

Wednesday 13 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

**followed by** Scottish Labour Party Business:  
Bringing Down NHS Waiting Lists

**followed by** Scottish Labour Party Business:  
Growing Scotland's Economy

**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

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Education, Children and Young  
People Committee

**9:00am** Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

**9:30am** Criminal Justice Committee

**10:00am** Economy and Fair Work Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

#### 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](#))

**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](#))

### followed by **Scottish Labour Party Business: Bringing Down NHS Waiting Lists**

**[S6M-12455 Jackie Baillie: Bringing Down NHS Waiting Lists](#)**—That the Parliament is concerned that almost 825,000 patients are stuck on NHS waiting lists for tests and treatment, whilst long waits have continued to rise, despite the current First Minister promising to eradicate them; is disappointed that the statutory 12-week Treatment Time Guarantee has been broken 680,000 times since it was introduced, and 320,000 times before the COVID-19 pandemic; notes that the Scottish Government's NHS Recovery Plan commitment to deliver 55,500 additional inpatient and day-case procedures by 2025-26 will not be met, in light of its decision to pause the National Treatment Centres programme, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to urgently tackle delayed discharge to increase capacity and publish a revised plan for bringing down waiting lists, including clarifying whether it still intends to reduce waiting lists by 100,000 patients by 2026, and to set out the source of the £300 million funding package that it announced in October 2023.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S6M-12455.2 Neil Gray: Bringing Down NHS Waiting Lists](#)**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12455 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Bringing Down NHS Waiting Lists), leave out from "is concerned" to end and insert "recognises the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on health service waiting times across the UK, and around the world; commends the dedicated NHS staff who work to provide the best care possible; believes that all long waits are regrettable and welcomes the progress in delivering a significant reduction for the longest waits; welcomes the opening of two National Treatment Centres within the last 12 months, with a further two centres opening in the coming months, which will provide capacity for an additional 20,000 procedures each year; notes that the Scottish Budget provides over £19.5 billion for health and social care, ensuring a real-terms uplift for the NHS in the face of UK Government austerity; acknowledges that, without the distinct and progressive approach to income tax in the Budget, the NHS and other public services would have £1.5 billion less funding; understands that the UK Government's decision to cut the Scottish Government's capital budget by £1.3 billion in real terms by 2027-28 has a direct impact on health infrastructure projects; believes that the £20 billion that the UK Government will lose as a result of its decision to cut national insurance should instead have been invested in NHS services and in infrastructure investment, and understands that the share of Barnett consequential funding that Scotland has lost as a result is around £1.6 billion, and believes that, in order to recover from the combined impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Brexit and UK Government economic mismanagement, reform and innovation across the health service is required."

**[S6M-12455.1 Sandesh Gulhane: Bringing Down NHS Waiting Lists](#)**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12455 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Bringing Down NHS Waiting Lists), after "programme" insert "; recognises with deep concern that the Scottish Government has provided no guarantee of when new healthcare investment will resume; notes with alarm that one in 10 patients in Scotland are forced to wait more than a year for a new outpatient appointment and more than a year and a half for an inpatient appointment; expresses further concern that, because

of the increasing shortage of GPs, the true scale of the treatment backlog may be even higher, as patients find it increasingly difficult to access their GPs and obtain referral for diagnosis and treatment; condemns the consistent failure of the Scottish Government to pass on the full Barnett consequential funding for healthcare, cumulatively short-changing the NHS in Scotland by £17.6 billion; emphasises that long waits for treatment and diagnosis cause suffering and death”.

## followed by Scottish Labour Party Business: Growing Scotland's Economy

**[S6M-12457](#) Daniel Johnson: Growing Scotland's Economy**—That the Parliament recognises the crucial role that economic growth plays in delivering strong public services and social change; believes that, despite this, the Scottish Government has failed to use the powers that it has to grow Scotland's economy and has instead presided over low growth and low productivity; notes the publication of the CBI-Fraser of Allander Institute *Scottish Productivity Index 2024*, which shows that Scotland is lagging behind the rest of the UK on 10 out of 13 productivity indicators; believes that this underperformance has serious implications for living standards and incomes and will place further pressure on Scotland's struggling public services; calls on the Scottish Government to take a new approach to the economy, working in partnership with business to unleash the true economic potential of Scotland and its people, and notes the publication of the Scottish Labour Party's *Building a Business Case for Scotland* and its proposals to use the soft power of Brand Scotland to increase exports and international investment, to simplify Scotland's enterprise agency landscape so that it is better aligned to deliver innovation, promote growth and attract investment, to embed technology across the economy and in Scottish public services to support excellence and ensure future generations are tech and business ready, and to develop a clear skills plan with transition pathways into the green economy.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S6M-12457.2](#) Màiri McAllan: Growing Scotland's Economy**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12457 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Growing Scotland's Economy), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "notes that, since 2007, Scotland's GDP per capita has grown 10.8% in comparison to the UK's growth of 5.6%; acknowledges that, over the same time period, productivity has increased at an annual average rate of 1% a year in Scotland compared with the UK's 0.5% a year; welcomes the approach taken to the economy by the Scottish Government to build a collaborative relationship with business, industry, workers and trades unions and to create jobs through the development of a green industrial strategy; considers that, in Scotland, a near record high number of people are in payrolled employment and a higher proportion of workers earn the real Living Wage than in the other UK nations, while the gender pay gap and child poverty rates are lower also than the UK's; recognises that the UK economic model has failed to deliver the prosperity to Scotland that is enjoyed by neighbouring countries; further recognises that the Office for Budget Responsibility forecasts that the UK economy will be 4% smaller as a result of Brexit, a Brexit which is supported by three of the four largest parties in the UK Parliament, and agrees that the best way for Scotland to develop a wellbeing economy, and so match the economic success of Scotland's northern European neighbours, is to become an independent EU member state."

**[S6M-12457.1](#) Murdo Fraser: Growing Scotland's Economy**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12457 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Growing Scotland's Economy), leave out from ", and notes" to end and insert "; recognises that ill health and long-term economic inactivity within Scotland are barriers to delivering growth, and calls on the Scottish Government to address these issues and deliver greater investment in education to provide long-term economic growth; notes

that the income tax differential between Scotland and the rest of the UK is damaging business and is an obstacle to economic growth; further notes that this tax differential will become more pronounced with the introduction of the new "Advanced" tax band in the new financial year; calls on the Scottish Government to take steps to make income tax competitive with the rest of the UK to unleash Scotland's economic potential, and further calls on the Scottish Government to look to the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party's policy paper, *Grasping the Thistle – Our plan for economic growth*, for inspiration on how to grow Scotland's economy through its proposals for making the delivery of strong, long-term growth the main economic priority of government, creating a joint Scottish economic board to bring together ministers from the Scottish and UK governments, delivering a national workforce plan, building regional clusters of excellence to deliver Scottish exporting success, and supporting key investments to create a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship."

### followed by Business Motions

#### [S6M-12470](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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 Debate: Scottish Crime Campus and Tackling Serious Organised Crime

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill - UK Legislation

*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

Tuesday 26 March 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 27 March 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill

*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 28 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: Transport

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*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 18 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-12471](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Extension**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 26 April 2024.

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-12472](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Expiry of Section 10: Extension) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-12473](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Rent Adjudication (Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-12474](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/60) be approved.

**[S6M-12475](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-12476](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-12477](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Remits**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the remits of committees—

Name of Committee: Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition, with the exception of matters relating to just transition; on matters relating to land reform, natural resources and peatland, Scottish Land Commission, Crown Estate Scotland, and Royal Botanic Garden within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; and on matters relating to energy within the responsibility of the

Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy, with the exception of matters relating to wellbeing economy, and just transition; and on matters relating to land reform, natural resources and peatland, Scottish Land Commission, Crown Estate Scotland, and Royal Botanic Garden within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands.

Name of Committee: Economy and Fair Work Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy with the exception of matters relating to energy; and on matters relating to just transition within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy, with the exception of matters relating to net zero and energy.

**[S6M-12478](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that Fulton MacGregor be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee.

**followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)**

**5:10 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business**  
**Debate on the subject of—**

**[S6M-12371](#) Sandesh Gulhane: International Long Covid Awareness Day 2024**—That the Parliament recognises that 15 March 2024 is International Long Covid Awareness Day; understands that it is estimated that around 187,000 people have long COVID in Scotland, an estimated 10,000 of which are children; notes that long COVID can cause a myriad of debilitating and often life-altering symptoms; considers that a lack of awareness of long COVID exists among the public, employers, medical professionals and policy makers, and that there is often a stigma that negatively affects the mental health and wellbeing of people with long COVID; notes the view that current Scottish Government funding for initiatives does not go far enough in addressing any need for more effective treatment services and support for people with long COVID; further notes, with regret, the view that there has been a lack of progress in addressing consistency of access to diagnosis and treatment services, that there is a continuing postcode lottery for long COVID support, and that there remains little data for monitoring the current prevalence of long COVID in Scotland to inform the scale of required care; notes the belief that there is a need for clear referral pathways across all NHS boards, including access to multidisciplinary teams of specialists; highlights, with particular concern, reports that there are no specific services aimed at children or



young people with long COVID in Scotland, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to fully implement, without delay, the recommendations in the COVID-19 Recovery Committee report, *Long COVID*. **R**

## Committee Meetings

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

### Education, Children and Young People Committee 9th Meeting, 2024

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

- Additional Support for Learning Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Megan Farr, Policy Officer, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland;  
David Mackay, Head of Policy, Projects and Participation, and Marie Harrison, Senior Policy Officer – My Rights, My Say, Children In Scotland;  
Chloe Minto, Senior Solicitor, Govan Law Centre;  
and then from—  
Dr Lynne Birnie, Chair of the ASN network, Association of Directors of Education in Scotland (ADES);  
Antony Clark, Executive Director of Performance Audit & Best Value, Audit Scotland;  
Nicola Dickie, Director of People Policy, COSLA;  
Kerry Drinnan, Education Service Manager, ASN Inclusion, Falkirk Council;  
Vivienne Sutherland, Principal Psychologist, Educational Psychology Service, Fife Council.
- Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

### Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 8th 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.

### Criminal Justice Committee 11th Meeting, 2024

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

- Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
- Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.

