

Wednesday 23 April 2025

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**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

### Committee Meetings

**8:30am** Education, Children and Young  
People Committee

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

**9:30am** Economy and Fair Work Committee

**9:30am** Public Audit Committee

**10:00am** Citizen Participation and Public  
Petitions Committee

**10:00am** Criminal Justice Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Justice and Home Affairs – Questions 4 and 8.**

#### Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to protect the ongoing viability of local and regional museums and galleries. ([S6O-04544](#))
- 2. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on plans to increase funding for local museums and heritage centres, including the Summerlee Museum of Scottish Industrial Life in Coatbridge. ([S6O-04545](#))
- 3. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support young people to access the creative industries. ([S6O-04546](#))
- 4. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how its international development work is supporting the humanitarian response in Palestine. ([S6O-04547](#))
- 5. Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is ensuring that its work to support and promote Scotland's arts and culture is geographically spread and representative. ([S6O-04548](#))
- 6. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with EU member states regarding Scotland's alignment with EU policies, in light of the election of President Trump. ([S6O-04549](#))
- 7. Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its strategy to further the case for Scottish independence, in light of recent reported polling indicating a majority in support. ([S6O-04550](#))
- 8. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will change its policy position in relation to an independent Scotland seeking to rejoin the EU, in light of the potential impact of US tariffs on the UK and the EU. ([S6O-04551](#))

#### Justice and Home Affairs

- 1. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding any implications for its work on tackling rural crime and preventing the theft and resale of machinery in Scotland, when it was first made aware of the proposals for the Equipment Theft (Prevention) Act 2023, which applies to England and Wales. ([S6O-04552](#))
- 2. Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the prisoners released under the Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Act 2025 included some who had broken prison rules. ([S6O-04553](#))
- 3. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking, including through work involving Police Scotland and local authorities, to address antisocial behaviour in Mid Scotland and Fife. ([S6O-04554](#))
- 4. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps the justice secretary is taking to prevent young people from becoming involved in gang-related activity. ([S6O-04555](#))

**5. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what the timescale is to adapt the HMP Stirling estate to address the ongoing noise complaints, in light of reports from residents that the noise disturbance is getting worse. ([S6O-04556](#))

**6. Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its work on antisocial behaviour, what discussions it has had with the UK Government about tackling the misuse of e-bikes. ([S6O-04557](#))

**7. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to reports of criminals using drones to infiltrate prisons. ([S6O-04558](#))

**8. Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with partners to tackle gang-related crime. ([S6O-04559](#))

### followed by Scottish Government Debate: UK Government Welfare Reforms

[S6M-17242](#) **Shirley-Anne Somerville: UK Government Welfare Reforms**—That the Parliament calls on the UK Labour administration to immediately scrap its damaging social security reforms, as announced in the *Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper*; highlights the UK Government's own impact analysis, which shows that 250,000 people, including 50,000 children, will be pushed into poverty under these plans, and notes the Resolution Foundation's report that lower-income households are set to become £500 a year poorer, following the UK Government's Spring Statement 2025.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-17242.3](#) **Liz Smith: UK Government Welfare Reforms**—As an amendment to motion S6M-17242 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (UK Government Welfare Reforms), leave out from "calls" to end and insert "notes the most recent concerns highlighted by both the Office for Budget Responsibility and the Scottish Fiscal Commission about the projected substantial increases in UK and Scottish welfare budgets, the resulting fiscal pressures, and the unsustainability of these budgets in the current economic circumstances, and expresses its deep concern that neither the UK Government nor the Scottish Government has delivered policies that will address the high levels of economic inactivity or policies that will promote sustained economic growth."

