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Chamber Desk Announcement

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions - 21 March 2024

SPCB Questions will take place on Thursday 21 March.

The deadline for lodging oral questions to the SPCB is 4.30 pm on Wednesday 13 March. Up to 12 questions will be randomly selected and published in the Business Bulletin on Friday 15 March. Members are reminded that questions to the SPCB can be only on matters concerning the SPCB or the staff of the Parliament.

Members, and Members' staff, are also reminded that it is not possible to submit SPCB oral questions via the portal, therefore, please ensure that any questions are sent by email to chamberdesk@parliament.scot

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

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

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security Committee

9:15am Public Audit Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Oliver Mundell:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to support rural NHS boards. ([S6O-03174](#))
- 2. Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has intervened to direct NHS Fife and the relevant education authorities to permit schools to issue basic medication, such as paracetamol and ibuprofen, without the need for a GP prescription, in light of reports that primary care is struggling in NHS Fife. ([S6O-03175](#)) **R**
- 3. Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the number of assaults by pupils in schools. ([S6O-03176](#))
- 4. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met the EIS and other teacher unions to discuss school-based violence. ([S6O-03177](#))
- 5. Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is taking forward the work and priorities of its Ministerial Population Taskforce. ([S6O-03178](#))
- 6. Gillian Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government what public health measures are being taken to minimise harm from vaping, prior to the introduction of the proposed ban on single-use vapes. ([S6O-03179](#))
- 7. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last discussed NHS Dumfries and Galloway's funding deficit with the NHS board. ([S6O-03180](#))
- 8. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to stop image-based abuse of girls. ([S6O-03181](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Douglas Ross:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02884](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02885](#))
- 3. Brian Whittle:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government can take to help encourage children into sport and cultivate future world class athletes, in light of the recent victories of Josh Kerr and Jemma Reekie at the World Indoor Athletics Championships in Glasgow. ([S6F-02891](#))
- 4. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the First Minister what impact the Spring Statement will have on Scotland. ([S6F-02887](#))
- 5. Sharon Dowey:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to promote community deer management on publicly owned land. ([S6F-02896](#))
- 6. Rona Mackay:** To ask the First Minister, in light of International Women's Day on 8 March, what steps the Scottish Government is taking to tackle gender-based violence. ([S6F-02905](#))
- 7. Colin Smyth:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to reduce waiting times for children referred for a neurodevelopmental assessment. ([S6F-02904](#))

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-11697](#) Mark Ruskell: Site-specific Just Transition for Mossmorran—That the Parliament understands that the Mossmorran petrochemical site, in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, which comprises of Shell's Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) Plant and ExxonMobil's Fife Ethylene Plant, is responsible for nearly 10% of Scotland's industrial emissions; notes the view that limiting global temperature increases to 1.5°C and well below 2°C, in line with the Paris Agreement, will require rapid and sustained reductions in emissions across all sectors; understands that industry is the second-highest emitting sector in Scotland, and notes the view that a worker-led just transition for the sector is essential for reaching Scotland's ambition to achieve net zero by 2045; notes the view that industrial decarbonisation plans cannot omit emissions from Mossmorran, and that a decarbonisation pathway for the site needs to be identified collaboratively with operators, workers, unions, and local and national governments at the earliest opportunity; understands that the two Mossmorran plants directly employ approximately 250 workers, and periodically many more through short-term maintenance contracts, and notes the belief that the process of just transition for Scotland's industrial sites needs to be worker-led and delivered in a way that leaves nobody behind.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Transport

- 1. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking, including through discussion with the UK Government, to ensure that rail services are safe and accessible for all. ([S6O-03166](#))
- 2. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will revisit the feasibility of a bus lane corridor on the northbound M77 into Glasgow. ([S6O-03167](#))
- 3. Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it plans to support local authorities to address the issue of potholes in the road network. ([S6O-03168](#))
- 4. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Bus Partnership Fund, including what the spending plans are for the £473.1 million that is reportedly unspent to date, and when the fund will be resumed. ([S6O-03169](#))
- 5. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support ferry users, in light of reports that MV Caledonian Isles will be out of action for four more months. ([S6O-03170](#))
- 6. Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the reopening of the train line south of Ayr, in light of the fire at the Ayr Station Hotel. ([S6O-03171](#))
- 7. Alasdair Allan:** To ask the Scottish Government what factors are assessed when determining vessel deployment decisions for Western Isles ferry routes. ([S6O-03172](#))
- 8. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the improvement plan for the Fife Circle railway line. ([S6O-03173](#))

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

[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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S6M-12416.1](#) Meghan Gallacher: International Women's Day: Global Perspective—As an amendment to motion S6M-12416 in the name of Kaukab Stewart (International Women's Day: Global Perspective), after "profound;" insert "expresses concern over the practice of female genital mutilation, which is still taking place in certain parts of the world; congratulates all parents and carers on raising the next generation of wonderful women;" .

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 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.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 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, Glasgow City Council;
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.

