](#) **Elena Whitham: Night Before Christmas Campaign** (lodged on 26 February 2024)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12265](#) Pauline McNeill: Prison Officers Association Campaign, 68 is Too Late (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Katy Clark*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-12263](#) Kevin Stewart: Fairer Aberdeen Fund (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12262](#) Sarah Boyack: Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) 2024 Wee Box Appeal (lodged on 27 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12258](#) Miles Briggs: St Giles' Cathedral - 900 Years (lodged on 23 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12256](#) Tess White: Friends of ANCHOR's Courage on the Catwalk Celebrates 10th Anniversary (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12255](#) Maggie Chapman: Celebrating an Inspirational and Influential Woman in the North East for International Women's Day (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12253](#) Jackson Carlaw: East Renfrewshire Good Causes Achieves Funding Milestone (lodged on 23 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12247](#) Maggie Chapman: ASH Scotland's 50th Anniversary Event in Aberdeen (lodged on 23 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12242](#) Clare Adamson: The Wee Box 2024 Campaign Launch (lodged on 22 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12241](#) Clare Adamson: Parksprings Care Home Lifesaving Fundraiser (lodged on 22 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12237](#) Audrey Nicoll: The Economic Impact of Scotland's Renewable Energy Sector – 2023 Update (lodged on 22 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12222](#) Bill Kidd: Lidl Return Scheme (lodged on 21 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S6M-12217](#) Kenneth Gibson: SP Energy Networks Net Zero Fund Supports 1st Ardrossan Scout Group (lodged on 20 February 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Evelyn Tweed*, Rona Mackay*, Miles Briggs*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Michelle Thomson*

[S6M-12209](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: 200th Anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (lodged on 20 February 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-12204](#) Maggie Chapman: United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (lodged on 22 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12197](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Alexei Navalny (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12196](#) Pauline McNeill: Supporting the Recognition of the State of Palestine (lodged on 22 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Richard Leonard*, Sarah Boyack*

[S6M-12191](#) Rachael Hamilton: Scotland's Farming Recognised at NFUS Dinner (lodged on 19 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12175](#) Meghan Gallacher: Pioneering Centre to Support Women in Business Opens its Doors (lodged on 16 February 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-12169](#) Richard Leonard: Marking the 40th Anniversary of the Miners' Strike (lodged on 16 February 2024)

New Support: Alasdair Allan*

[S6M-12127](#) Clare Adamson: 20th Motherwell Boys' Brigade Clyde Climate Forest (lodged on 12 February 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-12119](#) Jackson Carlaw: Calling for the Scottish Government's Consideration of New Recommendations on Redress for Mesh Survivors (lodged on 13 February 2024)

New Support: Katy Clark*

[S6M-12107](#) Sharon Dowey: Ailsa Craig Gifts Wins Silver Award (lodged on 09 February 2024)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Craig Hoy*, Pam Gosal*, Meghan Gallacher*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Colin Beattie*, Brian Whittle*, Russell Findlay*, Jamie Greene*, Jackson Carlaw*, Bill Kidd*, Liam Kerr*

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

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

New Support: Claire Baker*

[S6M-11934](#) Kenneth Gibson: Protecting Scotland's Key Blue Carbon Habitats (lodged on 23 January 2024)

New Support: Liam McArthur*

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Written Questions

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

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

Government initiated questions lodged on 05 March 2024

[S6W-25974](#) Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish the response to the recommendations of the Independent Review of Inspection, Scrutiny and Regulation of Social Care in Scotland (IRISR). R

Written questions lodged on 05 March 2024

[S6W-25816](#) Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) deliberately hid documents related to its transgender prisoner policy, particularly in light of reports that officials discussed how to avoid having to publish operational guidance through Freedom of Information.

[S6W-25971](#) Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government whether any representatives from the Scottish Government attended the World Athletics Championships in Glasgow, and, if so, who.

[S6W-25972](#) Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Scottish National Party manifesto commitment, what the cost would have been in (a) 2021-22, (b) 2022-23 and (c) 2023-24 of bringing the Higher Property Rate into line with that in England, broken down by industry sector.

[S6W-25973](#) Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what the initial predicted contract cost with ACER for Scottish National Standardised Assessments was, and what the actual final cost totalled.

[S6W-25975](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-19266 by Mairi McAllan on 28 June 2023, whether it will specify the criteria for designating Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and explain how these differ from the criteria for monitoring MPAs, as set out in the previous answer.

[S6W-25976](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-19266 by Mairi McAllan on 28 June 2023, whether it will provide an updated table listing any additional monitoring carried out, further to the surveys detailed in the previous answer.

[S6W-25977](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-25408 by Mairi McAllan on 4 March 2024, whether it will confirm (a) which sites are due to be surveyed in (i) 2024 and (ii) 2025 and (b) where information on recent and upcoming surveys can be publicly accessed, in light of the resource that was linked to the previous answer appearing not to have been updated since 2018.

[S6W-25980](#) Roz McCall: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of the City Centre Recovery Task Force.

[S6W-25981](#) Roz McCall: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of the Town Centre Action Plan.

[S6W-25982](#) Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the impact in Scotland of the energy price cap.

