Monday 7 April 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

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There are no meetings today.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 2 April 2025

Tuesday 22 April 2025

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The International Situation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-17011 Douglas Lumsden: Addressing Waiting Times in NHS Grampian

Wednesday 23 April 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

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followed by Scottish Government Debate: UK Government Welfare Reforms

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-16869 Jackie Dunbar: Global Intergenerational Week 2025

Thursday 24 April 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-16978 Neil Bibby: BBC Scotland's Decision to End River City and Close its Dumbarton Studios

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Debate: Inquiry into Framework Legislation and Henry VIII Powers

followed by Business Motions

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions **5:00 pm** Decision Time

Tuesday 29 April 2025

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 30 April 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 1 May 2025

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: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*S6M-17057 Bill Kidd: Isabel Dunsmuir Retires from DRC Generations Glasgow after 23 Years—That the Parliament shows great appreciation and thanks to Isabel Dunsmuir, who is retiring from DRC Generations after 23 years at the helm; understands that Isabel has been the face and momentum of DRC Generations for its whole existence and will be sorely missed by everyone that she has worked with and assisted in the Whiteinch, Scotstoun and Yoker areas of the Glasgow Anniesland constituency; believes that Isabel's commitment to the community has been invaluable over the years; considers that one of Isabel's greatest achievements was securing the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2015; understands that she has taken part in other voluntary work, with projects in other areas, such as South Lanarkshire; notes that Isabel was on the board of West Whitlawburn Housing Association for many years and still provides support to many organisations including Brighter Baillieston, We Step Together and Touched by Suicide Scotland; understands that Isabel will continue to support DRC Generations and all of these other organisations on a voluntary basis from her home, and wishes Isabel a happy, healthy and long retirement.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jeremy Balfour*, Karen Adam*, Bob Doris*

*S6M-17053 Katy Clark: Legislative Framework on Restraint and Seclusion.—That the Parliament condemns reports of the overuse of restraint and forced injections at Skye House psychiatric unit, as covered by the BBC *Disclosure* documentary, *Kids on the Psychiatric Ward*; commends the bravery of the young people who shared their experiences with the filmmakers; recognises that the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland, and representatives of the Scottish Human Rights Commission, The Promise Scotland and the Equality and Human Rights Commission, have written an open letter to the Scottish Government, urging it to establish a unified statutory framework regulating the use of restraint and seclusion across all state care and education settings; notes reports that the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland had visited Skye House six times since 2017 and failed to recognise the abuses that were described in the documentary, and believes that provisions for the mandatory reporting of the overuse of restraint should be included in any legislative framework.

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*S6M-17050 Clare Haughey: Riley Williamson, First Aid Awards Winner —That the Parliament congratulates Riley Williamson, from Cambuslang, on being awarded the Chairman's Award at the recent Scottish First Aid Awards, which are run by St Andrew's First Aid; understands that the former Hallside Primary School pupil approached his headteacher with the idea of installing a defibrillator in the school, after learning first aid and life support skills, and then launched the "Heart of the Community" campaign while in P7; notes that throughout P7 Riley worked tirelessly to rally fellow pupils and the wider school community, attending school events and engaging with his local community, to spark conversations about the importance of first aid, the use of defibrillators and recognising the signs of a cardiac emergency; understands that Riley smashed his initial fundraising target, and raised over £2,000 to allow Hallside Primary to purchase a state-of-the-art defibrillator and a protective case, and provide a budget for future maintenance; notes that Riley is now a pupil at Cathkin High School in Cambuslang and is already planning to launch a similar campaign in his new school; commends Riley for his dedication and determination, and wishes him all the very best for his future endeavours.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Audrey Nicoll*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

<u>S6M-17071</u> Tess White: Davidson Legacy Preservation Group Saves Ancestral Davidson Family Home (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-17069 Murdo Fraser: Perth Museum Attracts More than 250,000 Visitors in its First Year (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-17067</u> Stephen Kerr: Protecting Scottish Trade from US Tariff Threats (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Alexander Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Murdo Fraser*, Paul Sweeney*, Edward Mountain*, Annie Wells*

S6M-17065 Liam Kerr: Commending Cults Library Trust (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Craig Hoy*, Karen Adam*

<u>S6M-17064</u> Martin Whitfield: East Lothian Young Musician of the Year Competition (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*, Jackie Baillie*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-17063</u> Rachael Hamilton: Free Tree Packs for Schools and Communities (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Craig Hoy*, Meghan Gallacher*, Bill Kidd*, Tess White*, Liam Kerr*, Annie Wells*, Douglas Ross*, Sandesh Gulhane*, David Torrance*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Pam Gosal*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kevin Stewart*

S6M-17062 Liam McArthur: 2025 NHS Orkney Team Orkney Awards (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Craig Hoy*, Karen Adam*, David Torrance*

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S6M-17056 Annie Wells: Celebrating Glasgow's Culinary Heritage with Taste the Place (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-17055</u> Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Performing Arts, Light the Blue (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-17054</u> Stephanie Callaghan: Held In Our Hearts Awarded Funding from National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*

<u>S6M-17052</u> Claire Baker: Congratulating Three Cupar Explorer Scouts Presented with King's Scout Award (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*, David Torrance* R

<u>S6M-17051</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: Fort William, A Vital Hub for Scotland's Tourism and Community (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-17049 Gordon MacDonald: Construction Skills for the Future (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*

<u>S6M-17048</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: Fortrose Academy Girls Crowned Winners of **Prestigious Growing Future Assets Investment Competition** (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-17047 Pam Gosal: Wishing a Happy Vaisakhi 2025 to all Sikhs in Scotland, the UK and Around the World (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Martin Whitfield*, Craig Hoy*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Alexander Stewart*, Liam McArthur*, Monica Lennon*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Tess White*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Stuart McMillan*, Bob Doris*, Kevin Stewart*

<u>S6M-17046</u> Annie Wells: Gorbals Locals to be Among the First to Experience the Revamped Citizens Theatre (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-17045 Annie Wells: Hillhead Primary School Defends its Title in National Poetry Competition (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-17044</u> Annie Wells: Immersive VR Experience at Glasgow Central Station to Tackle Sexual Harassment on Railways (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-17042</u> Annie Wells: Congratulating Govan Music Festival on a Successful Fourth Edition (lodged on 02 April 2025)

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New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-17040</u> Annie Wells: Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust Super Sundays (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-17039 Annie Wells: Race for Life Returns to Glasgow (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-17038</u> Annie Wells: Glasgow Homeless Charity Wins Top UK Health Award (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-17036</u> Annie Wells: Care Home Regional Directors Compete in Charity Cook-off (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-17035</u> Annie Wells: St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School's Achievement in the START Competition (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-17034</u> Annie Wells: Promoting Camogie in the East End of Glasgow (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-17033</u> Annie Wells: Celebrating Free Screenings and Anniversary Events at the Glasgow Film Theatre (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-17031</u> Annie Wells: Glasgow Airport FlightPath Fund to Provide £130,000 in Community Support in 2025 (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-17030</u> Annie Wells: New Modelling Tool to Help Protect Wildlife from Offshore Developments (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-17029</u> Annie Wells: City Building Supports Over 50 Charities Across Glasgow (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-17028 Annie Wells: Rosco McClelland Wins Sir Billy Connolly Spirit of Glasgow Award (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-17027 Annie Wells: Clyde Side Model Railway Club Receives £500 Donation from the Allied Vehicles Charitable Trust (lodged on 01 April 2025)

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New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-17020 James Dornan: Upholding the Gleneagles Agreement (lodged on 31 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

<u>S6M-17015</u> Alexander Stewart: Commending Police Scotland Forth Valley Clackmannanshire Schools' Drop-in Sessions (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-17012 Mark Ruskell: Congratulating Perth Parrots Floorball Club (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-17001</u> Miles Briggs: Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Awareness Month (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

<u>S6M-16996</u> Sarah Boyack: **30 Years of Edinburgh's World Heritage Status** (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*, Fergus Ewing*, Gordon MacDonald*

S6M-16995 Foysol Choudhury: Eid al-Fitr 2025 (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-16994 Jackie Dunbar: Month of the Military Child (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