Public Audit Committee 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.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 6 March 2024

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 — S6M-12335 Willie Rennie: Flood Management

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 — S6M-12371 Sandesh Gulhane: International Long Covid Awareness Day 2024

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 — S6M-12162 Karen Adam: Young Carers Action Day 2024

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

Today's Business
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Future Business
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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Motions 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-12416.1](#) **Meghan Gallacher: International Women's Day: Global Perspective*—As an amendment to motion S6M-12416 in the name of Kaukab Stewart (International Women's Day: Global Perspective), after "profound;" insert "expresses concern over the practice of female genital mutilation, which is still taking place in certain parts of the world; congratulates all parents and carers on raising the next generation of wonderful women;".

Other new and altered motions and amendments

[S6M-12429](#) **Clare Adamson: Award-winning Poet, Soukaina Habiballah, Denied Entry to UK*—That the Parliament condemns the UK Government's reported decision to deny Soukaina Habiballah entry to the UK; understands that Ms Habiballah, an award-winning poet from Morocco, was due to appear at StAnza, Scotland's International Poetry Festival, taking place between 8 and 10 March 2024; considers that Ms Habiballah is a renowned Arabic poet with a considerable body of work, which has been translated into several languages, and that she has performed her poetry across the world; understands that Ms Habiballah provided all of the required paperwork, which, it

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believes, renders incomprehensible the Home Office's reported decision to consider her a potential illegal immigrant whilst giving a public performance at an international poetry festival; believes that the UK's immigration regime has inflicted huge damage to every sector of Scottish society, and has caused significant obstacles for performing artists; considers that this decision from the Home Office marks the latest display of contempt for the culture sector, and that it will harm Scotland's ability to attract international artists, and urges the UK Government to reverse what it sees as this outrageous decision and to play its role in supporting arts and culture to thrive.

***[S6M-12422](#) Alexander Burnett: All Roads Lead to Rome Fundraising Event to Raise Funds for My Name'5 Doddie Foundation**—That the Parliament commends the Needing a Northerly team for the All Roads Lead to Rome fundraising event to raise funds for My Name'5 Doddie Foundation, which raises awareness of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) and funds vital research into the disease; understands that former Scotland captain, Rob Wainwright, set the challenge, All Roads Lead to Rome 2024, encouraging teams of cyclists across the UK to cycle across Europe and reach Rome on 8 March, ahead of the Scotland v Italy Six Nations match on 9 March 2024; understands that the Needing a Northerly team consists of four Scottish cyclists, including Anthony Stodart, Chris Lockett, James Fisher and Aberdeenshire West constituent, Mark Morriss, who will be supported by seven others; further understands that the team will be cycling 1,650 miles and 71,400ft of ascent, which is the equivalent of two Mount Everests, from North Berwick Rugby Club on 3 March to Rome on 8 March; notes that Rob's core team, which includes rugby legends, Stuart Hogg and Gordon D'arcy, will be carrying the match ball for the Scotland v Italy Six Nations match on 9 March, and wishes both teams and all of those taking part in the event, a successful journey.

***[S6M-12421](#) Murdo Fraser: Babcock International to Create More than 1,000 Jobs at Rosyth, Fife**—That the Parliament congratulates Babcock International on announcing that it will create more than 1,000 jobs at Rosyth in Fife over the next four years; understands that employees will work on a number of projects including Type 31 frigates for the Royal Navy; further understands that the intake will include 400 apprentices and 350 production support operatives, as well as skilled engineers, tradespeople and graduates; believes that Babcock could double its apprenticeship in 2024 as the company works on projects for HM Naval Base Clyde and the UK's submarine enterprise, and wishes Babcock International all the best for the future.

Supported by: Annie Wells*, Russell Findlay*, Miles Briggs*, Liz Smith*, Alexander Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Edward Mountain*, Annabelle Ewing*, Meghan Gallacher*, Colin Beattie*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Jamie Greene*

***[S6M-12420](#) Ariane Burgess: Welcoming the Five Bids Submitted for the Designation of Scotland's Next National Park**—That the Parliament acknowledges the Scottish Government's commitment to expanding the national park network by 2026; warmly welcomes the five proposals submitted for the establishment of the proposed Tay Forest, Galloway, the Borders, Loch Awe and Lochaber National Parks that were brought forward by community groups; notes the extensive consultations across Scotland to explore the potential for creating national parks in various areas; commends the collaborative efforts of all communities, volunteers, organisations and stakeholders involved in shaping the different bids in Scotland, including the ones that were withdrawn; believes that the designation of a new national park could foster sustainable development and tourism, enhance and protect nature and create local employment in the chosen area; expresses gratitude to everyone who has contributed to advancing the discussion on national park creation in Scotland, and extends its best wishes to the communities and authorities involved in the five bids mentioned above.

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Supported by: David Torrance*, Gillian Mackay*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Kenneth Gibson*

***S6M-12419 Kenneth Gibson: Clyde Coast & Cumbraes Men's Shed Celebrates its First Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Clyde Coast & Cumbraes Men's Shed, based in Largs, on its first anniversary; understands that the Shed was opened at Brisbane Centre, Largs, on 4 March 2023 by North Ayrshire Provost Anthea Dickson and David Gardner, Chair of the Scottish Men's Shed Association; welcomes that the centre allows all men over the age of 18 to create, relax, repair, pursue a hobby, get practical help, share and learn new skills; understands that the Shed, with the energy and enthusiasm of volunteers and the backing of North Ayrshire Council, has made tremendous progress over the last year, exemplified by a membership of 88 men aged 18 to 93 and visits from representatives of the Three Towns and Lochwinnoch Men's Sheds, and wishes Cllr Ian Murdoch and the enthusiastic team of volunteers, who have worked so hard to deliver such progress in only a year, all the best in their future endeavours.