### Economy and Fair Work Committee 9th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- Declaration of interests:** Bob Doris will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Gillian Cameron, Programme Manager, Supplier Development Programme;  
Graeme Cook, Head of Scottish Government Procurement Services, Scottish Government;

Peter Hunter, Regional Manager, UNISON Scotland;

Mary Mitchell, Chief Procurement Officer, and Julie Welsh, Chief Executive, Scotland Excel.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
[Bankruptcy \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#)
4. **Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 1.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider a paper on disability employment gap.
6. **Just Transition for the North East and Moray (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 6 March 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

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time



## Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

<http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm>

### Public Audit Committee

14 March 2024

9th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **The 2022/23 audit of the Scottish Prison Service:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Wendy Sinclair-Gieben, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland, HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland.
3. **National Strategy for Economic Transformation:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Cornilius Chikwama, Audit Director, Catherine Young, Senior Manager, and Kirsty Ridd, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **National Strategy for Economic Transformation:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Cornilius Chikwama, Audit Director, Catherine Young, Senior Manager, and Kirsty Ridd, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
5. **National Strategy for Economic Transformation:** 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](mailto:Lynn.Russell@parliament.scot)

### Social Justice and Social Security Committee

14 March 2024

8th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private and whether its review, at future meetings, of evidence heard on the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private.
2. **Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Kirstie Henderson, Policy Officer (Scotland), and Claire Andrews, Legal Rights Officer, Legal Rights Service, Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB);

Craig Smith, Senior Policy and Research Officer, Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH);  
Allan Faulds, Senior Policy Officer, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE).

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.
5. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence received from the Chair of the Independent Review of Adult Disability Payment and a letter from the Convener of the Finance and Public Administration Committee on Parliamentary scrutiny of proposed national outcomes.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Claire Menzies on 85219 or at [claire.menzies@parliament.scot](mailto:claire.menzies@parliament.scot)

## **Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee**

**14 March 2024**

**7th Meeting, 2024**

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Review of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence virtually from—  
Jannike Wachowiak, Researcher, and Joël Reland, Research Associate, UK in a Changing Europe.
3. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at [james.johnston@parliament.scot](mailto:james.johnston@parliament.scot)

## **Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee**

**14 March 2024**

**6th Meeting, 2024**

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Jackie Dunbar MSP and Colin Smyth MSP will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
3. **Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence on the Commissioner's annual report from—  
Ian Bruce, Ethical Standards Commissioner, Ethical Standards Commissioner.
4. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.
5. **Correspondence** The Committee will consider correspondence it has received.

Today's Business  
*Gnothaichean an-diugh*

Future Business  
*Gnothaichean ri teachd*

Motions & Questions  
*Gluasadan agus Ceistean*

Legislation  
*Reachdas*

Other  
*Eile*

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### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at [catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot](mailto:catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot)

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>
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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
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- 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-12479](#) Angela Constance: Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill - UK Legislation—** That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 8 November 2023, relating to investigatory powers, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Supported by: Siobhian Brown\*

**\*[S6M-12468](#) Collette Stevenson: Addressing Child Poverty through Parental Employment—** That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Social Justice and Social Security Committee's 11th Report, 2023 (Session 6), *Addressing Child Poverty Through Parental Employment* (SP Paper 476).

Supported by: Bob Doris\*

**[S6M-12457](#) Daniel Johnson: Growing Scotland's Economy—** That the Parliament recognises the crucial role that economic growth plays in delivering strong public services and social change; believes that, despite this, the Scottish Government has failed to use the powers that it has to grow Scotland's economy and has instead presided over low growth and low productivity; notes the publication of the CBI-Fraser of Allander Institute *Scottish Productivity Index 2024*, which shows that Scotland is lagging behind the rest of the UK on 10 out of 13 productivity indicators; believes that this underperformance has serious implications for living standards and incomes and will place further pressure on Scotland's struggling public services; calls on the Scottish Government to take a new approach to the economy, working in partnership with business to unleash the true economic potential of Scotland and its people, and notes the publication of the Scottish Labour Party's *Building a Business Case for Scotland* and its proposals to use the soft power of Brand Scotland to increase exports and international investment, to simplify Scotland's enterprise agency landscape so that it is better aligned to deliver innovation, promote growth and attract investment, to embed technology across the economy and in Scottish public services to support excellence and ensure future generations are tech and business ready, and to develop a clear skills plan with transition pathways into the green economy.

Supported by: Rhoda Grant

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**\*[S6M-12457.2](#) Màiri McAllan: Growing Scotland's Economy**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12457 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Growing Scotland's Economy), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "notes that, since 2007, Scotland's GDP per capita has grown 10.8% in comparison to the UK's growth of 5.6%; acknowledges that, over the same time period, productivity has increased at an annual average rate of 1% a year in Scotland compared with the UK's 0.5% a year; welcomes the approach taken to the economy by the Scottish Government to build a collaborative relationship with business, industry, workers and trades unions and to create jobs through the development of a green industrial strategy; considers that, in Scotland, a near record high number of people are in payrolled employment and a higher proportion of workers earn the real Living Wage than in the other UK nations, while the gender pay gap and child poverty rates are lower also than the UK's; recognises that the UK economic model has failed to deliver the prosperity to Scotland that is enjoyed by neighbouring countries; further recognises that the Office for Budget Responsibility forecasts that the UK economy will be 4% smaller as a result of Brexit, a Brexit which is supported by three of the four largest parties in the UK Parliament, and agrees that the best way for Scotland to develop a wellbeing economy, and so match the economic success of Scotland's northern European neighbours, is to become an independent EU member state."

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

**\*[S6M-12457.1](#) Murdo Fraser: Growing Scotland's Economy**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12457 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Growing Scotland's Economy), leave out from ", and notes" to end and insert "; recognises that ill health and long-term economic inactivity within Scotland are barriers to delivering growth, and calls on the Scottish Government to address these issues and deliver greater investment in education to provide long-term economic growth; notes that the income tax differential between Scotland and the rest of the UK is damaging business and is an obstacle to economic growth; further notes that this tax differential will become more pronounced with the introduction of the new "Advanced" tax band in the new financial year; calls on the Scottish Government to take steps to make income tax competitive with the rest of the UK to unleash Scotland's economic potential, and further calls on the Scottish Government to look to the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party's policy paper, *Grasping the Thistle – Our plan for economic growth*, for inspiration on how to grow Scotland's economy through its proposals for making the delivery of strong, long-term growth the main economic priority of government, creating a joint Scottish economic board to bring together ministers from the Scottish and UK governments, delivering a national workforce plan, building regional clusters of excellence to deliver Scottish exporting success, and supporting key investments to create a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship."

**[S6M-12455](#) Jackie Baillie: Bringing Down NHS Waiting Lists** —That the Parliament is concerned that almost 825,000 patients are stuck on NHS waiting lists for tests and treatment, whilst long waits have continued to rise, despite the current First Minister promising to eradicate them; is disappointed that the statutory 12-week Treatment Time Guarantee has been broken 680,000 times since it was introduced, and 320,000 times before the COVID-19 pandemic; notes that the Scottish Government's NHS Recovery Plan commitment to deliver 55,500 additional inpatient and day-case procedures by 2025-26 will not be met, in light of its decision to pause the National Treatment Centres programme, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to urgently tackle delayed discharge to increase capacity and publish a revised plan for bringing down waiting lists, including clarifying whether it still intends to reduce waiting lists by 100,000 patients by 2026, and to set out the source of the £300 million funding package that it announced in October 2023.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney, Carol Mochan



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**\*[S6M-12455.2](#) Neil Gray: Bringing Down NHS Waiting Lists** —As an amendment to motion S6M-12455 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Bringing Down NHS Waiting Lists), leave out from "is concerned" to end and insert "recognises the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on health service waiting times across the UK, and around the world; commends the dedicated NHS staff who work to provide the best care possible; believes that all long waits are regrettable and welcomes the progress in delivering a significant reduction for the longest waits; welcomes the opening of two National Treatment Centres within the last 12 months, with a further two centres opening in the coming months, which will provide capacity for an additional 20,000 procedures each year; notes that the Scottish Budget provides over £19.5 billion for health and social care, ensuring a real-terms uplift for the NHS in the face of UK Government austerity; acknowledges that, without the distinct and progressive approach to income tax in the Budget, the NHS and other public services would have £1.5 billion less funding; understands that the UK Government's decision to cut the Scottish Government's capital budget by £1.3 billion in real terms by 2027-28 has a direct impact on health infrastructure projects; believes that the £20 billion that the UK Government will lose as a result of its decision to cut national insurance should instead have been invested in NHS services and in infrastructure investment, and understands that the share of Barnett consequential funding that Scotland has lost as a result is around £1.6 billion, and believes that, in order to recover from the combined impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Brexit and UK Government economic mismanagement, reform and innovation across the health service is required."

Supported by: Jenni Minto\*

**\*[S6M-12455.1](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Bringing Down NHS Waiting Lists** —As an amendment to motion S6M-12455 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Bringing Down NHS Waiting Lists), after "programme" insert "; recognises with deep concern that the Scottish Government has provided no guarantee of when new healthcare investment will resume; notes with alarm that one in 10 patients in Scotland are forced to wait more than a year for a new outpatient appointment and more than a year and a half for an inpatient appointment; expresses further concern that, because of the increasing shortage of GPs, the true scale of the treatment backlog may be even higher, as patients find it increasingly difficult to access their GPs and obtain referral for diagnosis and treatment; condemns the consistent failure of the Scottish Government to pass on the full Barnett consequential funding for healthcare, cumulatively short-changing the NHS in Scotland by £17.6 billion; emphasises that long waits for treatment and diagnosis cause suffering and death".

### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S6M-12478](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that Fulton MacGregor be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee.

**\*[S6M-12477](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Remits**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the remits of committees—

Name of Committee: Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition, with the exception of matters relating to just transition; on matters relating to land reform, natural resources and peatland, Scottish Land Commission, Crown Estate

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Scotland, and Royal Botanic Garden within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; and on matters relating to energy within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy, with the exception of matters relating to wellbeing economy, and just transition; and on matters relating to land reform, natural resources and peatland, Scottish Land Commission, Crown Estate Scotland, and Royal Botanic Garden within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands.

Name of Committee: Economy and Fair Work Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy with the exception of matters relating to energy; and on matters relating to just transition within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy, with the exception of matters relating to net zero and energy.

**\*[S6M-12476](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

**\*[S6M-12475](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

**\*[S6M-12474](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/60) be approved.

**\*[S6M-12473](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Rent Adjudication (Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

**\*[S6M-12472](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Expiry of Section 10: Extension) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

**\*[S6M-12471](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Extension—**That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 26 April 2024.