<u>S6M-16992</u> Maggie Chapman: International Transgender Day of Visibility (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba*

<u>S6M-16990</u> Ruth Maguire: Glasgow Kiltwalk Fundraiser in Memory of Ava Nelson (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-16989</u> Carol Mochan: Dalmellington Primary School Participation in VoiceBox Awards **2025** (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-16982</u> Karen Adam: Outstanding Community Effort (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-16978</u> Neil Bibby: BBC Scotland's Decision to End River City and Close its Dumbarton Studios (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: James Dornan*, Claire Baker*, Kevin Stewart*

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<u>S6M-16964</u> Brian Whittle: DART Completes the Corner Clear Up with a Mural of Sir Alexander Fleming (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-16959</u> Monica Lennon: Public Health Scotland's Scottish Burden of Disease Study Report on the Future Prevalence and Burden of Chronic Liver Disease (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

<u>S6M-16948</u> Alex Rowley: Children in Palestine Deserve the Chance to Live (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Gordon MacDonald*, Mercedes Villalba*

S6M-16898 Gordon MacDonald: Ratho Community Champions (lodged on 31 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

<u>S6M-16867</u> Clare Adamson: St Aidan's Primary School Awarded 10th Green Flag (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-16850</u> Kenneth Gibson: Isle of Arran Music School Celebrates Pipe Band Victory (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-16835</u> Patrick Harvie: Congratulating Women on Wheels and Sunny Cycles on their Inaugural Ride Bright for International Women's Day (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 04 April 2025

<u>S6W-36154</u> **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government whether Police Scotland could reopen a concluded investigation if additional evidence became available, or it was instructed to do so by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, and, if this is the case, under what circumstances this could occur.

<u>S6W-36155</u> **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government what role the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service has in directing Police Scotland regarding the continuation or conclusion of criminal inquiries.

<u>S6W-36157</u> **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service has the ability to reopen inquiries or initiate proceedings if additional evidence arises after Police Scotland has announced the conclusion of an investigation.

<u>S6W-36304</u> **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its fisheries management strategy delivery plan update 2025, how it anticipates that creating separate fisheries management and conservation (FMAC) groups for the fishing industry and other stakeholders will deliver on the principle of co-management.

<u>S6W-36306</u> **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, since the beginning of 2022, how many meetings it has held with representatives of (a) environmental and conservation organisations and (b) the fishing industry to discuss Marine Protected Areas.

<u>S6W-36544</u> **Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is, in light of reports that native oyster numbers within the Loch Sween Marine Protected Area have significantly declined.

<u>S6W-36545</u> **Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what actions are being considered to address any unregulated gathering of native oysters in Marine Protected Areas, in light of recent reports of functional extinction of native oysters.

<u>S6W-36546</u> **Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NatureScot regarding maintaining and growing native oyster populations in Marine Protected Areas, and what actions are being considered.

<u>S6W-36547</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how much has been spent on developing and piloting the NHS Scotland digital front door app.

<u>S6W-36548</u> **Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government which sheriff courts have closed in each of the last 10 years.

<u>S6W-36549</u> Sharon Dowey: To ask the Scottish Government how much has been spent by each public inquiry in each of the last 10 years, broken down by the type of cost incurred, including the salary of the chairperson.

<u>S6W-36556</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has given to Food and Drink Scotland in each of the last five years, and for what purpose.

<u>S6W-36557</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether local authorities can access funding from its flood protection schemes for areas that SEPA have not designated as potentially vulnerable and, if so, how they can do so.

<u>S6W-36558</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it has issued regarding the use of AI in schools.

<u>S6W-36559</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had regarding the use of Al in schools.

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<u>S6W-36560</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding any fiscal risks posed by expanding the cost of devolved benefits.

<u>S6W-36561</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the reported suggestion by the Fraser of Allander Institute that a more stringent approach to benefit payments is necessary to protect public finances.

<u>S6W-36562</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will fund the projected increase in social security expenditure without raising taxes or making reductions to other public services.

<u>S6W-36563</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has powers to instruct SEPA to (a) review and (b) revise land that it categorises as potentially vulnerable to flooding and, if so, whether it can provide details of these powers.

<u>S6W-36564</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how often SEPA reviews the areas that it designates as potentially vulnerable to flooding, and whether it can provide details of these reviews.

<u>S6W-36565</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what accountability mechanisms are in place for ministers when NHS performance targets are missed.

<u>S6W-36566</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason there is reportedly low public satisfaction with NHS dental services, and what action it is taking to address this.

<u>S6W-36567</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with NHS (a) boards, (b) frontline staff and (c) patients regarding the latest satisfaction survey.

<u>S6W-36568</u> **Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that people across Scotland are able to exercise their legal rights to (a) assembly, (b) demonstrate and (c) peacefully protest, without fear of undue harassment or victimisation by law enforcement.

<u>S6W-36569</u> Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Israeli parliament's reported decision to ban the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) from operating inside Israel coming into effect on 30 January 2025, what plans it has to provide funding for UNRWA in 2025-26.

<u>S6W-36570</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to (a) promote and (b) invest in alternatives to assisted dying, including hospice and end-of-life care.

<u>S6W-36573</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with legal experts regarding any (a) constitutional and (b) ethical implications of the Assisted Dying for Terminally III Adults (Scotland) Bill.

<u>S6W-36574</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that any consideration of assisted dying legislation does not erode protections for life-affirming palliative care services.

<u>S6W-36575</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many children and young people have been placed in temporary accommodation in each year since 1999.

<u>S6W-36577</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many children and young people have been placed in hotels and guest houses under temporary accommodation measures in each year since 1999, broken down by local authority area.

<u>S6W-36578</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many children and young people have been placed in temporary accommodation in the City of Edinburgh Council area in each year since 1999, also given as the percentage of the national number that this represents.

<u>S6W-36579</u> **Miles Briggs**: To ask the Scottish Government how many health visitors have been employed in each local authority area in each year since 1999.

<u>S6W-36580</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many in-person visits have been undertaken by health visitors in each local authority area in each year since 1999.

<u>S6W-36581</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many phone call appointments have been undertaken by health visitors in each local authority area in each year since 1999.

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<u>S6W-36582</u> Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many care-experienced people have (a) requested and (b) received independent advocacy in each local authority area in each year since 1999.

<u>S6W-36584</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) primary and (b) secondary schools have been in (i) red and (ii) amber warning levels for potential violence from pupils in each local authority area in each year since 1999.

<u>S6W-36585</u> Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many international students have accessed child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) in each NHS board area in each year since 1999.

<u>S6W-36586</u> **Miles Briggs**: To ask the Scottish Government how many international students have been treated at A&E in each NHS board area in each year since 1999.

<u>S6W-36587</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many international students have accessed GP services in each NHS board area in each year since 1999.

<u>S6W-36588</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many young people have been removed from child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) waiting lists in each NHS board area in each year since 1999.

<u>S6W-36589</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many children and young people have been reported missing in each local authority area in each year since 1999.

<u>S6W-36590</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many children and young people have been reported as running away from home in each local authority area in each year since 1999.

<u>S6W-36591</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to implement a presumption against children moving schools when they are placed in temporary accommodation.

<u>S6W-36593</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what (a) subscription and (b) other associated costs it has paid in each of the last five years for the provision of (i) Microsoft Teams, (ii) Zoom and (iii) other videoconferencing software.

<u>S6W-36594</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what hardware costs it has paid in each of the last five years for the provision of virtual meetings for its staff.

<u>S6W-36595</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has carried out an impact assessment on rent affordability, in light of any additional costs associated with greener heating compliance.

<u>S6W-36596</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations' reported claim of a £10 billion funding shortfall for decarbonising social housing.

<u>S6W-36597</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers the level of funding for the Social Housing Net Zero Heat Fund to be adequate to meet its stated targets.

<u>S6W-36598</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential financial burden on (a) housing associations and (b) social landlords in meeting their decarbonisation requirements.

<u>S6W-36599</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will support social housing providers in complying with greener heat regulations that they find unaffordable.

<u>S6W-36600</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what the total cost will be of meeting its net zero target for social housing, and how it will finance this.