***S6M-12418 Jackie Dunbar: Wildfire 2024**—That the Parliament welcomes Wildfire 2024, the UK Wildfire Conference's bi-annual flagship event, which will be held in Aberdeen in November 2024 and will host international delegates to explore "Resilience in a Changing World" and the challenges and opportunities that countries face in light of the climate emergency, changing landscapes and emerging science; understands that attendees can expect to hear from a variety of experts in wildfire and land management, from Portugal, South Africa and Catalonia; believes that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) has significant experience to share with the international community, having reportedly fought against a wildfire every single day on average throughout the spring and summer months of 2023; welcomes the SFRS campaign to prevent wildfires in Scotland; acknowledges the role that firefighters have in protecting the environment and saving human lives, as well as that of forestry professionals, gamekeepers and local volunteers in preventing and managing wildfire risks, and wishes the event organisers and attendees of Wildfire 2024 a successful event.

***S6M-12417 Paul O'Kane: Barrhead Schools Receive Outstanding Inspection Reviews** — That the Parliament understands that Barrhead High School and St Luke's High School, both situated in the town of Barrhead, East Renfrewshire, have received outstanding inspection reviews from Education Scotland; notes that both schools were visited by Education Scotland in late 2023, and the outcomes that resulted from those visits have now been published; understands that aspects of Barrhead High School, such as seeking and acting upon the views of young people, were recognised as sector-leading and outstanding, putting it alongside the best-ever achieved inspection results in Scotland; congratulates the staff of St Luke's High School for, it understands, ensuring that barriers to learning, participation and achievement are being effectively addressed and that young people at the school feel valued as members of their school community; further congratulates the head teachers of both schools, Fiona Johnston of Barrhead High, and Christine Downie of St Luke's, on what it sees as their personal impact on the culture of their schools, in particular, it believes, by ensuring that they are inclusive and considerate of the views of pupils; congratulates all staff, pupils and parents on their contribution to the life of each school; hopes that they take pride from what it sees as these glowing reports, and wishes each school all the best for continuous improvement and success.

Supported by: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Evelyn Tweed*, Clare Adamson*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Baillie*, Fulton MacGregor*, Sarah Boyack*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*

***[S6M-12413](#) Rona Mackay: Celebrating 150 Years at St Ninian's High School in Kirkintilloch**—That the Parliament congratulates St Ninian's High School, Kirkintilloch, in the Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency, on reaching its amazing milestone of 150 years of academic excellence and service to the local community; recognises that the school, founded in 1874, is one of the oldest state schools in Scotland; notes that celebrations to mark the special anniversary will take place throughout 2024, including an exhibition at the Auld Kirk Museum in Kirkintilloch, the commissioning of a stained glass window for the school oratory, the creation of a mural depicting the school down through the decades to which all pupils can contribute, the production of time capsules and collation of digital memories from former pupils and staff, and a special gala dinner at the end of the year; celebrates the school's rich history and praises the remarkable hard work of its dedicated staff in teaching and guiding generations of students; recognises what it sees as St Ninian's High School's dedication to innovation, inclusivity and high standards, which led to the school achieving a Scottish Education Award in 2017, and wishes the teachers, staff and the wider school community all the very best for continued success.

***[S6M-12412](#) Christine Grahame: Commending the Documentary, "The Push", on Channel 4**—That the Parliament commends the documentary on Channel 4, *The Push: Murder on the Cliff*, produced by Candour TV, concerning the murder of Fawziyah Javed in Edinburgh by her husband and the subsequent criminal justice proceedings; recognises that the two-part programme demonstrated the process of a criminal trial and police investigation, the requirements of evidence, the matter of the burden of proof on the Crown and the requirement of proof "beyond reasonable doubt", and the role of the judge and that of the jury, which has, it believes, given the public a greater understanding of the Scottish criminal justice system; considers that the horrendous murder of Fawziyah Javed, along with the subsequent court proceedings, was portrayed with sensitivity, whilst showing the impact on Fawziyah's family and demonstrating how domestic abuse and coercive control can be identified in relationships; commends those involved in producing this programme, and expresses its horror that her husband's reported coercive control finally ended in the murder of his young pregnant wife, leaving her parents and wider family to try to live with the loss and grief, from which, it understands, the conviction and life sentence that her husband received has only given them some small comfort.