**\*[S6M-12470](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees—

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(a) the following programme of business—

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 Debate: Scottish Crime Campus and Tackling Serious Organised Crime

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill - UK Legislation

*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

Tuesday 26 March 2024

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2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 27 March 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill

*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 28 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: Transport

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*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 18 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-12466](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Recognising Single Parents Day and Week 2024**—That the Parliament recognises that 21 March 2024 is Single Parents Day; considers that this day, and the week leading up to it, is a chance to recognise the strength and love offered by so many single parents in Scotland for their children, and to challenge what it sees as the stigma that is still unfairly faced by single-parent families today; acknowledges that around one in four families with children is a single-parent family; welcomes the efforts of One Parent Families Scotland and Fife Gingerbread, which are working alongside partners around the UK and Ireland to raise awareness of the experiences of single-parent families throughout the week and, indeed, every week; appreciates that the theme for Single Parents Week 2024 is "Recognition", which allows people to recognise single parents and all that they do, as well as recognising what it considers to be the need for wider support and structural change to improve the lives of single-parent families; welcomes that this includes a focus on recognising what it sees as the financial inequality faced by single parents, the need for childcare, the importance of mental health and wellbeing, and of community and connection; understands that nine in 10 single parents are women, and that gender inequality is a significant factor in the barriers faced by many single parents, and wishes all the best to those leading on Single Parents Week, and to all the parents involved in making their own voice heard during this time.

Supported by: Rona Mackay\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Emma Harper\*, Colin Beattie\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Bill Kidd\*, Miles Briggs\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Foysof Choudhury\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Bob Doris\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Ivan McKee\*

**\*[S6M-12465](#) Maggie Chapman: International Day of Women Judges 2024**—That the Parliament recognises the International Day of Women Judges, which took place on 10 March 2024 and seeks to highlight what it sees as the significant under-representation of women in the judiciary, particularly in senior judicial leadership positions; notes that the decision to proclaim this International Day was made by the United Nations General Assembly in April 2021; considers that greater representation of women in the judiciary can help to increase accountability, disrupt networks of collusion, bring about more victim-centred responses to crime and inspire the next generation of female judges; believes that women judges can be active agents for change, such as Judge Iris Yassmin Barrios Aguilar, President of the High-Risk Court of Guatemala, who heard the Sepur Zarco case, in which, it understands, two former military officers were convicted of crimes against humanity on counts of rape, murder and slavery, following the systematic exploitation of indigenous Q'eqchi' women from 1982 until 1988; recognises and commends the work of the Global Judicial Integrity Network of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), which brings together female judges to learn from each other's lived experiences and provide a source of solidarity, and commits to promoting the full and equal participation of women at all levels of the judiciary, both in Scotland and throughout the world.

Supported by: Alasdair Allan\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Bill Kidd\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Mark Ruskell\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

**\*[S6M-12464](#) Clare Adamson: Team Scotland at the Caledonia International 2024**—That the Parliament congratulates Erryn Stewart, Skye Wilkie and Antonia McPherson on being selected to form a 50-strong Scottish gymnastic squad at the upcoming Caledonia International 2024, formerly known as the Home Nations Competition; understands that Motherwell-based Dynamic Gymnastics Academy will have 18 gymnasts, across all levels, representing Scotland at the event, which will be held at the Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility between 5 and 7 April 2024; applauds Dynamic Gymnastics Academy coaches for their dedication, and wishes the gymnasts all the best for the upcoming competition.



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**\*[S6M-12463](#) Evelyn Tweed: Mandeep Singh of FES Group Wins Supporting Net Zero Apprentice of the Year Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Mandeep Singh, of FES Group's Energy and Renewables Division, on being announced as Supporting Net Zero Apprentice of the Year at the Scottish Apprenticeship Awards 2024; understands that Mandeep is currently in his second year of an Electrical Installation Modern Apprentice with FES Group, which is headquartered in Stirling, and that he has put his passion for net zero to practical use through work that, it believes, has drastically reduced CO2 emissions and helped people in Scotland cut their energy bills through his involvement in solar farm and district heating projects across Scotland, and that he is being supported by West College Scotland; notes that the Scottish Apprenticeship Awards are delivered by Skills Development Scotland and celebrate the incredible work of Foundation, Modern and Graduate Apprentices, and recognises the dedicated employers, learning providers and individuals that champion apprenticeships.

Supported by: Colin Beattie\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, David Torrance\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Miles Briggs\*, Bill Kidd\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Edward Mountain\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Emma Harper\*

**\*[S6M-12462](#) Evelyn Tweed: Marc Ingram Wins Scotland's Apprentice of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Marc Ingram, from Blair Drummond Smiddy, on being announced as Scotland's Apprentice of the Year at the Scottish Apprenticeship Awards 2024; understands that Marc, aged 18, left school with few qualifications because of his dyslexia, but that he has worked with a team of butchers at Blair Drummond Smiddy to gain the skills and competence to complete a Modern Apprenticeship in Skills for Craft Businesses (Butchery); praises Marc for also winning the Modern Apprentice of the Year SCQF Level 5 at the Scottish Apprenticeship Awards 2024, and for being supported by Craft Skills Scotland to realise his potential; notes that the Scottish Apprenticeship Awards are delivered by Skills Development Scotland and celebrate the incredible work of Foundation, Modern and Graduate Apprentices, and recognises the dedicated employers, learning providers and individuals that champion apprenticeships.

Supported by: Monica Lennon\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Emma Harper\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Colin Beattie\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Miles Briggs\*, Rona Mackay\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Edward Mountain\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

**\*[S6M-12461](#) Foysoyl Choudhury: Sir Geoff Palmer Appointed to Scotland's Order of the Thistle**—That the Parliament congratulates Professor Sir Geoff Palmer on being made a Knight of the Order of the Thistle; believes that the Order of the Thistle is the greatest order of chivalry in Scotland, and that it symbolises a profound commitment to Scotland's welfare and cultural legacy; understands that this was awarded in recognition of Sir Geoff's significant contributions to national life and public service; further understands that Sir Geoff was Scotland's first Black professor, and that he has dedicated his life to pioneering scientific research, education and community activism; acknowledges what it sees as Sir Geoff's distinct work on race relations and addressing Scotland's colonial past; thanks Sir Geoff for his lifetime's work in science, academia and community activism in Scotland, and wishes him all the best for the future.

Supported by: Paul O'Kane\*, Monica Lennon\*, Sarah Boyack\*, Colin Beattie\*, Miles Briggs\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Liam McArthur\*, Bob Doris\*, Pam Gosal\*, Bill Kidd\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Neil Bibby\*, Edward Mountain\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

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**\*[S6M-12460](#) Michelle Thomson: Election Fever Grips Bowhouse Primary**—That the Parliament commends the democratic initiative utilised by Bowhouse Primary School, in Grangemouth, to allocate funding raised at the school Christmas Fair; understands that, on 22 January 2024, both P7 groups took part in an election to argue for their chosen policy to make use of the £1,100 of funding; further understands that P7F argued for this to be allocated towards the development of a play trail, while P7M put forward its position that the money should be split equally between all classes and used how each group sees fit, which would amount to a £100 share each; recognises the success of P7M's campaign, having secured a six-vote majority for its proposal to equally share the funding; notes that real, locked ballot boxes were used to increase the realism of the experience, with great support from local councillor, Euan Stainbank; congratulates Bowhouse Primary School on its creative and democratic decision-making process to direct the use of this money, and wishes all classes at Bowhouse Primary the best of luck as they make deliberations on how best to spend their allocated funding.

**\*[S6M-12459](#) Foyso Choudhury: Arts and Humanities Research Council Creative Communities Policy Lab**—That the Parliament welcomes the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council's Creative Communities Programme Policy Lab on Culture, Health and Wellbeing, which took place at the Scottish Storytelling Centre in Edinburgh on 31 January 2024; understands that the Policy Lab model brings together a diverse group of leaders to co-create new policy solution suggestions on the role of arts and culture in delivering better health and wellbeing outcomes; considers that embedding cross-sector stakeholders and communities in policy making is a strategic priority for creating a more inclusive innovation ecosystem, and hopes that the resulting policy recommendations will enable arts and culture to create a stronger, fairer economy and society through delivering cross-sector healthcare targets.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Alasdair Allan\*, Colin Beattie\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Bill Kidd\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**\*[S6M-12458](#) Stephen Kerr: Grand Union Trains**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that Grand Union Trains has been given the go-ahead to start a new train service between Stirling and London from June 2025; recognises that these trains will stop in Larbert, Greenfaulds, Whifflet and Motherwell, which it considers will benefit people in Central Scotland; understands that this announcement will see investment in the railway and increase consumer choice, and considers that people in Scotland, and the Scottish economy, will benefit from having increased transport links with England.

**\*[S6M-12456](#) Pam Gosal: Eight-year-old Milngavie Pupil Organises Litter Pick**—That the Parliament applauds the efforts of the eight-year-old Milngavie resident, Eilidh Walker, in organising a litter pick on her school walk route; notes that the youngster got the idea to organise a "clean-up crew" from a book that she had read; understands that she made flyers to distribute to friends and neighbours, including members of the Milngavie in Bloom team; acknowledges the dedication of the team in gathering 10 bags of rubbish from the West Highland Way, the river nearby and around the library, despite the awful weather; values the initiative of Eilidh to help improve the local environment by cleaning up and recycling much of the litter; hopes that her efforts have inspired others to take better care of the surrounding area, and wishes Eilidh the best of luck in her future academic endeavours.