<u>S6W-36601</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish a breakdown of funding (a) allocated and (b) spent each year by the Social Housing Net Zero Heat Fund.

<u>S6W-36602</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the provision of additional financial support for housing decarbonisation.

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<u>S6W-36604</u> Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government what costs have been incurred by the R100 broadband upgrade programme in the (a) Dumfries and Galloway and (b) Scottish Borders local authority area, and what assessment it has made of potential further R100 spend in this area.

<u>S6W-36605</u> Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government how many P1-5 pupils in the (a) Dumfries and Galloway and (b) Scottish Borders local authority area are eligible for universal free school meals.

<u>S6W-36606</u> Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on the amount saved by (a) visitors, (b) patients and (c) staff in the NHS (i) Dumfries and Galloway and (ii) Borders area since the abolition of car parking charges at NHS premises in 2008. **R**<u>S6W-36607</u> Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government what costs have been incurred through the discretionary housing payments that were aimed at mitigating the so-called bedroom tax in the (a) Dumfries and Galloway and (b) Scottish Borders local authority area since 2013. <u>S6W-36608</u> Sharon Dowey: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the publication in January 2025 of the paper, *Scottish Government Response to the Report by the Independent Expert Group for the Unlocking the Value of Data Programme*, whether it will provide an update on the progress with the Proof of Concept project.

<u>S6W-36609</u> Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-32778 by Ivan McKee on 7 January 2025, what the cost would have been in each year since 2016-17 of bringing the Higher Property Rate into line with that in England, broken down by industry sector.

<u>S6W-36610</u> **Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what data it collects regarding the level of abandoned drug paraphernalia in the vicinity of the Thistle safer drug consumption facility. <u>S6W-36611</u> **Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what role the Thistle safer drug consumption facility plays in providing information to Police Scotland about contaminated drugs.

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Section 1

Paul McLennan

278 In section 1, page 1, line 22, leave out <30 November 2026> and insert <31 May 2027>

Section 6

Paul McLennan

- 279 In section 6, page 5, line 13, at end insert—
 - <() The requirement to consult under subsection (3) may be met by consultation carried out before this section comes into force.>

Section 7

Paul McLennan

- 280 In section 7, page 5, line 35, at end insert—
 - <() The requirement to consult under subsection (3) may be met by consultation carried out before this section comes into force.>

Section 9

Paul McLennan

281 In section 9, page 6, line 28, leave out subsection (3)

Paul McLennan

282 In section 9, page 6, line 37, leave out <a period of 5 years from> and insert <the period of 5 years beginning with>

Paul McLennan

283 In section 9, page 7, line 1, leave out subsection (5)

Section 10

Paul McLennan

284 In section 10, page 7, leave out lines 14 to 17

Paul McLennan

285 In section 10, page 7, line 26, leave out from <and> to end of line 28

Paul McLennan

286 In section 10, page 7, line 34, leave out subsection (4)

Section 11

Paul McLennan

In section 11, page 8, line 2, leave out from operation> to end of line 3 and insert designation and size of each rent control area designated by existing regulations under section 9(1).>

Paul McLennan

In section 11, page 8, line 4, leave out from first <a> to proportionate> in line 6 and insert <it is no longer necessary or proportionate to designate all or part of a rent control area as such>

Paul McLennan

- In section 11, page 8, line 8, leave out <vary or revoke the regulations as they consider appropriate> and insert <—
 - () revoke the existing regulations, or
 - () vary the existing regulations to reduce the size of the rent control area as they consider appropriate>

Section 12

Paul McLennan

290 In section 12, page 8, line 10, leave out from <amend> to end of line 12 and insert < reduce the size of a rent control area designated by regulations under section 9(1).>

Paul McLennan

- In section 12, page 8, line 14, leave out from <amendment> to end of line 18 and insert <variation, the Scottish Ministers must—
 - () consult—
 - (i) the local authority within whose area the rent control area is situated,
 - (ii) persons who appear to them to represent the interests of tenants and landlords under relevant tenancies of properties in the rent control area, and
 - () allow a period of not less than 8 weeks for any representations to be made in response to the consultation.>

Paul McLennan

292 In section 12, page 8, line 19, leave out subsection (3)

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In section 12, page 8, line 30, leave out from <regulations> to <area> in line 32 and insert <size of the rent control area should be reduced>

Section 14

Paul McLennan

294 In section 14, page 9, line 18, leave out <of a specified property>

Paul McLennan

295 In section 14, page 9, line 18, after <tenancy> insert <of a specified property in a rent control area>

Paul McLennan

296 In section 14, page 9, line 20, leave out from <an> to end of line 22 and insert <more than the permitted rate,>

Paul McLennan

In section 14, page 9, line 23, leave out from <an> to end of line 25 and insert <more than the permitted rate,>

Paul McLennan

298 In section 14, page 9, line 26, leave out <, "a specified property"> and insert <—
"permitted rate" has the meaning given by section 43CA of the 2016 Act,

"specified property">

Paul McLennan

- - () that is not an exempt property (within the meaning given by regulations under section 17C(1) of the 2016 Act), and
 - () that is>

Paul McLennan

300 In section 14, page 9, line 27, leave out <that subsection> and insert <subsection (1)>

Paul McLennan

- 301 In section 14, page 10, line 3, at end insert—
 - <() In this section, references to increases in the rent payable under a private residential tenancy include references to—
 - (a) setting the initial rent under the tenancy (within the meaning of section 43E of the 2016 Act), and

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(b) increasing the rent payable under the tenancy following a rent-increase notice (within the meaning of section 43J(1) of the 2016 Act).>

Paul McLennan

- 302 In section 14, page 10, line 8, at end insert—
 - <() The requirement to consult under subsection (5)(a) may be met by consultation carried out before this section comes into force.>

Section 15

Paul McLennan

- 303 In section 15, page 10, line 11, leave out subsection (1) and insert—
 - <(1) A local authority may request the information mentioned in subsection (2), in relation to any house for which information is included in a person's entry in the authority's landlord register, from—
 - (a) the person whose entry in the register includes information in relation to the house, or
 - (b) any other person acting as landlord under a tenancy or occupancy arrangement granted by that person to which the house (or part of it) is subject.>

Paul McLennan

- 304 In section 15, page 10, line 13, at end insert—
 - <(1A) The Scottish Ministers may request the information mentioned in subsection (2), in relation to any house for which information is included in a person's entry in the landlord register of any local authority, from—
 - (a) the person whose entry in the register includes information in relation to the house, or
 - (b) any other person acting as landlord under a tenancy or occupancy arrangement granted by that person to which the house (or part of it) is subject.>

Paul McLennan

In section 15, page 10, line 14, leave out from <subsection> to <subsection> in line 15 and insert <subsections (1) and (1A), in relation to any house (or part of the house) mentioned in either of those subsections>

Paul McLennan

In section 15, page 10, line 17, leave out <agreement to which the house > and insert <arrangement to which the house (or part of it)>

Paul McLennan

In section 15, page 10, line 19, leave out <of rent payable under any > and insert <and frequency of rent payable under any relevant>

Paul McLennan

308 In section 15, page 10, line 19, after <house> insert <(or part of it)>

Paul McLennan

- 309 In section 15, page 10, line 19, at end insert—
 - <() whether the rent payable includes payment of any costs associated with the house and, if it does, the amount of each such cost and the matter to which it relates,>

Paul McLennan

- 310 In section 15, page 10, leave out lines 20 and 21 and insert—
 - <() in relation to the most recent increase in the rent payable under any relevant tenancy to which the house (or part of it) is subject—
 - (i) the date of the rent increase, and
 - (ii) the amount and frequency of the rent payable under the tenancy immediately before the rent increase took effect,>

Paul McLennan

In section 15, page 10, line 22, leave out from <including> to end of line 23 and insert <(or where the tenancy or occupancy arrangement relates to part of the house, the size of that part of the house) including—

()	the number of	of each of	the following	ng rooms in	the house	(or part of it)—
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- (A) bedrooms,
- (B) public rooms,
- (C) kitchens,
- (D) bathrooms,
- (E) other rooms,
- () the number of storeys in the house (or part of it), and
- () the floor area of the house (or part of it),>