***[S6M-12411](#) Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Donside Pupils Take Part in Arctic Adventure**—That the Parliament commends nine pupils from Bucksburn Academy in Aberdeen Donside, who have been selected to take part in a two-week scientific expedition to Greenland from 12 March 2024; notes that the pupils, aged between 14 and 16, were selected from over 120 applicants within Bucksburn Academy to take part in the Polar Academy; understands that pupils have been undergoing training for the expedition since August 2023, such as undertaking a range of activities, which have included spending time in cold chambers at the sport science centre at Edinburgh Napier University, to help pupils acclimatise to the cold weather, and tyre-hauling sessions to replicate dragging sledges with equipment; further understands that during their expedition, pupils will be conducting a range of scientific experiments, including environmental DNA (eDNA), Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) and snow density reporting and that they will have the opportunity to present their findings to Oxford and Cambridge Universities and the Scott Polar Research Institute during the summer; understands that the Polar Academy works with children who may have been impacted by bullying, bereavement and/or abuse and that it helps to positively empower participants and turn them into resilient role models; further understands that to date, the Polar Academy has worked with more than 180 young people and their families directly; commends the hard work and dedication of all pupils involved, and wishes them the very best for this expedition.

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[S6M-12410](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to St Peter's RC Primary School on the Publication, *A Unicorn's Guide to Aul Aiberdeen—That the Parliament congratulates the P7 pupils of St Peter's RC Primary School on the publication of the book, *A Unicorn's Guide to Aul Aiberdeen*; commends the St Peter's staff, Aberdeen City Council, the University of Aberdeen, St Machar's Cathedral, the Denis Law Legacy Trust and Doric Books for their support for the project; applauds Abigail, Aurelia, Aurelia, Ayprel, Daniel, Faith, Filip, Iliana, Ini, Jeffery, Josef, Joshua, Lena, Libby, Lolita, Maja, Michelle, Mikayeel, Mikolaj, Nadia, Nathan, Nina, Nmesoma, Nubaid, Oliwia, Sophia, Ugne, Ugo, Valerio and Yoonjae for their research, their wonderful Doric prose and fantastic illustrations, and hopes that their book will become a bestseller.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Emma Harper*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Annabelle Ewing*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Alasdair Allan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S6M-12409](#) Claire Baker: Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme (KVG&ROS) Wins Age Scotland's National Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme (KVG&ROS) on being recognised by Age Scotland's national award for 40 years' service to older people; understands that the scheme provides essential and social transport for people who would otherwise be stuck in their homes, and that the title acknowledges the work that the group has done over the last four decades to help tackle social isolation, provide financial support and independence to members of the community; recognises, and is grateful for the hard work and commitment of the group's 33 volunteer drivers, including David Aird, Rosemary Hudson and Jim Marshal, who, it understands, pick up residents across Kinross-shire, including Glenfarg and all the smaller towns and villages, and take them to essential appointments such as hospital visits, dentist appointments and social outings, often as simple as a trip to the hairdresser or the supermarket; understands that, in 2023, the drivers reportedly completed 2,900 volunteer hours and clocked up 5,000 miles; further understands that the charity has around 300 clients on the books and is doing approximately 170 runs a week and that it works in partnership with Perth and Kinross Council's Social Work department and the Kinross foodbank, Broke Not Broken; understands that, although many of the clients are elderly, the service is there for anyone who needs it, and extends its very best wishes for continued success to the group in the future.

***[S6M-12408](#) Jeremy Balfour: Safe Families 10-year Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Safe Families on its 10-year anniversary; understands that its mission is to make sure that children are seen, heard, understood and not alone; commends the work that Safe Families and its volunteers have done to create a support network to combat loneliness in communities; recognises that Safe Families links children, young people and families to local volunteers who offer them help, support and real community; understands that Safe Families volunteers provide respite care for children who are between care facilities or foster homes, and believes that this work provides a safe and comfortable place for children who are going through a time of real instability and uncertainty; notes that Safe Families is made up of over 5,000 volunteers from over 1,000 churches and community groups and have a staff team of around 150 dedicated people throughout the UK; understands that it connects 1,500 families each year and has demonstrated a decrease of the flow of children into care of between 9% to 16%, and wishes Safe Families even more success looking forward.

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Motions Gluasadan				

***[S6M-12407](#) Elena Whitham: Ayrshire Business Women's 30th Anniversary**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the outstanding work carried out by the Association of Scottish Business Women and its eight regional affiliate women's business groups across Scotland; commends the Ayrshire Business Women affiliate, which, in 2024, celebrates its 30th anniversary of supporting women in business in the Ayrshire region; understands that the not-for-profit membership organisation supports women by providing networking opportunities and annual awards; thanks the volunteer committee of Ayrshire Business Women which, it understands, works tirelessly to support woman and advocate for women-owned businesses and women leaders in the workplace; believes that Ayrshire Business Women makes a significant contribution to local charities by supporting events and fundraising; applauds Ayrshire Business Women for supporting women in their personal development, contribution to the economy, and the local community, and wishes it the very best for the future.

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***[S6M-12406](#) Jackie Baillie: Salvesen Mindroom Centre Receives Recognition from the King of Sweden for Substantial Contributions to Society** —That the Parliament congratulates Salvesen Mindroom Centre on receiving recognition from the King of Sweden for substantial contributions to society; understands that Salvesen Mindroom Centre is a Scottish charity that champions all forms of neurodiversity and collaborates across borders; further understands that, in 2023, it hosted a high level round table discussion, entitled Neuroinclusion at Work, together with the Swedish organisation, The Prince Couple's Foundation; notes that Salvesen Mindroom Centre was founded by Sophie Dow in 2000; understands that Sophie was inspired by her daughter, Annie, who is neurodivergent, and set up Salvesen Mindroom Centre to provide help and support to children, young adults and families living with neurodivergence; commends Salvesen Mindroom Centre on reportedly fielding 32,124 enquiries on behalf of children and young people and their families in the last year; understands that Sophie attended a medal ceremony in Stockholm on 21 February 2024 and received a medal from the King of Sweden in the presence of the Queen of Sweden, and wishes Salvesen Mindroom Centre all the best for the future.