Supported by: Craig Hoy\*, Liam Kerr\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Annie Wells\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Miles Briggs\*, Colin Beattie\*, Brian Whittle\*, Douglas Ross\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Jamie Greene\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Russell Findlay\*

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**\*[S6M-12454](#) Carol Mochan: Nola Milne, Community Champion**—That the Parliament commends the positive contribution made by Nola Milne to the Scottish Borders in her role as Asda Community Champion for its Galashiels store; acknowledges her outstanding efforts to connect the store and its colleagues to the communities that they serve by working with local people to channel funding and assistance where it is needed the most, including coordinating grants from the Asda Foundation, opening up store space for free use by local groups, facilitating school tours and raising thousands of pounds for charities through in-store events; notes that, during 2023, Nola coordinated a donation of £17,000 worth of brand new Asda school uniforms to 15 schools in the local area in conjunction with the Soulspan Ministries charity, supported numerous schools and local good causes through supplying donations for fundraising events, helped to improve the Early Years Centre at Burgh Primary School, organised community clean-up events with Asda colleagues and provided support benefiting thousands of people across the Scottish Borders, and considers that Asda's Community Champion programme has provided practical support to charities, projects and initiatives across communities for more than 30 years.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Colin Beattie\*, Miles Briggs\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**[S6M-12453](#) Pam Gosal: Milngavie Cricket Club to Launch New Junior Section** (lodged on 11 March 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Annie Wells\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Miles Briggs\*, Craig Hoy\*, Bill Kidd\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Liz Smith\*, Jamie Greene\*, Douglas Ross\*, Edward Mountain\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Brian Whittle\*, Russell Findlay\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Liam Kerr\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

**[S6M-12449](#) Douglas Ross: Save Our Surgeries - Burghead and Hopeman** (lodged on 11 March 2024)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S6M-12448](#) Pam Gosal: Ramadan Mubarak 2024** (lodged on 11 March 2024)

New Support: Douglas Ross\*, Ivan McKee\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Craig Hoy\*, Annie Wells\*, Brian Whittle\*, Russell Findlay\*, Elena Whitham\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Bob Doris\*

**[S6M-12447](#) Pam Gosal: Helensburgh Coach Wins at the British Drug Free Powerlifting Association's National Single Lift Championships** (lodged on 11 March 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Annie Wells\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Craig Hoy\*, Miles Briggs\*, Bill Kidd\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Douglas Ross\*, Jamie Greene\*, Edward Mountain\*, Brian Whittle\*, Russell Findlay\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Liam Kerr\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

**[S6M-12446](#) Ben Macpherson: Dreadnought Pub Wins Community Pub Hero Scotland Award at PubAid's Community Pub Hero Awards** (lodged on 11 March 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Paul Sweeney\*, David Torrance\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-12445](#) Gillian Mackay: Young Carers Action Day 2024** (lodged on 11 March 2024)

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New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Rona Mackay\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Miles Briggs\*, Maggie Chapman\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, James Dornan\*, Colin Beattie\*, Ariane Burgess\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Mark Ruskell\*, Bill Kidd\*, Elena Whitham\*, Beatrice Wishart\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S6M-12444](#) Liam Kerr: Celebrating the Achievements of Local Findochty Lifeboat Volunteer and Scottish Ambulance Technician, Elaine Mair** (lodged on 08 March 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S6M-12442](#) Alexander Stewart: No Smoking Day 2024** (lodged on 08 March 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Russell Findlay\*, Maurice Golden\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-12441](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Celebrating 625 Years of Worship at Bothwell Parish Church** (lodged on 08 March 2024)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-12439](#) Emma Harper: The 750th Anniversary of King Robert the Bruce** (lodged on 08 March 2024)

New Support: Ben Macpherson\*, Elena Whitham\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-12438](#) Jamie Greene: Promoting University Mental Health Day** (lodged on 07 March 2024)

New Support: Craig Hoy\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Miles Briggs\*, Pam Gosal\*, Alexander Stewart\*, John Mason\*, Liam Kerr\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Edward Mountain\*, James Dornan\*, Colin Beattie\*, Annie Wells\*, Russell Findlay\*, Douglas Ross\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Maurice Golden\*, Bill Kidd\*, Elena Whitham\*, Beatrice Wishart\*, Brian Whittle\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

**[S6M-12437](#) Kenneth Gibson: Saltcoats, Ardrossan and Stevenston Branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland Celebrates its 100th Anniversary** (lodged on 08 March 2024)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-12436](#) Gillian Mackay: South Lanarkshire Pride Returns for 2024** (lodged on 07 March 2024)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-12435](#) Paul O'Kane: RSPB Lochwinnoch Celebrates 50th Anniversary** (lodged on 07 March 2024)

New Support: Katy Clark\*, Elena Whitham\*

**[S6M-12434](#) Murdo Fraser: Perth-based Indian Cuisine Supplier Wins Supermarket Listing Contract** (lodged on 07 March 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S6M-12433](#) Alexander Burnett: Aberdeenshire Architectural and Landscape Design Awards 2023** (lodged on 07 March 2024)

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Motions   Gluasadan				

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S6M-12432](#) Annabelle Ewing: Wullie Stark Retires After 37 Years of Serving Benarty** (lodged on 07 March 2024)

New Support: Michelle Thomson\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Bill Kidd\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Pam Gosal\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Colin Beattie\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S6M-12431](#) Annabelle Ewing: Erynn McGrath Awarded Unsung Hero of the Year at the Scottish Sports Future Awards 2024** (lodged on 07 March 2024)

New Support: Michelle Thomson\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Bill Kidd\*, Miles Briggs\*, Pam Gosal\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Colin Beattie\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Bob Doris\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S6M-12429](#) Clare Adamson: Award-winning Poet, Soukaina Habiballah, Denied Entry to UK** (lodged on 06 March 2024)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-12428](#) Foysoyl Choudhury: United Nations International Day to Combat Islamophobia on 15 March 2024** (lodged on 07 March 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham\*

**[S6M-12426](#) Sue Webber: Winchburgh Developments Crowned Property Company of the Year 2024 at the Scottish Property Awards** (lodged on 07 March 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*, Pam Gosal\*

**[S6M-12425](#) Alexander Burnett: Westhill's Green Pastures Café Double Award Win** (lodged on 07 March 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S6M-12424](#) Michelle Thomson: Falkirk's Young Musician of the Year 2024 Announced** (lodged on 07 March 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-12423](#) Sandesh Gulhane: World Kidney Day on 14 March** (lodged on 07 March 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S6M-12422](#) Alexander Burnett: All Roads Lead to Rome Fundraising Event to Raise Funds for My Name's Doddie Foundation** (lodged on 06 March 2024)

New Support: Craig Hoy\*, Bill Kidd\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Annie Wells\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Jamie Greene\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Douglas Ross\*, Miles Briggs\*, Edward Mountain\*, Brian Whittle\*, Russell Findlay\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Liam Kerr\*, Pam Gosal\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Colin Beattie\*, Liam McArthur\*, Maurice Golden\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Bob Doris\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

**[S6M-12421](#) Murdo Fraser: Babcock International to Create More than 1,000 Jobs at Rosyth, Fife** (lodged on 06 March 2024)



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Motions   Glusadan				

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S6M-12420](#) Ariane Burgess: Welcoming the Five Bids Submitted for the Designation of Scotland's Next National Park** (lodged on 06 March 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham\*

**[S6M-12419](#) Kenneth Gibson: Clyde Coast & Cumbraes Men's Shed Celebrates its First Anniversary** (lodged on 06 March 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-12418](#) Jackie Dunbar: Wildfire 2024** (lodged on 06 March 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-12415](#) Miles Briggs: Josh Kerr Wins in the World Athletics Indoor 3,000 Metres** (lodged on 07 March 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*, Pam Gosal\*

**[S6M-12413](#) Rona Mackay: Celebrating 150 Years at St Ninian's High School in Kirkintilloch** (lodged on 06 March 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*

**[S6M-12412](#) Christine Grahame: Commending the Documentary, "The Push", on Channel 4** (lodged on 06 March 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-12411](#) Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Donside Pupils Take Part in Arctic Adventure** (lodged on 06 March 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-12410](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to St Peter's RC Primary School on the Publication, A Unicorn's Guide to Aul Aiberdeen** (lodged on 06 March 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-12406](#) Jackie Baillie: Salvesen Mindroom Centre Receives Recognition from the King of Sweden for Substantial Contributions to Society** (lodged on 06 March 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*, Foysol Choudhury\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Colin Beattie\*, Annie Wells\*, Miles Briggs\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Pam Gosal\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*



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Motions   Gluasadan				

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

New Support: Elena Whitham\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[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: Maurice Golden\*

**[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: Maurice Golden\*

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

New Support: Elena Whitham\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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

New Support: Elena Whitham\*

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

New Support: Elena Whitham\*, Willie Rennie\*

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

New Support: Elena Whitham\*, Stuart McMillan\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*, Pam Gosal\*

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

New Support: Elena Whitham\*

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

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Motions   Glusadan				

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S6M-12358](#) Sue Webber: Livingston Skatepark Granted Category B Listed Status by Historic Environment Scotland** (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*, Elena Whitham\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[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: Pam Gosal\*

**[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: Maurice Golden\*

**[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: Maurice Golden\*

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

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*, Pam Gosal\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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

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Motions   Gluasadan				

New Support: Elena Whitham\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*, Pam Gosal\*

**[S6M-12290](#) John Mason: UK Defence** (lodged on 05 March 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Kevin Stewart\*

**[S6M-12282](#) Sandesh Gulhane: New Chancellor for Glasgow Caledonian University** (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*

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

New Support: Pam Gosal\*

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

New Support: Elena Whitham\*

**[S6M-12278](#) Alexander Stewart: People with Uncontrolled Asthma** (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Ivan McKee\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Mark Griffin\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-12264](#) Alexander Stewart: FAST Stroke Detection Guidance** (lodged on 26 February 2024)

New Support: Beatrice Wishart\*

**[S6M-12260](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow School Celebrates Minibus Donation** (lodged on 23 February 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*

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

New Support: Pam Gosal\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S6M-12225](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Recognising the Importance of Fracture Liaison Services (FLS)** (lodged on 21 February 2024)

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Motions   Glusadan				

New Support: Alex Rowley\*

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

New Support: Elena Whitham\* R

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

New Support: Elena Whitham\*

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

New Support: Pam Gosal\*

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

New Support: Pam Gosal\*

**[S6M-12174](#) Meghan Gallacher: Lanarkshire Children and Young People Mental Health Directory of Services and Resources Launched** (lodged on 16 February 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*

**[S6M-12173](#) Meghan Gallacher: South Lanarkshire Primary School Praised by Inspectors** (lodged on 16 February 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*

**[S6M-12167](#) Annabelle Ewing: Bay Travel Success at Scottish Passenger Transport Awards 2024** (lodged on 16 February 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*

**[S6M-12166](#) Annabelle Ewing: Elize Bauld Named European Champion** (lodged on 16 February 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*

**[S6M-12124](#) Tess White: Screening for Genetic Haemochromatosis Being Offered to 25,000 Households in Aberdeenshire** (lodged on 12 February 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett\*

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

New Support: Pam Gosal\*

**[S6M-11448](#) Foyso Choudhury: Endo Warriors West Lothian Forth One's Volunteer Charity of the Year** (lodged on 29 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy\*

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Questions   Ceistean				

## Written Questions

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

### Written questions lodged on 12 March 2024

**[S6W-25557 Ariane Burgess](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the licensing conditions for wrasse harvesting and its evidence base for carrying out an appropriate assessment of wrasse fisheries management in special areas of conservation, in which months of the year the gonads of the (a) goldsinny, (b) rock cook, (c) corkwing, (d) ballan and (e) cuckoo species of wrasse (i) are most developed and (ii) spawn.

**[S6W-25558 Ariane Burgess](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the licensing conditions for wrasse harvesting and its evidence base for carrying out an appropriate assessment of wrasse fisheries management in special areas of conservation, in relation to the (a) goldsinny, (b) rock cook, (c) corkwing, (d) ballan and (e) cuckoo species of wrasse, what length the (i) male and (ii) female fish are on their (A) first, (B) second, (C) third, (D) fourth and (E) subsequent breeding season(s).