Paul McLennan

- 312 In section 15, page 10, line 23, at end insert—
 - <() whether the house (or part of it) is fully furnished, partially furnished or unfurnished by the landlord and, if it is partially furnished, a brief description of the furnishings provided by the landlord,>

Paul McLennan

- 313 In section 15, page 10, line 25, at end insert—
 - <() whether the house (or part of it) is subject to a tenancy or occupancy arrangement granted by a person other than the person entered in the relevant landlord register and, if it is, the name and address of, and other contact information for, the person acting as landlord under the tenancy or occupancy arrangement.>

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- 314 In section 15, page 10, line 25, at end insert—
 - <(2A) A local authority or the Scottish Ministers may not exercise the power under subsection (1) or (1A) (as the case may be) more than once in a 12 month period in respect of the same person in relation to the same information about the same house (or the same part of a house that is subject to more than one tenancy or occupancy arrangement).>

Paul McLennan

In section 15, page 10, line 26, leave out from <may> to end of line 28 and insert <or the Scottish Ministers may request the information mentioned in subsection (2) in relation to a house mentioned in subsection (1) or (1A) (as the case may be) from a person with a right to use the house (or part of it) under a tenancy or occupancy arrangement.>

Paul McLennan

- 316 In section 15, page 10, line 29, leave out <for the purpose of—> and insert <—
 - (a) for the purpose of—

(i)>

Paul McLennan

- 317 In section 15, page 10, line 33, at end insert—
 - <() subject to subsection (2A) and any guidance under subsection (5), at such times and intervals as it considers appropriate.>

Paul McLennan

- 318 In section 15, page 10, line 33, at end insert—
 - < The power conferred by subsection (1A) or (3) may be exercised by the Scottish Ministers—
 - (a) for the purpose of or in connection with—
 - (i) enabling or assisting the exercise of any of their functions under this Chapter,
 - (ii) assisting a local authority in the exercise of any of its functions under this Chapter,
 - (b) subject to subsection (2A), at such times and intervals as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.>

Paul McLennan

319 In section 15, page 11, line 2, at end insert—

<"occupancy arrangement" has the meaning given by section 101(1) of that Act,

"relevant tenancy" has the meaning given by section 1(5) of that Act,

"tenancy" includes a sub-tenancy.>

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320 In section 15, page 11, line 4, after <authority> insert <or by them>

Paul McLennan

321 In section 15, page 11, line 5, after <(1)> insert <or (1A) (as the case may be)>

Paul McLennan

- 322 In section 15, page 11, line 6, at end insert—
 - <(7A) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify this section so as to add or remove descriptions of persons from whom information may be sought by local authorities or the Scottish Ministers under subsection (1) or (1A) (as the case may be).>

After section 15

Paul McLennan

323 After section 15, insert—

<Information sharing and cooperation between local authorities and the Scottish Ministers</p>

- (1) A local authority may share any information obtained by it under any provision of this Chapter with—
 - (a) the Scottish Ministers for the purpose of or in connection with—
 - (i) assisting the Scottish Ministers in the exercise of any of their functions under this Chapter, or
 - (ii) enabling or assisting the local authority in the exercise of any of its own functions under this Chapter, or
 - (b) another local authority for the purpose of or in connection with—
 - (i) assisting the other local authority in the exercise of any of its functions under this Chapter, or
 - (ii) enabling or assisting the local authority in the exercise of any of its own functions under this Chapter.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may share any information obtained by them under any provision of this Chapter with a local authority for the purpose of or in connection with—
 - (a) assisting the local authority in the exercise of any of its functions under this Chapter, or
 - (b) enabling or assisting the Scottish Ministers in the exercise of any of their own functions under this Chapter.
- (3) In this section, references to sharing information obtained by a person under any provision of this Chapter include references to sharing information so obtained that has been collated, analysed or otherwise processed by (or on behalf of) the person.
- (4) In exercising their powers under section 15(1) or (1A), local authorities and the Scottish Ministers must cooperate with each other to seek to ensure that so far as possible they collectively do not make a request more than once in a 12 month period for the same information from the same person about the same house (or the same part of a house for which there is more than one tenancy or occupancy arrangement).>

Section 16

Paul McLennan

324 Leave out section 16 and insert—

<16A Information holder's failure to provide information sought

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) a requester issues a request for information to a person ("the information holder") under section 15(1) or (1A) (as the case may be), and
 - (b) the information holder fails to provide all of the information within the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the information holder received the request (in this section, the information that has not been so provided by the information holder is referred to as "the outstanding information").
- (2) The requester may give notice in writing to the information holder of its intention to apply to the First-tier Tribunal for an order under subsection (6) unless the requester is satisfied that the information holder has provided all of the outstanding information to the relevant person during the relevant period.
- (3) The requester may apply to the First-tier Tribunal for an order under subsection (6) only if it has given notice under subsection (2) to the information holder and either—
 - (a) the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the information holder received the notice has ended and the information holder has not notified the requester in writing that the information holder has provided all of the outstanding information to the relevant person during the relevant period, or
 - (b) the information holder has notified the requester in writing within that 28 day period that the information holder has provided all of the outstanding information to the relevant person during the relevant period and the requester, having carried out a review and considered any written representations made by or on behalf of the information holder, is satisfied—
 - (i) on the conclusion of the review, that the information holder—
 - (A) has failed to provide it with any of the outstanding information, and
 - (B) has not provided this information to the relevant person during the relevant period, and
 - (ii) that the information holder does not have a reasonable excuse for the failure.
- (4) But the requester may not apply to the First-tier Tribunal for an order under subsection (6) after the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which the information holder received the request from the requester under section 15(1) or (1A).
- (5) Where an application is made by the requester under subsection (3), the First-tier Tribunal may make an order under subsection (6) if—
 - (a) at the time the First-tier Tribunal receives the application, the information holder—
 - (i) has failed to provide the requester with any of the outstanding information, and
 - (ii) has not provided this information to the relevant person during the relevant period, and
 - (b) the First-tier Tribunal is satisfied that the information holder does not have a reasonable excuse for the failure.

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(6) An order under this subsection is one requiring the information holder to pay the requester an amount not exceeding £1,000.

- (7) In making an order under subsection (6), the First-tier Tribunal may, if it considers it to be appropriate, also order the information holder to provide any of the outstanding information to the requester.
- (8) In giving notice under subsection (2), a local authority must have regard to any guidance given by the Scottish Ministers about the form and content of such notices.
- (9) In this section—

"relevant period", in relation to the request made by the requester, means the period of 12 months ending with the day on which the information holder received the request,

"relevant person"—

- (a) where the requester is a local authority, means the Scottish Ministers,
- (b) where the requester is the Scottish Ministers, means the local authority for the area in which the house that is the subject of the requester's request is situated,

"requester" means-

- (a) in the case of a request under section 15(1), the local authority that made the request,
- (b) in the case of a request under section 15(1A), the Scottish Ministers.>

Section 17

Paul McLennan

325 Leave out section 17 and insert—

<Information holder's provision of false information</p>

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) a requester issues a request for information to a person ("the information holder") under section 15(1) or (1A) (as the case may be), and
 - (b) the information holder provided information in response to the request which the requester considers must have been known by the information holder to be false in a material way.
- (2) The requester may give notice in writing to the information holder of its intention to apply to the First-tier Tribunal for an order under subsection (6).
- (3) The requester may apply to the First-tier Tribunal for an order under subsection (6) only if it has given notice under subsection (2) to the information holder and either—
 - (a) the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the information holder received the notice has ended and the information holder has not made a request in writing to the requester during that period that the requester carry out a review of its intention to apply to the First-tier Tribunal, or
 - (b) the information holder made a request in writing for such a review by the requester within that period and the requester, having carried out the review and considered any written representations made by or on behalf of the information holder, is satisfied that the information holder provided information in response to its request under section 15(1) or (1A) that the information holder must have known to be false in a material way.
- (4) But a requester may not apply to the First-tier Tribunal for an order under subsection (6) after

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the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which the information holder received the request from the requester under section 15(1) or (1A).