***[S6M-12405](#) John Swinney: 40th Anniversary of CEIS Group** —That the Parliament notes that 3 April 2024 marks the 40th anniversary of the CEIS Group, the social enterprise based in Glasgow; further notes that the CEIS Group was established in 1984 with the aim of making Scotland a better place to work through a more inclusive economy; believes that throughout its history, it has undertaken a number of initiatives and partnerships that have had a large impact on the third sector; understands that the CEIS Group helped to create Scotland's Social Enterprise Strategy, pioneered social enterprise business support by leading on the Just Enterprise partnership, offers what it sees as innovative employability service through CEIS Ayrshire and founded the Social Enterprise World Forum; further understands that it was instrumental in the foundation of the Glasgow Social Enterprise Network, and considers that it has had a great impact in the SME funding arena via DSL; believes that is leader in social innovation, including through programmes such as the International Social Enterprise Observatory, which attracted inward investment, and the Social Innovation Spin Out programme, which is aligned to the entrepreneurial campus, and understands that it has been a passionate champion of community wealth building and the wellbeing economy; congratulates the CEIS Group on four decades of working to build community enterprise in Glasgow, and across Scotland, and wishes it every success for the future.

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Motions Gluasadan				

***[S6M-12381](#) Fulton MacGregor: Friends Together Club in Coatbridge Recognised by the Order of Malta**—That the Parliament congratulates the six awardees of the Order pro Merito Melitensi from the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta, commonly known as the Order of Malta; notes that the awardees were recognised for their work for the Friends Together Club in Coatbridge; understands that Liam Hackett was awarded the Cross of Merit, Ena Hamill was awarded the silver medal, and Elaine McDermot, Patrick Allen, Yvonne Crowley and Elizabeth Locke were awarded bronze medals; recognises that the awards are given to those who have brought honour to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta through charitable acts; praises the club, which, it understands, has positively connected with its 150 members over its seven-year history; believes that organisations such as the Friends Together Club bring innumerable benefits to their communities, and wishes the club and its members continued recognition and success into the future.

Supported by: 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-12378](#) Stuart McMillan: Celebrating Commonwealth Day 2024**—That the Parliament celebrates Commonwealth Day 2024, taking place on 11 March, and recognises what it sees as the important role that the Commonwealth continues to play in building and maintaining relationships across the world; understands that the theme of 2024 is "One Resilient Common Future: Transforming our Common Wealth", which highlights how member countries must harness their strengths by building resilience, unlocking potential, leveraging the "Commonwealth Advantage" and fostering a connected, digital Commonwealth; recognises the work of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) in discussing a range of issues, including equality, climate change and artificial intelligence; notes the work of the CPA Scotland Branch and Members over the last year, which has included hosting the fourth CPA Advanced Parliamentary Development Residency Course, and the Scottish Parliament's first summit to celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities, as well as being panellists on sessions on human rights, the impact of the cost of living crisis, cultural and societal inequality and discrimination, and the challenges of being a woman member of parliament; further notes the role of the CPA Scotland Branch and Members in representing the region at the CPA International Executive Committee and Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities network; acknowledges what it sees as the work of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians and Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities networks in contributing to amplifying the perspectives and the rights of women and disabled people, and commits to continuing, both domestically and internationally, to share ideas, thoughts and experience on good governance, parliamentary process, and on holding governments to account on behalf of the people that they serve.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-12396](#) Sue Webber: St Ninian's Primary School in Livingston Achieves Gold Rights Respecting School Award (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-12395](#) Liz Smith: Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Paul Sweeney*, Sue Webber*, Fulton MacGregor*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-12394](#) David Torrance: MS Awareness Week 2024 (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, John Swinney*, Evelyn Tweed*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-12393](#) Sharon Dowey: Stuttgart Medal Winners (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*, Paul Sweeney*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-12392](#) Tess White: Scottish Independent Broadband Provider, GoFibre, Launches £50,000 Charity Fund in Aberdeenshire and Angus (lodged on 05 March 2024)

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

[S6M-12391](#) Tess White: NHS Grampian and Partners to Run Pilot Study to Prevent Insomnia in New Breast Cancer Patients (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*, Paul Sweeney*, Sue Webber*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-12390](#) Alasdair Allan: World Day of Prayer 2024 (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-12387](#) Willie Coffey: Onthank Primary Awarded Gold School Sport Award (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-12385](#) Jackie Dunbar: First Recipients of the ABZWorks Development Fund Announced (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-12384](#) David Torrance: FSB Scotland's Celebrating Small Business Awards (lodged on 05 March 2024)