**[S6W-25559 Ariane Burgess](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the licensing conditions for wrasse harvesting and its evidence base for carrying out an appropriate assessment of wrasse fisheries management in special areas of conservation, what the maximum recorded age is for each species of wrasse.

**[S6W-25964 Richard Leonard](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans for a revaluation of domestic properties in 2024 for the purposes of setting council tax rates.

**[S6W-26012 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of remedial works at the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People in Edinburgh regarding the spacing of cavity barriers.

**[S6W-26091 Jamie Greene](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on whether it remains committed to its target for all buildings in Scotland to have emissions-free heating systems by 2045.

**[S6W-26092 Jamie Greene](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to EY's *UK Regional Economic Forecast*, from February 2024, which predicts that the average employment growth rate in Scotland for 2024-27 will be the lowest regional rate at 0.8%.

**[S6W-26093 Jamie Greene](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review Creative Scotland's processes for awarding funds to independent arts projects.

**[S6W-26094 Jamie Greene](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to increase the number of employers offering apprenticeships.

**[S6W-26095 Jamie Greene](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve mental health support in schools, in light of the Centre for Social Justice report, *Drowning not Waving: Discussions with Scottish Small Charities*, which states that all of the respondents to its poll "reported significant increases in mental health issues in school age children", and that the situation was described as "an epidemic".

**[S6W-26100 Roz McCall](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on delivering on the recommendations of the City Centre Recovery Taskforce.

**[S6W-26101 Roz McCall](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on delivering on the recommendations of the review of the Town Centres Action Plan.

**[S6W-26102 Stephen Kerr](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what the anticipated returns are of the £200,000 that it has reportedly spent on psychological testing for civil servants.

**[S6W-26103 Pam Gosal](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) discussions it has had regarding and (b) assessment it has made of using the PAS 9980 code of practice as the basis for the single building assessment in Scotland.



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Questions   Ceistean				

**[S6W-26104 Pam Gosal](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on what alterations would need to be made to the PAS 9980 code of practice in order for it to work within the context of the Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022.

**[S6W-26105 Paul Sweeney](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the response by the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy to the question on a competitive shipbuilding financing guarantee programme during the ministerial statement on Ferguson Marine on 5 March 2024, whether it will provide a substantive response regarding whether it will introduce a competitive shipbuilding financing guarantee programme in Scotland, similar to that of the Turkish national investment bank, Türk Eximbank.

**[S6W-26106 Christine Grahame](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-25875 by Jim Fairlie on 11 March 2024, in light of it being two years since its discussions with the UK Government on a UK-wide dog microchipping database, whether it will revisit this issue.

**[S6W-26107 Paul Sweeney](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that the equality impact assessment for the proposed anti-racism observatory will be completed, and how it is ensuring that all communities affected by racialisation and racism will have an equal opportunity to participate in the (a) assessment and (b) development of the observatory.

**[S6W-26108 Ariane Burgess](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on the review of the Clean Air Act 1993, as set out in the Clean Air for Scotland strategy published in 2021, and whether it has considered introducing any changes for controlling domestic combustion emissions such as incentivising the use of electrostatic particulate filters for wood burners.

**[S6W-26109 Oliver Mundell](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to support the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of police officers in rural and remote communities such as Dumfries and Galloway.

**[S6W-26110 Oliver Mundell](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered the appropriateness of local authorities as statutory consultees accepting any financial incentives from windfarm developers prior to submitting their statutory response on a proposed development.

**[S6W-26111 Monica Lennon](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, as part of its work to address sexual misconduct in sport, what action it has taken to encourage professional sports clubs to implement their own publicly available sexual misconduct policy.

**[S6W-26112 Evelyn Tweed](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve road safety on (a) the A84 and (b) other roads around Stirling, in light of reports of three deaths in a week due to road traffic accidents in the area.

**[S6W-26113 Evelyn Tweed](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it is providing to support local bus services in Stirling.

**[S6W-26114 Alexander Stewart](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of the costs associated with the production and publication of the paper, *An independent Scotland's place in the world*.

**[S6W-26115 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government with which governments the First Minister raised any (a) general and (b) specific human rights issues, during his meeting with the Council of Arab Ambassadors in March 2024.

**[S6W-26116 Rhoda Grant](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government when the peer review of NHS Western Isles patient escort process will be published.

**[S6W-26117 Monica Lennon](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government how many dental practices in the NHS Lanarkshire area that provide NHS services have currently closed or suspended their list to new patients.

**[S6W-26118 Monica Lennon](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government how many electric buses are currently in operation in Scotland.



**[S6W-26119](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what work it has done to tackle any issues associated with the reported rise in so-called fast fashion.

**[S6W-26127](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will list the spatial principles in the fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4) in order of priority.

**[S6W-26128](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the development of a national strategy for energy storage developments in the context of planning.

**[S6W-26129](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to developing a more detailed national strategy and spatial plan for energy storage developments that identifies (a) peak energy demand times on the grid, (b) the locality of such demands on the grid and (c) the length of hold time required for the dispatchable power source.

**[S6W-26130](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to replicating elements of the onshore wind sector deal, such as maintaining community benefit schemes and community shared ownership agreements as a condition of the sale or transfer, in other renewable technology sectors, such as battery energy storage systems.

**[S6W-26131](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many applications for battery storage sites were granted by the Energy Consents Unit between 2013 and 2023.

**[S6W-26132](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers non-domestic battery energy storage to be a "small scale renewable" under the fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4).

**[S6W-26133](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the preservation of farmland for future food security is in the public interest.

**[S6W-26134](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact on land value in rural areas of its reported decision to consider battery storage developments as generating stations in relation to planning consents under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989.

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New Bills   Bilean Ùra				

## New Bills and Accompanying Documents

### New Bills introduced or reprinted on 12 March 2024

**Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2 (SP Bill 28A) (Government Bill)

## Amendments

### New amendments to Bills lodged on 12 March 2024

#### Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

##### Section 1

###### Christine Grahame

38 In section 1, page 1, line 9, leave out <, without reasonable excuse,>

###### Christine Grahame

39 In section 1, page 1, line 11, leave out <, without reasonable excuse,>

###### Colin Smyth

40 In section 1, page 1, line 13, at end insert—

<( ) It is an offence for a person to knowingly cause or permit an unauthorised person to commit an offence under subsection (1) or (2).>

###### Edward Mountain

41 In section 1, page 1, line 13, at end insert—

<( ) Subsection (1) or (2) does not apply if the glue trap is used under, and in accordance with the terms of, a glue trap licence (see section (*Glue trap licences*)).>

##### Section 2

###### Edward Mountain

42 In section 2, page 2, line 8, after <where> insert—

<( ) the glue trap is purchased (or otherwise acquired) for use in accordance with the terms of a glue trap licence, or

( )>

##### After section 2

###### Edward Mountain

43 After section 2, insert—

###### <Glue trap licences

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may grant a licence under this section (a “glue trap licence”) authorising a pest controller specified or described in the licence to engage in conduct for the purpose of controlling rats and mice in educational, catering or medical premises which would otherwise amount to an offence under section 1 or 2.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may not grant a glue trap licence for the purpose mentioned in subsection (1), unless the Scottish Ministers are satisfied that, as regards that purpose, there is no other

satisfactory solution.

- (3) The Scottish Ministers may not grant a glue trap licence under subsection (1) unless the pest controller or controllers to be specified in the licence have completed an approved training course in respect of glue traps (see section (*Glue trap licences: approved training courses*)).
- (4) A glue trap licence—
  - (a) may be general or specific,
  - (b) may be subject to any conditions specified in the licence,
  - (c) may be modified or revoked at any time by the Scottish Ministers (whether or not on an application from the pest controller or controllers authorised by the licence),
  - (d) may be for a specified period of time.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may require an application for the grant or modification of a glue trap licence, or of a glue trap licence of a particular description, to be made in such form, and to be accompanied by such documentation or information, as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations—
  - (a) make provision about the meaning of education, catering or medical premises for the purposes of subsection (1),
  - (b) make provision about the evidence to be provided by a licence holder when purchasing (or otherwise acquiring) a glue trap, including evidence that the applicant has completed a training course approved under section (*Glue trap licences: approved training courses*),
  - (c) make provision about the display of the glue trap licence number on the glue trap,
  - (d) make provision about the trap being used and monitored appropriately in accordance with the approved training course for the glue trap,
  - (e) make provision for the charging of fees or other charges in relation to an application for the grant or modification of a glue trap licence (and such fees or other charges may be set by reference to any costs incurred, or expected to be incurred, by the Scottish Ministers in connection with this section),
  - (f) make provision for, or in connection with, appeals in respect of—
    - (i) a decision to refuse an application for the grant or modification of a glue trap licence,
    - (ii) a decision to modify or revoke a glue trap licence,
  - (g) make provision for offences in connection with an application for a glue trap licence.
- (7) Regulations under subsection (6) may, in particular, make provision about—
  - (a) the grounds upon which an appeal may be made,
  - (b) when an appeal may be made,
  - (c) the court, tribunal or other person who is to determine the appeal,
  - (d) the procedure for making, or determining, an appeal.
- (9) In this section, “pest controller” means a person who—
  - (a) in the course of a business, provides a service which consists of, or involves, pest control, or
  - (b) is employed by a public authority to carry out pest control.

- (10) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision about the evidence and qualifications that a pest controller may need to provide or have (as the case may be) for the purposes of this section.
- (11) Regulations under subsection (6) and (10) are subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (12) For the purposes of this section, a public authority is a person who carries out functions of a public nature.>

### Edward Mountain

44 After section 2, insert—

#### <Glue trap licences: approved training courses

- (1) The Scottish Ministers are to approve training courses that are required to be undertaken by a pest controller who is applying for a glue trap licence under section (*Glue trap licences*).
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers may—
  - (a) determine training requirements, such as—
    - (i) the form and content of courses,
    - (ii) requiring a person providing training to meet certain criteria (such as having relevant experience or holding a particular qualification),
  - (b) accredit courses and the persons providing courses,
  - (c) determine the minimum criteria for successful completion of courses, and
  - (d) determine how successful completion of such courses is to be recorded.>

### Section 3A

### Edward Mountain

45 Leave out section 3A

### Section 4

### Edward Mountain

46 In section 4, page 4, line 29, leave out <killing or>

### Edward Mountain

47 In section 4, page 4, line 29, after second <or> insert <killing or taking a>

### Edward Mountain

48 In section 4, page 6, leave out lines 18 to 22 and insert—

- <(1) The relevant authority must, on receipt of an application under section 12B, grant or renew a wildlife trap licence if the requirements in subsection (1A)(a) or (b) are met.
- (1A) The requirements are that—
  - (a) the applicant has completed an approved training course (see section 12E), or

(b) the applicant—

- (i) was born on or before 31st December 1973, and
- (ii) has used the type of trap in question in a professional capacity for a period of at least 10 years consecutively.>

**Rachael Hamilton**

49 In section 4, page 6, line 18, leave out <may> and insert <must>

**Edward Mountain**

50 In section 4, page 6, line 35, at end insert—

<(3A) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision about the evidence that may be required for the purposes of subsection (1A)(b)(ii).