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 5 March 2024

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 4

Stuart McMillan

- 18 In section 4, page 2, leave out line 33

After section 10

Jeremy Balfour

- 19 After section 10, insert—

<Exemption: disability assistance

- (1) The levy is not payable if a person, or any person in the group related to taking entry to an overnight accommodation, receives any disability assistance under any relevant Scottish or UK Act.
- (2) A person under subsection (1) is eligible only if they provide any correspondence from either the Department of Work and Pensions or Social Security Scotland demonstrating they, or the person in their group as described under subsection (1), receives disability assistance.>

Section 12

Sarah Boyack

- 20 In section 12, page 6, line 28, leave out <substantially>

Sarah Boyack

- 21 In section 12, page 6, line 29, leave out <for leisure purposes>

Section 13

Sarah Boyack

- 22 In section 13, page 7, line 17, leave out <18> and insert <12>

Section 17

Sarah Boyack

- 23 In section 17, page 8, line 25, leave out from <, and> to end of line 32

Sarah Boyack

24 In section 17, page 8, line 27, leave out <substantially>

Sarah Boyack

25 In section 17, page 8, leave out line 32

Members' Bills Proposals

Proposals for Members' Bills

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

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

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Final Proposal

Rhoda Grant: Proposed Right to Food (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to incorporate the human right to food into Scots law and provide for a body to be responsible for oversight and reporting. (lodged 21 February 2024)

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

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Progress of Legislation

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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 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 5 March 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (77th Report, 2023)

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Finance and Public Administration)), 5 March 2024
Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 5 March 2024

Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 6 March 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 2 (Day 1) (Economy and Fair Work Committee), 20 March 2024
All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 14 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

Passed, 27 February 2024

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

Stage 2 completed, 7 February 2024

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee) published, 28 February 2024

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 5 March 2024

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)), 5 March 2024

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 12 March 2024

Stage 1 report – Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee (1st Report, 2024)

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 6 February 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (11th Report, 2024)

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 29 February 2024

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 20 February 2024

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

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

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Stage 1 completed, 22 February 2024

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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)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 5 March 2024
Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 7 March 2024
Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 6 February 2024

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 6 March 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 Report (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee) published, 5 March 2024

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 21 February 2024
Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

Lodged on 19 December 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 22 February 2024

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

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

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Automated Vehicles Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-42a

Lodged on 29 February 2024

Criminal Justice Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-43a

Lodged on 13 February 2024

Meeting (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 6 March 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (15th Report, 2024)

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

Report – Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (1st Report, 2024)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13th Report, 2024)

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

Lodged on 22 November 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 22 February 2024

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (2nd Report, 2024)

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Made affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 19 March 2024

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024\)](#) (21 February 2024)
(Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Affirmative instruments

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)

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Subject to approval by 7 March 2024

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (19 January 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to approval by 12 March 2024

[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)

Subject to approval by 27 March 2024

[National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board \(Public Services Reform\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (8 February 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 29 March 2024

[Plant Health \(Import Inspection Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (19 February 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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[Legal Aid \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (19 February 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Alcohol \(Minimum Pricing\) \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Continuation\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (19 February 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Alcohol \(Minimum Price per Unit\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (19 February 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Negative instruments

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
Lead Committee report due by 11 March 2024

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

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

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

Subject to annulment 19 March 2024

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Lead Committee report due by 18 March 2024

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

Subject to annulment 20 March 2024

Lead Committee report due by 18 March 2024

[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)

Subject to annulment 27 March 2024

Lead Committee report due by 25 March 2024

[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/37\)](#) (8 February 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[National Health Service \(Optical Charges and Payments and General Ophthalmic Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/38\)](#) (8 February 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2000 \(Codes of Conduct for Members of certain Scottish Public Authorities\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/39\)](#) (8 February 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/40\)](#) (8 February 2024)
(Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 28 March 2024

Lead Committee report due by 25 March 2024

[Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers\) \(Amendment\) 2024 \(SSI 2024/41\)](#) (9 February 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[The Packaging Waste \(Data Reporting\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/42\)](#) (9 February 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[The National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/43\)](#) (9 February 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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[The Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/44\)](#) (9 February 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[The Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland \(Cancellation of Registration and Relevant Requirements\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/45\)](#) (9 February 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[The Building \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/46\)](#) (9 February 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 29 March 2024
Lead Committee report due by 25 March 2024

[Bankruptcy \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/48\)](#) (15 February 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to annulment 17 April 2024
Lead Committee report due by 15 April 2024

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Islands and Remote Areas Hospitality Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/55\)](#) (22 February 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Regulation of Care \(Social Service Workers\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/56\)](#) (22 February 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Discretionary Financial Assistance \(Scotland\) Revocation Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/58\)](#) (22 February 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/59\)](#) (22 February 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 18 April 2024
Lead Committee report due by 15 April 2024

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/192\)](#) (23 February 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 25 April 2024
Lead Committee report due by 22 April 2024

[Dangerous Dogs \(Compensation and Exemption Schemes\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/70\)](#) (1 March 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 5 March 2024—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on The Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft] (SP Paper 537)

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 539)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 15th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Criminal Justice Bill (SP Paper 540)

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 5 March 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Local Government Finance Statistics 2022-23 (SG/2024/21) laid under Section 118 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

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