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

[S6M-12383](#) Liam Kerr: Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2024 (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: David Torrance*, Jackie Baillie*, Paul Sweeney*, Sue Webber*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-12382](#) Jackie Dunbar: Purple Day 2024 (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Paul Sweeney*, Sue Webber*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-12380](#) Jackie Dunbar: AberNecessities Becomes Charity Partner with Aberdeen International Airport (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-12379](#) Russell Findlay: Publication of the 2024 Retail Crime Survey by the British Retail Consortium (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Alexander Stewart*, Craig Hoy*, Meghan Gallacher*, Murdo Fraser*, Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Ross*, Brian Whittle*, Annie Wells*, Edward Mountain*, Jamie Greene*, Miles Briggs*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Pam Gosal*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-12377](#) Jackie Dunbar: 60th Anniversary of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) (lodged on 05 March 2024)

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New Support: Bill Kidd*, Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

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

New Support: David Torrance*

[S6M-12374](#) Maggie Chapman: World Water Day 2024 (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Beatrice Wishart*

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

New Support: Michael Marra*, Foyso Choudhury*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, David Torrance*, Evelyn Tweed*, Sarah Boyack*, Jackie Dunbar*, Kenneth Gibson*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Annie Wells*, Kevin Stewart*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Mark Ruskell*, Maggie Chapman*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-12357](#) Mark Ruskell: Welcoming Tay Forest National Park Bid (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S6M-12349](#) Elena Whitham: David Perriman is Cumnock's Citizen of the Year 2023 (lodged on 29 February 2024)

New Support: Emma Harper*, David Torrance*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, Kevin Stewart*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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Motions Glusadan				

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-12342](#) Collette Stevenson: Shining a Light on Domestic Abuse in LGBT+ History Month (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Jackie Baillie*, Foyso Choudhury*

[S6M-12335](#) Willie Rennie: Flood Management (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Michael Marra*, Richard Leonard*, Daniel Johnson*

[S6M-12301](#) Evelyn Tweed: Increasing Benefits Uptake in the Current Economic Climate (lodged on 28 February 2024)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Ben Macpherson*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: John Swinney*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-12280](#) Foyso Choudhury: Highlighting the Needs of the Brain Tumour Community (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Marie McNair*, Beatrice Wishart*, Brian Whittle*, Jackie Baillie*, Ivan McKee*, Stuart McMillan*, Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

[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: Jackie Baillie* R

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

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-12189](#) Paul Sweeney: Recognising the Importance of Community Health Workers (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-12188](#) Bob Doris: Every Moment Matters for Babies Born with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (lodged on 19 February 2024)

New Support: Sue Webber*

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[S6M-12140](#) Alexander Stewart: Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal Calls for Support (lodged on 13 February 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[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: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-12090](#) Paul Sweeney: Springburn Auditorium Awarded National Lottery Funding (lodged on 08 February 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-12082](#) Alexander Burnett: National Lyme Disease Awareness Month (lodged on 14 February 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-12073](#) Neil Bibby: 3 Bears Nursery Fundraising for Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity (lodged on 07 February 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 13 March 2024

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- 1. Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government when the remaining £46 million of deferred funding from the agriculture budget will be returned. ([S6O-03182](#))
- 2. Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its Rural Delivery Plan, what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the impact of its housing strategies, including the Rural Housing Action Plan, on local rural economies. ([S6O-03183](#))
- 3. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports of rising wildlife crime across Scotland. ([S6O-03184](#))
- 4. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what cross-government action it is taking to improve island connectivity, in order to support measures to increase the population of Scotland's islands. ([S6O-03185](#))
- 5. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to farmers who have experienced damage to crops as a result of the activities of beavers. ([S6O-03186](#))
- 6. Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its progress towards introducing its proposed Land Reform Bill. ([S6O-03187](#))
- 7. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with the health secretary regarding implementing the commitments contained within the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022. ([S6O-03188](#))
- 8. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to support the fishing industry. ([S6O-03189](#))

NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

- 1. Kate Forbes:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS Highland about progressing planning and design work for the new Belford Hospital in Fort William. ([S6O-03190](#))
- 2. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the availability of ADHD medication supplies in Scotland. ([S6O-03191](#))
- 3. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to a recent report from the Institute for Fiscal Studies, which states that the 2024-25 Budget implied a real-terms reduction to health spending. ([S6O-03192](#))
- 4. Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the availability of NHS dentistry for residents of Dunoon and its surrounding communities. ([S6O-03193](#))
- 5. Keith Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last received an update on NHS Forth Valley's Assurance and Improvement Plan. ([S6O-03194](#))
- 6. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will develop its eHealth strategy in the coming years. ([S6O-03195](#))
- 7. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on NHS Lanarkshire's recovery plans. ([S6O-03196](#))

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8. Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further details of the progress that it is making towards fulfilling its 2017 commitment to increase the number of GPs by 800 within a decade. ([S6O-03197](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 14 March 2024

Social Justice

1. Marie McNair: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to promote the uptake of the Scottish Child Payment. ([S6O-03198](#))

2. Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to bring empty properties back into use for housing. ([S6O-03199](#))

3. Roz McCall: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has undertaken regarding the incorporation of the definition of deafblindness into the work of Social Security Scotland. ([S6O-03200](#))

4. Alex Rowley: [Not Lodged]

5. Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce social housing waiting lists for disabled people. ([S6O-03202](#))