- (5) Where an application is made by a requester under subsection (3) following a request for information made to an information holder under section 15(1) or (1A), the First-tier Tribunal may make an order under subsection (6) if it is satisfied that the information holder, in purporting to comply with the request, provided information to the requester that the information holder must have known to be false in a material way.
- (6) An order under this subsection is one requiring the information holder to pay the requester an amount not exceeding £1,000.
- (7) In giving notice under subsection (2), a local authority must have regard to any guidance given by the Scottish Ministers about the form and content of such notices.
- (8) In this section, "requester" has the meaning given by section 16A.>

After section 17

Paul McLennan

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After section 17, insert—

<Scottish Ministers' request for landlord information from local authorities

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may request from a local authority—
 - (a) the name and address of, and other contact information for, each person who is entered in the authority's landlord register ("a registered person"),
 - (b) the name and address of, and other contact information for, any other person who is included in a registered person's entry in the authority's landlord register,
 - (c) the address of each house that is entered in each registered person's entry in the authority's landlord register, and
 - (d) the name, address and letting agent registration number (if any) of a letting agent of a registered person.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may exercise the power under subsection (1) for the purpose of or in connection with—
 - (a) enabling or assisting the exercise of any of their functions under this Chapter,
 - (b) assisting a local authority in the exercise of any of its functions under this Chapter.
- (3) A local authority must provide the information requested by the Scottish Ministers under subsection (1) by no later than the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the local authority received the request.
- (4) In subsection (1)—
 - "house" is to be construed in accordance with section 101 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004,
 - "landlord register", in relation to a local authority, means the register prepared and maintained by the local authority for the purpose of Part 8 of that Act,
 - "letting agent", in relation to a registered person, means a person who is specified in the registered person's entry in the landlord register of a local authority as acting for the registered person in relation to a lease or occupancy arrangement to which a house

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included in that entry is subject,

"letting agent registration number", in relation to a letting agent, means the number allocated to the letting agent under section 36(1) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014.>

Section 18

Paul McLennan

In section 18, page 12, line 32, leave out <On or in anticipation of the expiry> and insert <In connection with the expiry or revocation>

After section 18

Paul McLennan

328 After section 18, insert—

<Scottish Ministers: information and research

Scottish Ministers: information and research

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, for the purpose of or in connection with the matters mentioned in subsection (2)—
 - (a) conduct research and inquiries,
 - (b) publish statistics or other information in connection with the information obtained by them under any provision of this Chapter,
 - (c) encourage or assist other persons to do any of the things mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b).
- (2) The matters are—
 - (a) enabling or assisting the exercise of any of their functions under this Chapter,
 - (b) assisting the exercise of any of the functions of a local authority under this Chapter.>

Section 19

Paul McLennan

- 329 In section 19, page 13, line 15, at end insert—
 - <() The title of Part 4 (rent) becomes "Rent: properties not in a rent control area (or properties that are exempt properties)".
 - () After the title of Chapter 1 of Part 4 but before the italic heading ("Restrictions on rent increases") insert—

"Application of this Part

17B Application of this Part

- (1) This Part applies in relation to a private residential tenancy of a property that—
 - (a) is not in a rent control area, or
 - (b) is in a rent control area but is an exempt property.

(2) In this Part, "exempt property" has the meaning given by regulations under section 17C(1).

17C Meaning of "exempt property"

- (1) For the purpose of this Part and Part 4A, the Scottish Ministers may by regulations define what is an exempt property.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may define a property as an exempt property by reference to such matters (or a combination of matters) as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate including, in particular—
 - (a) a description of the circumstances relating to the landlord of the property,
 - (b) a description of the circumstances relating to the tenant of the property,
 - (c) a description of the property according to its type.
- (3) Before laying a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers—
 - (a) must consult persons who appear to them to represent the interests of tenants and landlords, and
 - (b) may consult any other person they consider appropriate.
- (4) The requirement to consult under subsection (3)(a) may be met by consultation carried out before this section takes effect.".>

Paul McLennan

330 In section 19, page 13, line 18, leave out <excluded> and insert <exempt>

Paul McLennan

- 331 In section 19, page 13, line 26, leave out from <for> to end of line 27 and insert—
 - <(2) In this Part, "exempt property" has the meaning given by regulations under section 17C(1).>

Paul McLennan

332 In section 19, page 14, line 33, at end insert—

<43CA Meaning of "permitted rate"

- (1) In this Part, the "permitted rate" means the lower of—
 - (a) CPI% plus one percentage point (but see subsection (3)), and
 - (b) 6%.
- (2) In this section—

"consumer prices index" means—

- (a) the all items consumer prices index published by the Statistics Board, or
- (b) if that index is not published for a month, any substituted index or figures

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published by the Board,

"CPI%" means the percentage increase or decrease (rounded to the nearest 0.1%) in the consumer prices index, calculated by reference only to—

- (a) the latest index, and
- (b) the index published for the month which was 12 months before that to which the latest index relates,

"the latest index"—

- (a) in a case of setting the initial rent under the current tenancy, means the last index published before the day on which the tenancy starts,
- (b) in a case of a rent-increase notice, means the last index published before the day on which the notice is given to the tenant.
- (3) If the total percentage determined under subsection (1)(a) is less than 0%, it is to be treated instead as if it were 0%.

43CB Meaning of "permitted rate": further provision

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify section 43CA to substitute a different economic index for the one for the time being mentioned there.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify section 43CA to—
 - (a) substitute a different percentage point for the one for the time being specified in subsection (1)(a) of that section,
 - (b) substitute a different percentage for the one for the time being specified in subsection (1)(b) of that section.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may make regulations under subsection (2) only if they consider that the modification is necessary to ensure that restrictions imposed by this Part on the rent payable under private residential tenancies of properties in a rent control area (other than exempt properties) are—
 - (a) necessary and proportionate for the purpose of protecting the social and economic interests of tenants in the area, and
 - (b) a necessary and proportionate control of landlords' use of their property in the area.
- (4) Before laying a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1) or (2) before the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Ministers—
 - (a) must consult persons who appear to them to represent the interests of tenants and landlords, and
 - (b) may consult any other person they consider appropriate.>

Paul McLennan

333 In section 19, page 15, leave out lines 3 to 6

Paul McLennan

In section 19, page 15, line 25, leave out <amount for the area in which the property is situated> and insert <rate>

Paul McLennan

In section 19, page 16, line 33, leave out <amount for the area in which the let property is situated> and insert <rate>

Paul McLennan

In section 19, page 17, line 26, leave out from <of> to end of line 27 and insert <if the permitted rate is 0%.>

Paul McLennan

In section 19, page 17, line 33, leave out <amount for the area in which the let property is situated> and insert <rate>

Paul McLennan

338 In section 19, page 18, line 5, leave out <amount for the area in which the let property is situated> and insert <rate>

Paul McLennan

In section 19, page 18, line 12, leave out <amount for the area is zero (or equivalent to zero)> and insert <rate is 0%>

Paul McLennan

340 In section 19, page 18, line 17, leave out <amount for the area in which the let property is situated> and insert <rate>

Paul McLennan

341 In section 19, page 18, line 31, leave out <amount for the area in which the let property is situated> and insert <rate>

Paul McLennan

342 In section 19, page 18, line 35, leave out <amount for the area in which the let property is situated> and insert <rate>

Paul McLennan

343 In section 19, page 19, line 1, leave out <amount for the area in which the let property is situated> and insert <rate>

Paul McLennan

In section 19, page 19, line 3, leave out <amount for the area is zero (or equivalent to zero)> and insert <rate is 0%>

Paul McLennan

345 In section 19, page 19, line 8, leave out <amount for the area in which the let property is situated> and

insert <rate>

Paul McLennan

In section 19, page 20, line 17, leave out <amount for the area in which the let property is situated> and insert <rate>

Paul McLennan

In section 19, page 20, line 21, leave out <amount for the area in which the let property is situated> and insert <rate>

Paul McLennan

348 In section 19, page 20, line 27, leave out <amount for the area in which the let property is situated> and insert <rate>

Paul McLennan

349 In section 19, page 20, line 32, leave out <amount for the area in which the let property is situated> and insert <rate>

Paul McLennan

350 In section 19, page 22, line 17, leave out <amount for the area in which the let property is situated> and insert <rate>