(3B) Regulations under subsection (3A) are subject to the negative procedure.>

**Edward Mountain**

51 In section 4, page 7, line 11, after <satisfied> insert <beyond reasonable doubt>

**Rachael Hamilton**

52 In section 4, page 7, line 15, at end insert—

<( ) specify in the notice the reason for the modification, suspension or revocation, and>

**Colin Smyth**

53 In section 4, page 8, line 5, after <trap> insert <(to include, in particular, independently validated guidance on the animal welfare impact of each type of trap)>

**Edward Mountain**

54 In section 4, page 8, line 11, at end insert—

<(2A) Before determining training requirements under subsection (2)(a), the relevant authority must consult such persons as they consider likely to be interested in or affected by wildlife trap licensing, including land managers.>

**Section 6**

**Rachael Hamilton**

55 In section 6, page 10, line 22, leave out <a bird included in Part 1B of Schedule 2> and insert <red grouse (*lagopus lagopus scoticus*)>

**Rachael Hamilton**

56 In section 6, page 10, line 31, leave out from <bird> to <2> in line 32 and insert <red grouse (*lagopus lagopus scoticus*)>



**Edward Mountain**

57 In section 6, page 11, line 15, at end insert—

<( ) In section 22 (power to vary schedules)—

(a) after subsection (2) insert—

“(ZZA) If a bird is a game bird within the meaning of section 27, an order under subsection (1)(a) may only add that bird to Part 1B of Schedule 2 if the bird to be added is on the current United Kingdom Birds of Conservation Concern Red or Amber List.”,

(b) after subsection (2A) insert—

“(2B) Before making an order under subsection (1)(a) to add a bird to Part 1B of Schedule 2, the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider likely to be interested in or affected by the proposed order, including land managers.”.>

**Rachael Hamilton**

58 In section 6, page 11, leave out subsection (3)

**Rachael Hamilton**

59 In section 6, page 11, leave out subsection (5)

**Section 7**

**Rachael Hamilton**

60 In section 7, page 12, line 1, leave out <certain birds> and insert <red grouse>

**Rachael Hamilton**

61 In section 7, page 12, line 2, leave out <may> and insert <must>

**Rachael Hamilton**

62 In section 7, page 12, line 4, leave out <any type of bird included in Part 1B of Schedule 2> and insert <red grouse (*lagopus lagopus scoticus*)>

**Rachael Hamilton**

63 In section 7, page 12, line 8, at end insert—

<(2A) Where the relevant authority refuses to grant a licence to an applicant, the relevant authority must give written notice to the applicant of the reasons for doing so.>

**Rachael Hamilton**

64 In section 7, page 13, line 8, after <revocation> insert <and specify in the notice the reason for the modification, suspension or revocation>

**Rachael Hamilton**

65 In section 7, page 13, line 14, at end insert—

<(9ZA) The written notice given under subsection (9)(a) must include—

- (a) a statement setting out the reasons for the modification, suspension or revocation, and
- (b) information about the process for appealing the decision under section 16AB.>

**Colin Smyth**

66 In section 7, page 13, line 14, at end insert—

<(9ZA) Where the relevant authority has modified, suspended or revoked a person's section 16AA licence, the Scottish Ministers may by regulations disapply section 14(2A) in relation to the land to which the modified, suspended or revoked licence applied.>

**Rachael Hamilton**

67 In section 7, page 13, line 26, after second <offence> insert <, committed after a section 16AA licence has been granted, >

**Rachael Hamilton**

68 In section 7, page 13, leave out line 28

**Rachael Hamilton**

69 In section 7, page 13, leave out line 33

**Edward Mountain**

70 In section 7, page 14, line 13, at end insert—

<(5A) Where—

- (a) a person appeals to the appropriate sheriff against a decision of a relevant authority to refuse to grant to the person a section 16AA licence, and
- (b) on determining the appeal, the sheriff directs the relevant authority to grant a section 16AA licence to the person,

the sheriff must consider making an award of expenses against the relevant authority.>

**Colin Smyth**

71 In section 7, page 14, leave out line 39 and insert—

- <(b) whether, when and how the taking or killing of any wild birds should be carried out, prioritising methods with the least negative animal welfare impact,>

**Colin Smyth**

72 In section 7, page 14, leave out line 40 and insert—

- <(c) whether, when and how predator control should be carried out, prioritising methods with the least negative animal welfare impact.>

**Alasdair Allan**

73 In section 7, page 15, leave out line 8 and insert—

<(b) such other persons as they consider likely to be interested in or affected by the management of land to which a section 16AA licence relates.>

**Edward Mountain**

74 In section 7, page 15, line 8, leave out <appropriate> and insert <likely to be interested in or affected by the code of practice, including land managers>

**Edward Mountain**

75 In section 7, page 15, line 22, at end insert—

<(2A) A direction under this section must include a requirement that, before preparing, reviewing or revising the code of practice, Scottish Natural Heritage must consult such persons as it considers likely to be interested in or affected by the code of practice, including land managers.>

**Emma Harper**

76 In section 7, page 15, line 23, at end insert—

**<16AE Report on operation and effect of section 16AA licences**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, for each reporting period, prepare a report on the operation and effect of section 16AA licences.
- (2) The report must include an assessment of the conservation status, including population size and range, of the following species—
  - (a) golden eagle (*aquila chrysaetos*),
  - (b) hen harrier (*circus cyaneus*),
  - (c) peregrine falcon (*falco peregrinus*),
  - (d) merlin (*falco columbarius*).
- (3) The report may include—
  - (a) the number of licences issued under section 16AA and the area of land affected,
  - (b) the number of licences that have been, or are, subject to suspension or revocation, the duration of those suspensions or revocations, and the reasons for those suspensions or revocations,
  - (c) the number and outcomes of any appeals undertaken under section 16AB, and
  - (d) such other matters as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (4) As soon as practicable after each reporting period, the Scottish Ministers must lay the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations amend subsection (2) to add or remove species of birds.
- (6) In this section, “reporting period” means—

- (a) in relation to the first report, the period of 5 years beginning on the day on which section 16AA comes into force, and
- (b) in relation to each subsequent report, the period of 5 years beginning on the day after the expiry of the previous reporting period.

**16AF Report on operation and effect of section 16AA licences: delegation**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may delegate the preparation and publication of the report under section 16AE to Scottish Natural Heritage.
- (2) Any delegation must be made by written direction.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may modify or revoke a direction.>

**Colin Smyth**

77 In section 7, page 16, line 4, leave out <16AA(12)> and insert <16AA(9ZA) and (12)>

**Emma Harper**

78 In section 7, page 16, line 4, after <16AA(12)> insert <or 16AE(5)>

**Colin Smyth**

79 In section 7, page 16, line 7, leave out <16AA(12)> in insert <16AA(9ZA) and (12)>

**Emma Harper**

80 In section 7, page 16, line 7, after <16AA(12)> insert <or 16AE(5)>

**Section 8A**

**Edward Mountain**

81 In section 8A, page 16, line 14, at end insert—

- <(2B) The Scottish Ministers may appoint or authorise a person (as the case may be) as an inspector under subsection (2)(b) for the purposes of paragraph 5A of schedule 1 only if the person has completed an approved training course.
- (2C) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make further provision about approved training courses for the purposes of subsection (2B), including—
  - (a) the form and content of courses,
  - (b) the experience and qualifications of the person providing the course,
  - (c) the accreditation of courses.”.>

**Rachael Hamilton**

82 Leave out section 8A

**Section 9**

**Edward Mountain**

- 83 In section 9, page 17, line 27, at end insert—
- <(5) In this Part, “land” means land that—
- (a) is moorland, and
  - (b) is not heath.>

## Section 10

### Edward Mountain

- 84 In section 10 page 18, line 4, at end insert—
- <( ) managing the habitats of moorland game or wildlife,>

### Rachael Hamilton

- 85 In section 10, page 18, line 5, leave out <restoring> and insert <conserving, restoring, or enhancing>

## Section 11

### Emma Harper

- 86 In section 11, page 19, line 2, at beginning insert <Subject to subsection (2A),>

### Rachael Hamilton

- 87 In section 11, page 19, line 2, leave out <may> and insert <must>

### Emma Harper

- 88 In section 11, page 19, line 4, leave out <only>

### Emma Harper

- 89 In section 11, page 19, leave out lines 12 and 13 and insert—
- <(2A) The Scottish Ministers—
- (a) must not grant a licence permitting muirburn to be made outwith the muirburn season for the purpose mentioned in section 10(2)(a)(i) or (ii),
  - (b) may grant a licence permitting muirburn to be made outwith the muirburn season for any of the purposes mentioned in section 10(2)(a)(iii) to (v) only if they are satisfied that it is necessary to do so.>

### Edward Mountain

- 90 In section 11, page 19, line 12, leave out from <for> to end of line 13 and insert <during the muirburn season only for the purposes mentioned in section 10(2)(a)(i) and (ii).>

### Edward Mountain

- 91 In section 11, page 19, line 13, at end insert—

- <( ) A licence granted under subsection (1) may permit muirburn to be made outwith the muirburn season only for the purposes mentioned in section 10(2)(a)(iii), (iv), (v), or 10(2)(b).>

## Section 12

### Edward Mountain

- 92 In section 12, page 19, line 28, after <effect> insert <, being—
- ( ) a period of 8 years, or
  - ( ) a period of less than 8 years if the Scottish Ministers consider it necessary for environmental reasons>

## After section 13

### Edward Mountain

- 93 After section 13, insert—
- <13ZA Register of muirburn licences**
- (1) The Scottish Ministers must establish and maintain a register containing information relating to muirburn licenses and notices of muirburn activity.
  - (2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision as to—
    - (a) information which the register is to contain, which must include the name of the name or description of the land to which the licence applies, and
    - (b) the form and manner in which the register is to be kept, which must include a version accessible online.
  - (3) The Scottish Ministers must make the register available for public inspection at all reasonable times.
  - (4) Regulations under subsection (2) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

## Section 14

### Alasdair Allan

- 94 In section 14, page 21, line 19, leave out <or reviewing> and insert <, reviewing or revising>

### Edward Mountain

- 95 In section 14, page 21, line 22, after <muirburn> insert <including persons involved in the management of land on which muirburn may be made>

## Section 15

### Edward Mountain

- 96 In section 15, page 22, line 4, leave out from <at> to <site> in line 5 and insert <the register established under section 13ZA>



## Section 16

### Edward Mountain

97 In section 16, page 22, line 37, at end insert—

<( ) The period in subsection (1) can be extended to 15 April with the permission of Scottish Natural Heritage.>

### Edward Mountain

98 In section 16, page 23, line 7, at end insert—

<( ) taking into account annual variations in weather conditions in particular geographic areas.>

### Edward Mountain

99 In section 16, page 23, line 15, after <muirburn> insert <, including persons involved in the management of land on which muirburn may be made>

## Section 17

### Edward Mountain

100 In section 16, page 23, line 16, at end insert—

<(7) Scottish Natural Heritage may make a recommendation to the Scottish Ministers that the muirburn season be extended for a period of not more than 20 days—

- (a) for a specified geographical area, and
- (b) for a specified muirburn season.