6. Karen Adam: [Not Lodged]

7. Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans to tackle social isolation and loneliness. ([S6O-03204](#))

8. Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to comments made by the Chartered Institute of Housing Scotland, which described Scotland as being "in the midst of a housing emergency". ([S6O-03205](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 14 March 2024

1. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government, other than the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner and Scottish Public Services Ombudsman, what mechanisms exist to support the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service to improve its practices, processes and decision making. ([S6O-03206](#))

2. Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with North Lanarkshire Council to improve the school estate. ([S6O-03207](#))

3. Ross Greer: [Not Lodged]

4. Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has for any major rail development projects beyond the end of 2024. ([S6O-03209](#))

5. Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that Scotland's further education sector is aligned with the needs of businesses within the renewables sector and other industries associated with the green economy. ([S6O-03210](#))

6. Collette Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with COSLA and what was discussed. ([S6O-03211](#))

7. Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve the accessibility for disabled people of train stations in Dumfries and Galloway. ([S6O-03212](#))

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8. Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the creation of a national online support platform to expand music learning for children and young people in Scotland. ([S60-03213](#))

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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 06 March 2024

[S6W-26003](#) Ivan McKee: To ask the Scottish Government how it will mark Healthcare Science Week in Scotland, which runs from 11 to 15 March 2024.

Written questions lodged on 06 March 2024

[S6W-25978](#) Roz McCall: To ask the Scottish Government how many two-year-olds received the 1,140 hours of funded childcare in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023.

[S6W-25979](#) Roz McCall: To ask the Scottish Government how (a) many families have received support and (b) much has been spent from the Whole Family Wellbeing Funding to date, broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-25983](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government which financial institution has provided the Bank Refund Guarantee (BRG) for the two new vessels for the Little Minch routes between Uig, Lochmaddy and Tarbert that are under contract at Cemre Marin Endustri in Turkey.

[S6W-25984](#) Beatrice Wishart: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on rural GP training of the reported decision by NHS Education for Scotland to withdraw funding for face-to-face GP Educator Supervisors' workshops and conferences in the north of Scotland.

[S6W-25985](#) Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government how its Budget for 2024-25 will create opportunities for advanced scientific industries in Scotland.

[S6W-25986](#) Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government how its New Deal for Business will encourage scientific companies to see Scotland as a positive destination in which to invest.

[S6W-25987](#) Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will support greater cooperation between scientific companies and local schools to encourage more young people to enter the sector.

[S6W-25988](#) Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will work with the UK Government to encourage more multinational companies to invest in Scotland's regions.

[S6W-25989](#) Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has had any recent discussions with biotech companies to encourage them to invest in Scotland.

[S6W-25990](#) Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to ensure greater partnerships between scientific companies and universities to secure well-paid careers for Scottish graduates.

[S6W-25991](#) Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government when the consultation on crofting reform legislation will be launched.

[S6W-25994](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered any spending changes to funding for long COVID, in light of the recommendations of the COVID-19 Recovery Committee's report, *Long COVID*.

[S6W-25995](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps have been taken to review public health messaging on long COVID.

[S6W-25997](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) guidelines recommending that long COVID patients should have

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support from a doctor-led integrated service, what its response is to reported concerns that this is not uniformly followed across NHS boards, which may risk exacerbating any health inequalities in accessing care.

[S6W-25998 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide a breakdown of which NHS boards have specific doctor-led services for long COVID patients.

[S6W-25999 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether long COVID data from the Scottish Health Survey have been used in the development of its long COVID service design.

[S6W-26000 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what work has been undertaken to specifically measure (a) the impact of long COVID on (i) older people and (ii) ethnic minorities and (b) the ability of these groups to access long COVID treatment.

[S6W-26001 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what monitoring has been undertaken to ensure that long COVID services provide equitable care across all NHS boards and do not widen existing health inequalities for patients in deprived areas.

[S6W-26002 Sharon Dowey](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to commence, by regulations, the remaining provisions of the Children (Scotland) Act 2020.

[S6W-26004 Foyso Choudhury](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it is considering sustainable and recurring funding for NHS boards for the direct provision of diabetes technology.

[S6W-26005 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government when the next meeting of the Orkney Ferries Replacement Task Force will take place.

[S6W-26006 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of the projects that were successful in the 2022 ScotWind leasing round, broken down by the stage that each project has achieved; in light of any modelling that it has undertaken regarding any rental income from these projects, on what date it expects to begin receiving any such income, and how much it expects to receive annually.

[S6W-26007 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much of the reported £700 million that it received in option fees through the 2022 ScotWind leasing round it spent in (a) 2022-23 and (b) 2023-24, and how much it projects that it will spend in (i) 2024-25, (ii) 2025-26, and (iii) 2026-27.