Paul McLennan

351 In section 19, page 22, line 35, leave out <amount for the area in which the let property is situated> and insert <rate>

Paul McLennan

In section 19, page 22, line 38, leave out <amount for the area in which the let property is situated> and insert <rate>

Paul McLennan

353 In section 19, page 24, line 23, leave out <amount for the area in which the let property is situated> and insert <rate>

Section 20

Paul McLennan

In section 20, page 25, line 10, leave out <("the advertised property") in a rent control area> and insert <that is not an exempt property in a rent control area ("the advertised property")>

Paul McLennan

355 In section 20, page 25, leave out lines 19 and 20 and insert—

<(ia) whether there was a relevant rent increase during the period of 12 months before

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the date on which the advertisement of the advertised property is published,

(ib) if there was such an increase, the date on which the most recent increase took effect,>

Paul McLennan

356 In section 20, page 25, line 22, after <tenancy> insert <(but see also subsection (2A))>

Paul McLennan

- 357 In section 20, page 25, line 27, at end insert—
 - <(2A) The information about the rent that the prospective landlord proposes to be payable under the tenancy (which must be included in the advertisement under subsection (2)(a)(iii)) must also mention that this proposed rent may change according to any variation in the consumer prices index before the start of any tenancy (in accordance with section 43E).>

Paul McLennan

358 In section 20, page 25, line 36, leave out <advertisement of the advertised property> and insert <date on which the advertisement of the advertised property is published>

Paul McLennan

359 In section 20, page 26, line 14, at end insert—

<"assured tenancy" means an assured tenancy under the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988.

"consumer prices index" means—

- (a) the all items consumer prices index published by the Statistics Board, or
- (b) if that index is not published for a month, any substituted index or figures published by the Board,

"exempt property" has the meaning given by regulations under section 17C(1),

"relevant rent increase", in relation to the advertised property, means—

- (a) an increase in the amount payable in rent under a private residential tenancy or an assured tenancy of a property that is the same or substantially the same as the advertised property ("a relevant tenancy"),
- (b) a setting of the amount payable in rent at the start of a relevant tenancy ("tenancy A") if—
 - (i) that amount exceeded the amount payable in rent at the end of the relevant tenancy immediately preceding tenancy A ("tenancy B"),
 - (ii) tenancy B ended no more than 12 months before the start of tenancy A, and
 - (iii) tenancy A was not the first private residential tenancy or assured tenancy of the property granted by the landlord under the tenancy following the landlord's purchase of the property with vacant possession.>

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- 360 In section 20, page 26, line 14, at end insert—
 - <(7) For the purpose of this section, whether property let (or to be let) under a tenancy is the same or substantially the same as property let under an earlier tenancy is to be determined with reference to a comparison between the description of each property in the terms applying to each tenancy.>

Paul McLennan

361 Move section 20 to before section 19

Section 28

Paul McLennan

362 In section 28, page 33, line 5, leave out <months' rent> and insert <times the relevant sum>

Paul McLennan

363 In section 28, page 33, line 6, leave out <months' rent> and insert <times the relevant sum>

Paul McLennan

364 In section 28, page 33, line 11, leave out <months' rent> and insert <times the relevant sum>

Paul McLennan

365 In section 28, page 33, line 17, leave out <months' rent> and insert <times the relevant sum>

Paul McLennan

366 In section 28, page 33, line 21, after < section > insert <—

"relevant sum", in relation to the premises in question, means—

- (a) the amount of one month's rent, or
- (b) £840 if that is a higher amount,>

Paul McLennan

367 In section 28, page 33, line 22, after <amount> insert <(if any)>

Paul McLennan

- 368 In section 28, page 33, line 28, at end insert—
 - <(4A) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify the definition of "relevant sum" in subsection (4) so as to substitute a different amount for the one for the time being specified in paragraph (b) of the definition.
 - (4B) Regulations under subsection (4A) are subject to the affirmative procedure.".>

After section 28

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369 After section 28, insert—

< Payments for wrongful termination

Payments for wrongful termination

- (1) The 2016 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 59 (wrongful-termination order)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), for "not exceeding six months' rent" substitute "determined by the First-tier Tribunal in accordance with subsections (1A) and (1B)",
 - (b) after subsection (1) insert—
 - "(1A) The amount that the First-tier Tribunal may determine as payable is to be an amount that is—
 - (a) not less than 3 times the relevant sum, and
 - (b) not more than 36 times the relevant sum,

taking into account the manner of the wrongful termination and the impact that it has had on the person who made the application for the wrongful-termination order.

- (1B) But the First-tier Tribunal may reduce the amount that would otherwise be payable under subsection (1A), including to an amount lower than 3 times the relevant sum, if it considers it appropriate to do so having regard to all the circumstances of the case.",
- (c) in subsection (3)(b), for "six months' rent" substitute "36 times the relevant sum",
- (d) in subsection (4), for "subsections (1) and (3)(b)," substitute "this section—

"relevant sum" means—

- (a) the amount of one month's rent payable under the tenancy, or
- (b) £840 if that is a higher amount,",
- (e) after subsection (4) insert—
- "(5) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify the definition of "relevant sum" in subsection (4) so as to substitute a different amount for the one for the time being specified in paragraph (b) of the definition.".>

Section 29

Paul McLennan

370 In section 29, page 36, line 28, leave out <of>

Section 31

Paul McLennan

371 In section 31, page 45, line 6, leave out <in relation to their rights as tenants> and insert <(or potential new tenants) about their rights>

Paul McLennan

372 In section 31, page 45, line 8, leave out <the interests of such tenants > insert <their interests >

Paul McLennan

373 In section 31, page 45, line 10, at end insert <or>

Paul McLennan

374 In section 31, page 45, leave out lines 20 to 30

Paul McLennan

375 In section 31, page 45, line 31, after <subsection (1)> insert <----

Paul McLennan

376 In section 31, page 45, line 36, at end insert <or>

Paul McLennan

- 377 In section 31, page 45, line 37, at end insert—
 - <() a reference to potential new tenants is a reference to any person who may become a tenant under—
 - (i) a private residential tenancy under the 2016 Act, or
 - (ii) a student residential tenancy.>

Section 38

Paul McLennan

In section 38, page 50, line 6, after <months> insert <(the "minimum period of pre-notice"), but no more than 3 months (the "maximum period of pre-notice"),>

Paul McLennan

379 In section 38, page 50, line 9, leave out from <is> to <and> in line 11

Paul McLennan

- 380 In section 38, page 50, line 15, at end insert—
 - <(c) within a period of 7 days beginning with the day on which the notice under section 48(1) is given to the landlord, the joint tenant—
 - (i) has given every other joint tenant a copy of the notice, and
 - (ii) has given the landlord—
 - (A) a statement that a copy of the notice has been given by the joint tenant to every other joint tenant, and
 - (B) such evidence in support of the statement as may be prescribed by the Scottish Ministers in regulations.>

Paul McLennan

381 In section 38, page 50, line 25, after <(1)(b)(ii)> insert <or (1)(c)(ii)(B)>

Paul McLennan

- 382 In section 38, page 50, line 29, at end insert—
 - <(4A) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify sub-paragraph (i) of subsection (1)(a) so as to vary—
 - (a) the minimum period of pre-notice for the time being specified in that sub-paragraph, but such period must not be less than 2 months,
 - (b) the maximum period of pre-notice for the time being specified in that sub-paragraph.
 - (4B) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify paragraph (c) of subsection (1) so as to vary the period for the time being specified in that paragraph.
 - (4C) Before laying a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (4A) or (4B) before the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Ministers—
 - (a) must consult such persons as appear to them to represent the interests of tenants and landlords under private residential tenancies, and
 - (b) may consult any other person they consider appropriate.>

After section 38

Paul McLennan

383 After section 38, insert—

< Succession to tenancies: qualifying periods

Private residential tenancies: succession

- (1) The 2016 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 67 (partner's entitlement to inherit), in subsection (3), for "12" substitute "6".
- (3) In section 68 (other family member's entitlement to inherit), in subsection (2)(b)(ii), for "12" substitute "6".
- (4) In section 69 (carer's entitlement to inherit), in subsection (2)(b)(ii), for "12" substitute "6".>