(8) Where Scottish Natural Heritage make a recommendation under subsection (7), the Scottish Ministers must—

- (a) have regard to the recommendation, and
- (b) either—
  - (i) make regulations under subsection (2) to give effect to the recommendation, or
  - (ii) set out their reasons to Scottish Natural Heritage in writing for not doing so.>

### Edward Mountain

101 In section 17, page 23, line 23, at end insert—

<( ) the establishment and maintenance of the register of muirburn licences under section 13ZA,>

## Section 18

### Edward Mountain

102 In section 18, page 23, line 36, at end insert—

<“land” has the meaning given in section 9(5),>

**Edward Mountain**

**103** In section 18, page 24, line 6, leave out <40> and insert <50>

**Colin Smyth**

**104** In section 18, page 24, line 6, leave out <40> and insert <30>

**Edward Mountain**

**105** In section 18, page 24, line 8, leave out <heath or>

**Colin Smyth**

**106** In section 18, page 24, line 8, at end insert—

<(1B) The Scottish Ministers must review the definition of “peat” and “peatland” in subsection (1) by the end of each review period.

(1C) The Scottish Ministers must in reviewing the definition of “peat” and “peatland” consult—

(a) Scottish Natural Heritage,

(b) individuals or organisations with relevant scientific expertise, and

(c) such other persons as they consider likely to be interested in or affected by the making of muirburn.>

**Colin Smyth**

**107** In section 18, page 24, line 9, at beginning insert <Following a review under subsection (1B),>

**Colin Smyth**

**108** In section 18, page 24, line 11, leave out subsection (3)

**Colin Smyth**

**109** In section 18, page 24, line 15, at end insert—

<( ) In this section, “review period” means—

(a) the period of 5 years beginning with the day on which section 18 comes into force, and

(b) each subsequent period of 5 years.>

**After section 24**

**Elena Whitham**

**110** After section 24, insert—

*<Review of operation and effectiveness*

**Review of operation and effectiveness**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must carry out a review of the operation and effectiveness of—
  - (a) the prohibition of the use of glue traps under this Act,
  - (b) the prohibition of the use of snares under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981,
  - (c) the extension of the powers of inspectors under the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 by section 8A of this Act, and
  - (d) the licensing of the making of muirburn under this Act.
- (2) The review may also review the operation and effectiveness of any other matter included in this Act.
- (3) The review must be completed no later than 5 years after the day on which this Act receives Royal Assent.
- (4) When conducting the review, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
  - (a) Scottish Natural Heritage, and
  - (b) such persons as they consider are likely to be interested in or affected by the matters that are included in the review.
- (5) As soon as reasonably practicable after carrying out the review, the Scottish Ministers must—
  - (a) prepare a report of the review's findings and include—
    - (i) a statement of any action the Scottish Ministers intend to take as a result of the review, and
    - (ii) where the Scottish Ministers do not intend to take any action, their reasons for this,
  - (b) lay the report before the Scottish Parliament, and
  - (c) publish the report.>

## **Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2 After**

### **section 2**

#### **Tom Arthur**

**7** After section 2, insert—

#### **<Recall of sequestration: payment of interest**

- (1) Part 2 of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 30 (recall of sequestration by sheriff)—
  - (a) in subsection (2), in paragraph (a), after “full” insert “(including the payment of any interest payable on the debtor’s debts and the payment of the outlays and remuneration of the interim trustee and of the trustee)”, and
  - (b) in subsection (4), in paragraph (a), after “full of” insert “—
    - (i) any interest payable on the debtor’s debts (see section 37A), and (ii)”.
- (3) In section 32(4) (application under section 31: further procedure)—
  - (a) in paragraph (b), for “(including” to the end of that paragraph substitute “, including the payment in full of—

- (i) any interest payable on the debtor's debts (see section 37A),
  - (ii) the outlays and remuneration of the interim trustee and of the trustee," and
- (b) in paragraph (c)(ii), after "payment of" insert "any interest payable on the debtor's debts and payment of".
- (4) In section 34(1) (recall of sequestration by Accountant in Bankruptcy), in paragraph (a), for "(including the outlays and remuneration of the interim trustee and the trustee)" substitute "including the payment in full of—
  - "(i) any interest payable on the debtor's debts (see section 37A),
  - (ii) the outlays and remuneration of the interim trustee and of the trustee,".
- (5) In section 35 (recall where Accountant in Bankruptcy trustee)—
  - (a) in subsection (1), in paragraph (b), after "including" insert "the payment of any interest payable on the debtor's debts and the payment of", and
  - (b) in subsection (6), in paragraph (a), for "(including" to the end of that paragraph substitute "including the payment in full of—
    - "(i) any interest payable on the debtor's debts (see section 37A),
    - (ii) the outlays and remuneration of the interim trustee and of the trustee,".
- (6) After section 37, insert—
 

**"37A Interest**

  - (1) This section applies for the purpose of determining the amount of interest payable on the debtor's debts in relation to a recall of an award of sequestration.
  - (2) Interest, between the date of sequestration and the date of payment of the debt, is payable at the rate specified in section 129(10), unless subsection (3) applies.
  - (3) This subsection applies if the whole of the debt is paid in full within 6 months after the date of the award of sequestration, in which case interest is not payable on the debt.
  - (4) For the avoidance of doubt, if only part of the debt is paid within 6 months after the date of the award of sequestration, interest is payable on the whole of debt (including any part of the debt already paid since the award) in accordance with subsection (2).">

### After section 3

#### Tom Arthur

- 8 After section 3, insert—

#### <Petition for sequestration: citation of debtor

- (1) Section 22 (when sequestration is awarded) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 is modified as follows.
- (2) For subsection (4) substitute—
  - "(4) The debtor must be cited no fewer than 6 days before the date specified under subsection (3).">

## After section 5

**Tom Arthur**

9 After section 5, insert—

### <Debtor not traced: former trustee's outlays and remuneration

- (1) Section 142 (debtor not traced: new trustee) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 is modified as follows.
- (2) In subsection (6)(c), after “133” insert “(there being no effect on any outlays and remuneration paid to the former trustee before the issue of the notice)”.>

**Tom Arthur**

10 After section 5, insert—

### <Failure of debtor to co-operate with trustee in sequestration

- (1) The Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 is modified by subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) After section 147, insert—

*“Failure of debtor to co-operate with trustee*

#### **147A Debtor fails to co-operate: Accountant in Bankruptcy appointment as new trustee**

- (1) This section applies where—
  - (a) AiB is not the trustee in the sequestration,
  - (b) the period of 5 years beginning with the date of sequestration of a debtor's estate has expired, and
  - (c) the debtor has not been discharged from that sequestration.
- (2) The trustee in the sequestration may apply to AiB for authority to resign office on account of the debtor's failure to co-operate.
- (3) An application under subsection (2) must be made in the prescribed form and include information about—
  - (a) the nature and the extent of the debtor's failure to co-operate with the trustee,
  - (b) the actions taken by the trustee to secure the debtor's co-operation,
  - (c) any other matters that the trustee considers relevant, and
  - (d) details of every creditor known to the trustee.
- (4) Before making an application under subsection (2), the trustee must—
  - (a) notify the debtor by sending an intention to resign notice, and
  - (b) give an intention to resign notice to every creditor known to the trustee.
- (5) An intention to resign notice must—
  - (a) be in the prescribed form, and
  - (b) include a statement informing the recipient that the recipient has a right to make

representations to AiB in relation to the application within 14 days beginning with the day on which the application is made.

- (6) After receiving an application under subsection (2), AiB must—
- (a) take into account any representations made by an interested person within 14 days beginning with the day on which the application is made, and
  - (b) if satisfied of the matters mentioned in subsection (7), issue to the trustee who made the application a notice in the prescribed form granting the application.
- (7) The matters are—
- (a) that the debtor has failed to co-operate with the trustee to such an extent that the trustee is prevented from carrying out the trustee's functions under this Act,
  - (b) that the failure is likely to continue, and
  - (c) that the trustee has taken all reasonable steps to secure the debtor's co-operation.
- (8) AiB—
- (a) may request such further information from the trustee as AiB considers necessary to make a decision under subsection (6), and
  - (b) must notify the trustee, the debtor and every creditor known to AiB of its decision under subsection (6).
- (9) Where a notice is issued under subsection (6)(b), 14 days after the notice is given—
- (a) AiB is deemed to be the trustee,
  - (b) AiB must notify the debtor and every creditor known to AiB that AiB is deemed to be the trustee,
  - (c) AiB must make an appropriate entry in the register of insolvencies,
  - (d) the former trustee is not entitled to recover, other than by a claim in the final distribution of the debtor's estate, outlays and remuneration payable under sections 132 and 133 (there being no effect on any outlays and remuneration paid to the former trustee before the issue of the notice),
  - (e) subsections (9) to (13) of section 69 apply in relation to the appointment of AiB as the new trustee as they apply in relation to the appointment of a new trustee under that section,
  - (f) section 116 applies as if there were substituted for subsection (2)—
    - “(2) AiB may at any time before the discharge of the debtor require the debtor to give an account in writing, in such form as may be prescribed, of the debtor's current state of affairs.”, and
  - (g) section 138 applies to the sequestration with the modifications in subsection (10).
- (10) The modifications are—
- (a) in subsection (2), the words “after the date which is 12 months after the date on which sequestration is awarded” are omitted,
  - (b) in subsection (3), for “must, as soon as practicable after the date which is 12 months after the date on which sequestration is awarded” substitute “may, if the debtor co-operates with AiB to such an extent that AiB is able to carry out the



trustee's functions under this Act”,

- (c) in subsection (6), for “must, as soon as practicable after the date which is 12 months after the date of the refusal” substitute “may, at any time after a refusal, if the debtor co-operates with AiB to such an extent that AiB is able to carry out the trustee's functions under this Act”.