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New Bills Bilean Ùra				

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New accompanying documents printed on 6 March 2024

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (As amended at stage 2)—A Supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 24A-DPM) and revised versions of the Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 24A-EN) and Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 24A-FM) have been printed. (Government Bill)

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 6 March 2024

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 4

Miles Briggs

- 26 In section 4, page 2, leave out lines 31 and 32

Section 5

Miles Briggs

- 27 In section 5, page 3, line 20, leave out <percentage> and insert <flat>

Daniel Johnson

- 28 In section 5, page 3, line 31, at end insert—

<() The maximum amount of levy chargeable by a liable person is 14 nights per calendar month.>

Miles Briggs

- 29 Leave out section 5

Section 6

Miles Briggs

- 30 In section 6, page 3, line 36, leave out <percentage> and insert <flat>

Miles Briggs

- 31 In section 6, page 4, line 1, leave out <percentage> and insert <flat>

Section 9

Miles Briggs

- 32 In section 9, page 4, line 31, leave out <percentage> and insert <flat>

Miles Briggs

- 33 In section 9, page 4, leave out lines 32 and 33

Miles Briggs

- 34 In section 9, page 5, line 2, leave out from <, specifying> to end of line 6

Miles Briggs

- 35 In section 9, page 5, leave out lines 3 and 4

Miles Briggs

- 36 In section 9, page 5, line 9, leave out subsection (4)

Section 10

Miles Briggs

- 37 In section 10, page 5, leave out subsection (1) and insert—

<(1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make provision for a visitor levy exemption scheme.

(1A) The exemption scheme under subsection (1) must provide exemption for—

- (a) children under the age of 18 years,
- (b) NHS and health care workers,
- (c) charity and third sector workers,
- (d) medical professionals working in Scotland,
- (e) military personnel working in Scotland.

(1B) The exemption scheme under subsection (1) must provide exemption from payment of the visitor levy under section (3) where the reason for the person's overnight stay is related to circumstances including—

- (a) visiting a family member in hospital,
- (b) visiting a family member in prison,
- (c) providing personal care for a family member,
- (d) attending a funeral,
- (e) working as an artist or technician at a festival,
- (f) working in agriculture or aquaculture,
- (g) being stranded as a result of a ferry cancellation,
- (h) respite care,
- (i) work or business travel,
- (j) educational trips for school, college or university students,
- (k) trips for youth groups.

(1C) The exemption scheme under subsection (1) must include guidance on—

- (a) how the scheme will be enforced,
- (b) evidence to be provided to the liable person.

(1D) Before making regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult—

- (a) local authorities,

(b) accommodation providers.>

Daniel Johnson

38 In section 10, page 5, line 19, at end insert—

<() For the purposes of specifying cases or circumstances in which the levy is not payable, the Scottish Ministers must by regulations define what “a small accommodation provider” is, in particular—

(a) specifying what the maximum number of rooms in a small accommodation should be, and

(b) what the annual turnover of a small accommodation should be

to be eligible to not pay the levy.>

Daniel Johnson

39 In section 10, page 5, line 20, leave out <subsection (1)> and insert <this section>

Section 11

Neil Bibby

40 In section 11, page 6, line 6, after first <local> insert <culture and>

Neil Bibby

41 In section 11, page 6, line 6, after <any> insert <culture and>

Section 12

Miles Briggs

42 In section 12, page 6, line 11, at end insert—

<() a business impact assessment,>

Neil Bibby

43 In section 12, page 6, line 19, after first <in> insert <culture and>

Neil Bibby

44 In section 12, page 6, line 19, after first <and> insert <culture and>

Section 13

Miles Briggs

45 In section 13, page 7, line 7, leave out <percentage> and insert <flat>

Miles Briggs

46 In section 13, page 7, line 16, after <scheme> insert <, in particular any decision that any net proceeds raised

in a specified area within the local authority's area is to only be used in that specified area>

Section 17

Neil Bibby

47 In section 17, page 8, line 36, after first <in> insert <culture and>

Neil Bibby

48 In section 17, page 8, line 36, after <and> insert <culture and>

Neil Bibby

49 In section 17, page 8, line 38, after <local> insert <culture and>

After section 19

Miles Briggs

50 After section 19 insert—

<Review of Act

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, no later than 1 year after the first VL scheme has been in force, review the impact of this Act on—
 - (a) businesses in the local authority where the VL scheme is in place, and
 - (b) behavioural change of tourists across Scotland.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish a report on the review under subsection (1).>

Section 23

Miles Briggs

51 In section 23, page 11, line 8, leave out <(calculated in accordance with section 5)>

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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:

[Proposals for Bills – Scottish Parliament | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

New or Reprinted Draft Proposal

Miles Briggs MSP: Proposed Right to Palliative Care (Scotland) Bill—A proposal for a Bill to give people of all ages living with terminal illness and residing in Scotland a legal right to palliative care (lodged 6 March 2024).

A consultation document, lodged with the proposal, may be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) or on the website page referred to above. The consultation period runs from 7 March 2024 to 4 June 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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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
[\(\[legislationteam@parliament.scot\]\(mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot\)\)](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 21 March 2024

Stage 1 report – Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee (2nd Report, 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

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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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 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 19 March 2024

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

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

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

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

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

Meeting of the Parliament, 14 March 2024

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

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

Subject to approval by 7 March 2024

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

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

[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 12 March 2024
Lead Committee report due by 11 March 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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)

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

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[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 report was published on 6 March 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 16th Report, 2024 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee
on 5 March 2024 (SP Paper 538)

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 6 March 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

HM Fire Service Inspectorate - Chief Inspector's Update 2021–2024 (SG/2024/28) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

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