Paul McLennan

384 After section 38, insert—

<Scottish secure tenancies: succession

- (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 3 (succession to Scottish secure tenancy: qualified persons)—
 - (a) in paragraph 2(2), for "12" substitute "6",
 - (b) in paragraph 3, for "12" substitute "6",

(c) in paragraph 4(b), for "12" substitute "6".>

After section 40

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385 After section 40, insert—

< Repairing standard

Right of tenant to withhold rent in event of failure to remedy serious repairs

- (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 is modified by subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) In section 14, subsection (4), after "is" insert "commenced within 30 days or".
- (3) After section 14, insert—

"14A Right of tenant to withhold rent in event of failure to remedy serious repairs

- (1) Where a tenant has notified the landlord under section 14(3)(a) that work requires to be carried out for the purposes of meeting the repairing standard and the work has not commenced within 30 days of the tenant notifying the landlord, the tenant may withhold payment of the rent payable to the landlord under the tenancy.
- (2) Where rent is withheld under subsection (1), the landlord may apply to the Firsttier Tribunal for a determination of whether the withheld rent should be paid to the landlord.
- (3) The First-tier Tribunal may determine that the rent withheld under subsection (1) should be repaid to the landlord if the landlord demonstrates that the work required to be carried out for the purposes of meeting the repairing standard is completed within a reasonable time of the landlord being notified by the tenant, or otherwise becoming aware, that the work is required."
- (4) The 2016 Act is modified by subsection (5).
- (5) In schedule 3 (eviction grounds), paragraph 12, after sub-paragraph (1) insert—
 - "(1A) Where the tenant has withheld payment of the rent payable to the landlord under section 14A(1) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, the ground named by subparagraph (1) does not apply for the purposes of that withheld payment.".>

Section 46

Paul McLennan

386 In section 46, page 60, leave out lines 1 to 4 and insert—

<""consumer prices index" means—

- (a) the all items consumer prices index published by the Statistics Board, or
- (b) if that index is not published for a month, any substituted index or figures published by the Board;",>

After section 47

Paul McLennan

387 After section 47, insert—

< Property factors

Registration: fit and proper person considerations

- (1) The Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 5 (section 4: considerations)—
 - (a) in subsection (2)(a)—
 - (i) the word "or" immediately following sub-paragraph (ii) is repealed,
 - (ii) after sub-paragraph (iii), insert "or
 - (iv) firearms,",
 - (b) in subsection (2), after paragraph (a) insert—
 - "(aa) been convicted of a sexual offence within the meaning of section 210A(10) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995,",
 - (c) in subsection (2)(c), for "the law relating to tenements, property or debt" substitute "—
 - (i) the law relating to housing,
 - (ii) landlord and tenant law,
 - (iii) the law relating to property (including tenements),
 - (iv) the law relating to debt.",
 - (d) after subsection (3) insert—
 - "(3A) Material falls within this subsection if it shows the extent to which any person mentioned in subsection (1) has—
 - (a) failed to provide information in accordance with section 14A or 14B(2)(d)(i),
 - (b) obstructed a person acting in the proper exercise of the person's functions under sections 14B to 14D,
 - (c) failed to comply with a requirement made by a person who is so acting.",
 - (e) after subsection (4) insert—
 - "(5) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify this section by adding to, removing or varying any material in subsections (2) to (4).
 - (6) Regulations under subsection (5) are subject to the affirmative procedure.".>

Paul McLennan

388 After section 47, insert—

<Revocation of registration: where property factor no longer exists</p>

- (1) The Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 8 (removal from register)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), for "or (3)" substitute ", (3) or (3A)",

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- (b) after subsection (3) insert—
- "(3A) This subsection applies where a property factor is registered by virtue of section 4(4)(a) or (b) and the Scottish Ministers consider that the property factor no longer exists.",
- (c) in subsection (4), after "must" insert "(if possible)",
- (d) in subsection (6), for "or (3)" substitute ", (3) or (3A)",
- (e) in subsection (7)—
 - (i) after "must", where it first occurs, insert "(if possible)",
 - (ii) the words "and give public notice of the date of removal" are repealed.>

Paul McLennan

389 After section 47, insert—

< Removal from register following application

- (1) The Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 8 insert—

"8A Removal from register following application

- (1) A registered property factor may apply to the Scottish Ministers to be removed from the register.
- (2) The application must be accompanied by a fee of such amount (if any) as the Scottish Ministers may determine.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must remove a registered property factor from the register if, having considered an application under this section, they are satisfied that—
 - (a) the registered property factor is no longer carrying out the activities of a property factor, and
 - (b) it is otherwise appropriate to remove that property factor from the register.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must (if possible), as soon as practicable after making their decision under this section, notify the property factor who made the application of—
 - (a) their decision, and
 - (b) either—
 - (i) in the case of a decision to remove the property factor from the register, the date of removal from the register,
 - (ii) in the case of a decision not to remove the property factor from the register, their reasons for that decision.".
- (3) In section 9 (effect of refusal to enter in register or removal from register)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) the word "or" immediately following paragraph (b) is repealed,
 - (ii) after paragraph (c) insert ", or
 - (d) remove a property factor from the register under section 8A(3).",
 - (b) in subsection (3)(a), for "(1)(a), (b), or as the case may be, (c)" substitute "(1)".>

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Paul McLennan

390 After section 47, insert—

<Note on register where refusal or removal

- (1) The Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 8A (inserted by section (Removal from register following application)) insert—

"Consequences of refusal or removal

8B Note in register following refusal to enter or removal

- (1) If the Scottish Ministers refuse to enter a person in the register under section 4(5), they must, after the date of final refusal, note that fact in the register.
- (2) If the Scottish Ministers remove a person from the register under section 8(1) they must, after the date of final refusal, note that fact in the register.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, the date of final refusal is the later of the date on which—
 - (a) the period mentioned in section 11(2) expires without an appeal being made,
 - (b) where such an appeal has been made, the appeal is finally determined or abandoned.
- (4) Where a fact is noted by virtue of subsection (1) or (2) it must—
 - (a) remain on the register for the period of 3 years beginning with the date on which the Scottish Ministers are required to note it in the register, and
 - (b) be removed from the register at the end of that period.
- (5) But where a person in respect of whom the Scottish Ministers note a fact by virtue of subsection (1) or (2) is subsequently entered in the register before the end of the period mentioned in subsection (4)(a), the Scottish Ministers must remove the fact from the register.".>

Paul McLennan

391 After section 47, insert—

<Property factor registered numbers: inclusion in communications</p>

- (1) The Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 13 (property factor registered numbers)—
 - (a) after subsection (3)(a) insert—
 - "(aa) any other communication in relation to the activities of the property factor, and",
 - (b) after subsection (7), insert—
 - "(8) In this section, "communication" includes electronic communications sent to or placed on a web page on a website by or on behalf of the registered property factor.".>

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392 After section 47, insert—

<Monitoring of compliance

- (1) The Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 14 insert—

"Monitoring of compliance

14A Power to obtain information

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the provisions of this Part, serve a notice on a person who appears to be a property factor requiring the person to provide them with information specified in the notice.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision about the requiring of information under subsection (1) and, in particular, may make provision about—
 - (a) the form of the notice and the manner of service,
 - (b) the time within which information must be provided.
- (3) Any requirement for a person to provide information in accordance with a notice under subsection (1) does not have effect to the extent that the person would be entitled to refuse to provide the information in, or for the purposes of, proceedings in a court in Scotland.

14B Power to carry out inspections

- (1) For the purpose of monitoring compliance with the provisions of this Part, an authorised person may carry out an inspection of premises which appear to be being used for the purpose of carrying out the activities of a property factor.
- (2) For the purposes of carrying out the inspection, the authorised person may—
 - (a) enter and inspect the premises,
 - (b) require the production of any book, document, data or record (in whatever form it is held) and inspect it, and take copies of or extracts from it,
 - (c) take possession of any book, document, data or record (in whatever form it is held) which is on the premises and retain it for as long as the authorised person considers necessary,
 - (d) require any person to—
 - (i) give the authorised person such information as the authorised person considers necessary,
 - (ii) afford the authorised person such facilities and assistance as the authorised person considers necessary.
- (3) Any requirement for a person to give information in accordance with subsection (2)(d)(i) does not have effect to the extent that the person would be entitled to refuse to give the information in, or for the purposes of, proceedings in a court in Scotland.
- (4) In this section—

"authorised person" means a person authorised by the Scottish Ministers,

"premises" includes any place and any vehicle, vessel, or moveable structure.