**147B Accountant in Bankruptcy appointment as new trustee: review and appeal**

- (1) The trustee may apply to AiB for a review of a decision under section 147A(6) to refuse an application.
- (2) The debtor or any creditor may apply to AiB for a review of a decision under section 147A(6) to grant an application.
- (3) Any application under subsection (1) or (2) must be made within 14 days beginning with the day of notification of the decision in question.
- (4) If an application for review under subsection (2) is made, the grant of the application is suspended until the determination of that review by AiB.
- (5) If an application for a review under subsection (1) or (2) is made, AiB must—
  - (a) take into account any representations made by an interested person within 21 days beginning with the day on which the application is made, and
  - (b) confirm or revoke the decision within 28 days beginning with the day on which the application is made.
- (6) If, under subsection (5)(b), AiB—
  - (a) revoke a decision to grant an application, AiB must revoke the notice given under section 147A(6)(b) granting the application,
  - (b) revoke a decision to refuse an application, AiB must issue a notice under section 147A(6)(b) granting the application, or
  - (c) confirm a decision to grant an application, section 147A(9) applies as if for the words “14 days after the notice is given” there were substituted “14 days after the AiB decision under section 147B(5)(b)”.
- (7) The debtor, the trustee or any creditor may appeal to the sheriff against any decision of AiB under subsection (5)(b) within 14 days beginning with the day of the decision.
- (8) If an appeal relating to a decision mentioned in subsection (6)(b) or (c) is made, the grant of the application is suspended until the determination of that appeal.
- (9) If, on an appeal under subsection (7), the sheriff determines that an application which has been refused should be granted—
  - (a) the sheriff must order AiB to issue a notice under section 147A(6)(b) granting the application, and
  - (b) section 147A(9) applies as if the words “14 days after the notice is given” were omitted.
- (10) If, on an appeal under subsection (7), the sheriff determines that an application which has been granted should be refused, the sheriff must order AiB to revoke the notice given under section 147A(6)(b) granting the application.
- (11) The sheriff clerk must send AiB a copy of the sheriff's decree.

(12) The decision of the sheriff on an appeal under subsection (7) is final.

**147C Debtor fails to co-operate with AiB as trustee**

- (1) This section applies where—
  - (a) AiB is the trustee but was not appointed as trustee under section 147A,
  - (b) the period of 5 years beginning with the date of sequestration a debtor’s estate has expired, and
  - (c) the debtor has not been discharged from that sequestration.
- (2) AiB, if satisfied of the matters mentioned in subsection (3), may make a determination that the debtor has failed to co-operate.
- (3) The matters are—
  - (a) that the debtor has failed to co-operate with AiB as trustee to such an extent that AiB is prevented from carrying out the AiB's functions as trustee under this Act,
  - (b) that the failure is likely to continue, and
  - (c) that AiB has taken all reasonable steps to secure the debtor’s co-operation.
- (4) If AiB makes a determination under subsection (2)—
  - (a) AiB must notify the debtor and every creditor known to AiB that AiB has made a determination under subsection (2), and
  - (b) section 116 applies as if there were substituted for subsection (2)—
 

“(2) AiB may at any time before the discharge of the debtor require the debtor to give an account in writing, in such form as may be prescribed, of the debtor's current state of affairs.”, and
  - (c) section 138(6) applies as if for the words “must, as soon as practicable after the date which is 12 months after the date of the refusal” there were substituted “may, at any time after a refusal, if the debtor co-operates with AiB to such an extent that AiB is able to carry out the trustee's functions under this Act.”.
- (3) In section 214 of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016, after paragraph(2)(q) insert— “(qa) section 147B(5),”.
- (4) In calculating a period of 5 years for the purposes of section 147A(1)(b) or section 147C(1)(b) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016, any part of that period which is before the commencement of subsection (1) may be included.>

**Tom Arthur**

**11** After section 5, insert—

**<Commissioners: disqualification from office where AiB is trustee**

- (1) Part 4 of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 76 (commissioners), in the opening words, after “sequestration” insert “where AiB is not the trustee”.
- (3) In section 77 (election, resignation and removal of commissioners), after subsection (6), insert—

“(6A) A commissioner ceases to hold office if AiB is, or becomes, the trustee.”>

**Colin Smyth**

**12** After section 5, insert—

*<Earnings arrestments*

**Earning Arrestments**

- (1) Schedule 2 of the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987 is modified as follows.
- (2) In table A (deductions from weekly earnings), for “£150.94” substitute “£230.14” wherever it appears.
- (3) In table B (deductions from monthly earnings), for “£655.83” substitute “£1,000” wherever it appears.
- (4) In table C (deductions from daily earnings), for “£21.56” substitute “£32.87” wherever it appears.>

**Section 6**

**Tom Arthur**

**13** In section 6, page 4, line 31, at end insert—

<( ) After section 73C, insert—

**“73CA Service of documents for purposes of sections 73B and 73C**

- (1) In relation to the service of documents for the purposes of sections 73B and 73C, the documents may be served on the arrestee—
  - (a) by being delivered personally to the arrestee,
  - (b) by being sent to the proper address of the arrestee—
    - (i) by a registered post service (as defined in section 125(1) of the Postal Services Act 2000), or
    - (ii) by a postal service which provides for the delivery of the document to be recorded, or
  - (c) by being transmitted to the arrestee electronically.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1)(b), the proper address of the arrestee is—
  - (a) in the case of a body corporate, the address of the registered or principal office of the body,
  - (b) in the case of a partnership, the address of the principal office of the partnership,
  - (c) in any other case, the last known address of the arrestee.
- (3) Where a document is served as mentioned in subsection (1)(b) on an address in the United Kingdom it is to be taken to have been received 48 hours after it is sent unless the contrary is shown.
- (4) For the purpose of subsection (1)(c)—

- (a) electronic transmission of a document must be effected in a way that the arrestee has indicated to the creditor or officer of court that the arrestee is willing to receive the document,
- (b) the arrestee's indication of willingness to receive a document in a particular way may be—
  - (i) specific to the document in question or generally applicable to documents of that kind,
  - (ii) expressed specifically to the creditor or officer of court or generally (for example on a website),
  - (iii) inferred from the arrestee having previously been willing to receive documents from the creditor or officer of court in that way and not having indicated unwillingness to do so again,
- (c) the creditor or officer of court's uploading of a document to an electronic storage system from which the arrestee is able to download the document may constitute electronic transmission of the document, where the arrestee is sent a notification that the document has been uploaded in that way,
- (d) a notice transmitted electronically is taken to have been received on the day of transmission unless the contrary is shown.”.>

## Section 7

### Tom Arthur

**14** In section 7, page 5, line 10, at end insert—

<( ) In section 70 (execution and intimation of copies)—

(a) for subsection (3), substitute—

“(3) An earnings arrestment schedule or a current maintenance arrestment schedule may be served on an employer—

(a) by being delivered personally to the employer,

(b) by being sent to the proper address of the employer—

(i) by a registered post service (as defined in section 125(1) of the Postal Services Act 2000), or

(ii) by a postal service which provides for the delivery of the document to be recorded, or

(c) by being transmitted to the employer electronically.

(3A) For the purpose of subsection (3)(b), the proper address of the employer is—

(a) in the case of a body corporate, the address of the registered or principal office of the body,

(b) in the case of a partnership, the address of the principal office of the partnership,

(c) in any other case, the last known address of the employer.

(3B) Where a document is served as mentioned in subsection (3)(b) on an address in the United Kingdom it is to be taken to have been received 48 hours after it is sent unless

the contrary is shown.

(3C) For the purpose of subsection (3)(c)—

- (a) electronic transmission of a document must be effected in a way that the employer has indicated to the officer of court that the employer is willing to receive the document,
- (b) the employer's indication of willingness to receive a document in a particular way may be—
  - (i) specific to the document in question or generally applicable to documents of that kind,
  - (ii) expressed specifically to the officer of court or generally (for example on a website),
  - (iii) inferred from the employer having previously been willing to receive documents from the officer of court in that way and not having indicated unwillingness to do so again,
- (c) the officer of court's uploading of a document to an electronic storage system from which the employer is able to download the document may constitute electronic transmission of the document, where the employer is sent a notification that the document has been uploaded in that way,
- (d) a notice transmitted electronically is taken to have been received on the day of transmission unless the contrary is shown.”, and

(b) for subsection (5), substitute—

“(5) Section 12(1) of the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002 applies to the service of an earnings arrestment schedule, a current maintenance arrestment schedule or a conjoined arrestment order as it applies to the execution of an attachment except where such service is by post or transmitted electronically.”.>

### After section 10

**Tom Arthur**

**15** After section 10, insert—

*<Arrestment of ships*

#### **Arrestment of ships on a Sunday**

Any rule of law that prevents the execution of an arrestment on a Sunday ceases to have effect insofar as it relates to the arrestment of ships.>

## 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)), 12 March 2024  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (77<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Finance and Public Administration)), 12 March 2024  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (17<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

### **Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 13 March 2024  
Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 6 February 2024  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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))*

### **Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)**

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

*Stage 1 report – Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 completed, 12 March 2024

*Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

### **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)**

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

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (11<sup>th</sup> 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 ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 13 March 2024

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (75<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

### **Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)**

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 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 12 March 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)), 14 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)), 13 March 2024

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (78<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

### **Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 completed, 12 March 2024

*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team*  
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### **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

## **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) (2<sup>nd</sup> Report, 2024)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (8<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

### **Automated Vehicles Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-42a**

Lodged on 29 February 2024

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 12 March 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 (15<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

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

Lodged on 14 September 2023

*Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (7<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (57<sup>th</sup> 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) (6<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (58<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

*Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27<sup>th</sup> 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) (1<sup>st</sup> Report, 2024)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13<sup>th</sup> 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) (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \(SSI 2024/60\)](#) (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 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**

[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)

[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)

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

**Subject to approval by 5 May 2024**

[Registration of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in Care Services \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (11 March 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

## Negative instruments

**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)

**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**



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[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)

[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**

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[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)

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**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)

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**Lead Committee report due by 29 April 2024**

[Scottish Social Services Council \(Appointments, Procedure and Access to the Register\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/74\)](#) (11 March 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

## Petitions

The following petition was lodged by the Parliament on 12 March 2024:

PE2089: Stop More National Parks in Scotland.

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

## New Documents

### Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 12 March 2024—

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/60) (SP Paper 544)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 18th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 12 March 2024 (SP Paper 545)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 17th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 547)

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