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14C Warrants for entry

- (1) A sheriff may by warrant authorise a person to enter premises (if necessary using reasonable force) for the purpose of carrying out an inspection under section 14B.
- (2) A warrant may be granted under subsection (1) only if the sheriff is satisfied by evidence on oath—
 - (a) that there are reasonable grounds for entering the premises in question, and
 - (b) that—
 - entry to the premises has been or is likely to be refused and that notice of the intention to apply for a warrant under this section has been given to the occupier,
 - (ii) a request for entry, or the giving of such notice, would defeat the object of the proposed entry,
 - (iii) the premises are unoccupied, or
 - (iv) the occupier is temporarily absent and it might defeat the object of the entry to await the occupier's return.

14D Inspections: supplementary

- (1) A person entering any premises under section 14B(2)(a) or in accordance with a warrant granted under section 14C may take on to the premises such other persons and such equipment as the person considers necessary.
- (2) A right to enter any premises conferred by section 14B(2)(a) may be exercised only at a reasonable time.
- (3) The occupier of the premises concerned must be given at least 24 hours' notice before a person carries out an inspection under section 14B unless the person carrying out the inspection considers that giving such notice would defeat the object of the proposed inspection.
- (4) A person carrying out an inspection under section 14B must, if required to do so, produce written evidence of the person's authorisation to carry out the inspection.
- (5) On leaving any premises which a person is authorised to enter by a warrant granted under section 14C, the person must, if the premises are unoccupied or the occupier is temporarily absent, leave the premises as effectively secured against trespassers as the person found them.
- (6) A person who takes possession of any item under section 14B(2)(c) must leave a statement on the premises from which the item was removed—
 - (a) giving particulars of what has been taken, and
 - (b) stating that the person has taken possession of it.

14E Information and inspection: offence

- (1) It is an offence for a person who has been required to provide information in accordance with section 14A or section 14B(2)(d)(i)—
 - (a) without reasonable excuse, to fail or refuse to provide the information,

- (b) to knowingly or recklessly make any statement in respect of that information which is false or misleading in a material particular.
- (2) It is an offence for a person—
 - (a) to intentionally obstruct a person acting in the proper exercise of the person's functions under sections 14B to 14D,
 - (b) without reasonable excuse, to fail to comply with any requirement made under section 14B(2)(b) or (d)(ii) by a person who is so acting.
- (3) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) or (2) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.".>

Section 52

Paul McLennan

393 In section 52, page 61, line 18, leave out <13(1),>

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394 In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <15(7)> insert <or (7A)>

Schedule

Paul McLennan

395 In the schedule, page 63, line 13, leave out <or 20A(6)> and insert <, 20A(6) or 37(4A)>

Paul McLennan

396 In the schedule, page 63, leave out lines 32 and 33

Paul McLennan

397 In the schedule, page 63, line 33, at end insert—

<Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011</p>

- (1) The Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 is modified as follows.
- (2) The title of section 8 (removal from register) becomes "**Revocation of registration**".
- (3) In section 9 (effect of refusal to enter in register or removal from register), in subsection (3), for "give public" substitute "publish in such manner as they think fit a".
- (4) In section 15 (service of notices etc.), subsection (3) is repealed.
- (5) In section 30 (orders and regulations), in subsection (3), after "33(2)" insert "or regulations under section 5(5)".>

Paul McLennan

398 In the schedule, page 64, leave out lines 7 to 16

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399 In the schedule, page 64, line 17, after <officer)> insert <----

Paul McLennan

400 In the schedule, page 64, line 17, at end insert—
<() in subsection (3)(d), for "21" substitute "30".>

Paul McLennan

401 In the schedule, page 65, line 5, after <17A(5),> insert <17C(1),>

Paul McLennan

402 In the schedule, page 65, line 6, after <43B(4),> insert <43CB(1) or (2),>

Paul McLennan

403 In the schedule, page 65, line 6, after <43G(1)(b)(i),> insert <48A(4A), 48A(4B),>

Paul McLennan

404 In the schedule, page 65, line 6, after <51A(6),> insert <59(5),>

Paul McLennan

405 In the schedule, page 65, line 10, after <48A(1)(b)(ii),> insert <48A(1)(c)(ii)(B),>

Paul McLennan

406 In the schedule, page 65, line 28, leave out from <for> to end of line 30 and insert <within the meaning given by regulations under section 17C(1),>

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Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill (M)

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Stage 1 (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 2 April 2025

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Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill (G) Stage 1 completed, 1 April 2025

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

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 Report (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee) published, 10 December 2024

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 26 March 2025 Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 25 March 2025

Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 23 April 2025

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.

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 3) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), 24 April 2025

The deadline has passed for amendments specifically on matters relating to the part 5

homelessness prevention provisions or the part 6 fuel poverty provisions, except any such amendments to the schedule or the long title.

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 29 April 2025

All amendments other than those that are to be considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 23 April with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 26 March 2025

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

Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 25 March 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (12th Report, 2025)

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 2 April 2025

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Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 28 January 2025

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 March 2025
Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 17 March 2025

Lead committee - Education, Children and Young People

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 25 March 2025 Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 11 March 2025 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62nd Report, 2024)

Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 completed, 27 March 2025

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

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 11 December 2024

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (14th Report, 2025)

Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 20 February 2025 Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 25 March 2025

Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 March 2025

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 12 March 2025

Lead committee - Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture

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

Stage 2 completed, 2 April 2025

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Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 27 March 2025

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Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill LCM-S6-54

Lodged on 12 March 2025

Lead committee - Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice

Data (Use and Access) Bill LCM-S6-52

Lodged on 22 November 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 1 April 2025

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (2nd Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6th Report, 2025)

Employment Rights Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-53a

Lodged on 3 April 2025

Great British Energy Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-48c

Lodged on 24 February 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 February 2025

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

Planning and Infrastructure Bill LCM-S6-56

Lodged on 27 March 2025

Product Regulation and Metrology Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-50a

Lodged on 3 March 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 March 2025

Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill LCM-S6-55

Lodged on 21 March 2025

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 19 February 2025

Report – Lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning) (9th Report, 2024)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69th Report, 2024)

Tobacco and Vapes Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-51a

Lodged on 28 March 2025

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Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 23 April 2025

Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) (re-laid 27 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 4 May 2025

Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) (10 March 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to approval by 18 May 2025

<u>Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Group Relief and Sub-sale Development Relief</u>
<u>Modifications) (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)</u> (24 March 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 27 April 2025 Lead committee report due by 21 April 2025

Council Tax Reduction and Council Tax (Discounts) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland)
Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/55) (3 March 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Council Tax (Exempt Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/56) (3 March 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Health and Care Professions Council (Miscellaneous Amendments) Rules Order of Council 2025 (SI 2025/240) (3 March 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 30 April 2025 Lead committee report due by 28 April 2025

<u>Police Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/58)</u> (6 March 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 7 May 2025 Lead committee report due by 5 May 2025

Recognition of Overseas Qualifications (Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/67) (13 March 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 12 May 2025 Lead committee report due by 5 May 2025

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<u>Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/78)</u> (18 March 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 15 May 2025 Lead committee report due by 12 May 2025

Railway Closure (Exclusion) (Hairmyres) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/81) (21 March 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 26 May 2025 Lead committee report due by 19 May 2025

Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Saving Provisions) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/101) (1 April 2025) (Criminal justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 28 May 2025 Lead committee report due by 26 May 2025

<u>Disease Control (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/108)</u> (3 April 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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Committee Reports

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 4 April 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Annual Report on Procurement Activity in Scotland: An overview of procurement activity 2022 – 2023 (SG/2025/71) laid under Section 21(4)(b) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Scrutiny report on: People with communication needs and the Scottish social security system: fulfilling the expectations of 'Our Charter' (SCoSS/2025/07) laid under section 22 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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