[S6M-17242.1](#) **Paul O'Kane: UK Government Welfare Reforms**—As an amendment to motion S6M-17242 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (UK Government Welfare Reforms), leave out from "calls" to end and insert "agrees that any reforms to social security policy must respect the dignity of work, while also being fair and protecting the most vulnerable who are unable to work; notes the *Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper* and that its proposals are currently under consultation; recognises that a number of the areas covered in the Green Paper are devolved to the Scottish Parliament and will therefore not change as a result of the Spring Statement; notes the proposals within the Green Paper to support and encourage people into good work and to reduce bureaucracy for those in receipt of social security; welcomes that this is backed up by a £1 billion commitment for employability services across the UK; acknowledges that well-paid, secure work is the most sustainable route out of poverty; welcomes, therefore, the action taken by the UK Labour administration to increase the National Living Wage and improve rights for workers through the Employment Rights Bill, and is concerned that the disability employment gap in Scotland is wider than elsewhere in Great Britain, that one in four people in Scotland rely on welfare spending from the Scottish Government to cover their living costs and that there are as many as 84,000 young people in Scotland who are not in work, education or training."

## followed by Business Motions

### **S6M-17268 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—**

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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 Debate: Supporting Scottish Industry During Turbulent Economic Times

*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 Debate: Scotland's Hydrogen Future

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 6 May 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 7 May 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 8 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: Social Justice

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 28 April 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-17269](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Meeting**

**Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Education, Children and Young People Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of

the Parliament between approximately 1.30 pm and 5.00 pm on Tuesday 13 May and Tuesday 20 May 2025.

**[S6M-17270](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Social Justice and Social Security Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm on Tuesday 29 April 2025.

**[S6M-17271](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

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

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

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

**[S6M-16869](#) Jackie Dunbar: Global Intergenerational Week 2025**—That the Parliament notes that Global Intergenerational Week runs from 24 to 30 April 2025; understands that the campaign originally started at a local level, grew to a national event and is now a global celebration in its sixth year; recognises that the aim of it is to inspire individuals, groups, organisations, local and national government, as well as non-government organisations, to fully embrace Intergenerational Week, which, it believes, will help connect people of all ages, particularly the younger and older generations; commends the work of Generations Working Together, which works in partnership with organisations from across the UK to promote intergenerational working across the country; recognises that this year's theme is intergenerational learning and aims to highlight the findings of the World Health Organization's Global Report on Ageism, which outlines the negative impact of ageism on society and recommends education as a key strategy to address it; understands that, for the first time, Generations Working Together welcomes a Global Intergenerational Week sponsor in global life sciences, the company, Bayer AG; recognises what it sees as the importance of intergenerational working in helping to create a fairer society, and welcomes all intergenerational work that has taken place, not only across Aberdeen Donside, but Scotland as a whole.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Education, Children and Young People Committee 13th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Education (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

### Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 13th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, supported by Jim Wilson, Licensing Team Leader, Scottish Government.
2. **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Economy and Fair Work Committee 12th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Skills Delivery:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Tony Burns, Chief Operating Officer, ACS Clothing;  
Jennifer Davies, Strategic Workforce Manager, ScottishPower Energy Networks;  
Doug Duguid, Chief Executive, Aurora Energy Services;  
Stevie Wilson, Global Apprenticeship Manager, SCORE Group.
2. **Skills Delivery (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Public Audit Committee 12th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Sustainable transport: Reducing car use:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Scottish Government;  
Alison Irvine, Chief Executive, Fiona Brown, Interim Director of Transport Strategy and Analysis, and Heather Cowan, Head of Climate Change and Just Transition for Transport, Transport Scotland;  
Robert Nicol, Chief Officer, Environment and Economy, and Cllr Gail Macgregor, Leader, Dumfries and Galloway Council and Environment and Economy Spokesperson, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA).
3. **Sustainable transport: Reducing car:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;



Cornilius Chikwama, Audit Director, and Ashleigh Madjitey, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

4. **Sustainable transport: Reducing car use:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
5. **The 2022/23 and 2023/24 audits of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the 2022/23 and 2023/24 audits of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland.

## Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 7th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
  - PE2018: Recognise the value of swimming pools and provide financial relief to help keep pools open. The Committee will take evidence from—  
John Lunn, Chief Executive, Scottish Swimming  
Derek McGown, Coach, East Kilbride Swimming Club  
Duncan Scott OBE, Olympic Athlete  
Abi Thomson, Young Volunteer Programme Champion  
and then from—  
Dianne Breen, Coached Programmes Manager, Sport Aberdeen  
Kirsty Doig, Director, The Darcey Sunshine Project  
Jillian Gibson, Policy Manager for Sport and Physical Activity, COSLA  
Ben Lamb, Chief Executive, West Lothian Leisure (Xcite)  
and then consider—  
PE1610: Upgrade the A75;  
PE1657: A77 upgrade;  
PE1916: Request a public inquiry into the management of the rest and be thankful project;  
PE1967: Protect Loch Lomond's Atlantic oakwood shoreline by implementing the High road option for the A82 upgrade between Tarbet and Inverarnan;  
PE2132: Publish a timeline for the dualling of the A96 between Inverness and Nairn by Easter 2025;  
PE1911: Review of Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 as it relates to post-mortems;  
PE1962: Stop motorhomes parking overnight out with formal campsites, caravan parks and Aires;  
PE2024: Create a national, public information programme to raise awareness of the impacts of steroids, selective androgen receptor modulators, and other performance enhancing drugs;  
PE2079: Introduce legislation to provide for exemptions in paying medical facility parking charges and to create a new classification of parking badge for care-givers; and  
PE2136: Make non-fatal strangulation a standalone criminal offence in Scotland.
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—  
PE2139: Automatic expulsion for children charged with committing a crime against another child; and



PE2146: Allow the use of privately sourced donor eggs in NHS funded IVF treatment.

4. **Consideration of Evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Criminal Justice Committee 13th Meeting, 2025**

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
[Police Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/58)
2. **People's Panel on tackling drug deaths and drugs harm:** The Committee will consider a paper on the recommendations of the People's Panel on drug deaths and drugs harm.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 2 April 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

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

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**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

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**5:00 pm** Decision Time

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**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

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

## Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

### Social Justice and Social Security Committee

24 April 2025

12th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3).

#### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Diane Barr on 85220 or at [diane.barr@parliament.scot](mailto:diane.barr@parliament.scot)

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

24 April 2025

13th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **UK Internal Market Act 2020 - Consultation and Review (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft submission to the UK Government's Consultation on the UK Internal Market Act Review.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

#### Proposed future business

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

### Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

24 April 2025

6th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Committee effectiveness:** The Committee will take evidence, in a roundtable format, from—  
Professor Philip Lord Norton of Louth, Professor of Government and Director of the Centre for Legislative Studies, University of Hull;  
Professor Diana Stirbu, Co-Director of the Centre for Applied Research in Empowering Society (CARES), London Metropolitan University;  
Dr Stephen Holden Bates, Senior Lecturer in Political Science, University of Birmingham;  
Dr Ruth Fox, Director and Head of Research, Hansard Society.

3. **Evidence Session: Committee effectiveness** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Guidance on Chamber business:** The Committee will consider revised guidance on Chamber business.

**Proposed future business**

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

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## Motions

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

### Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

## Motions for Debate

**[S6M-17242 Shirley-Anne Somerville: UK Government Welfare Reforms](#)**—That the Parliament calls on the UK Labour administration to immediately scrap its damaging social security reforms, as announced in the *Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper*; highlights the UK Government's own impact analysis, which shows that 250,000 people, including 50,000 children, will be pushed into poverty under these plans, and notes the Resolution Foundation's report that lower-income households are set to become £500 a year poorer, following the UK Government's Spring Statement 2025.

Supported by: Kaukab Stewart, Paul McLennan

**\*[S6M-17242.3 Liz Smith: UK Government Welfare Reforms](#)**—As an amendment to motion S6M-17242 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (UK Government Welfare Reforms), leave out from "calls" to end and insert "notes the most recent concerns highlighted by both the Office for Budget Responsibility and the Scottish Fiscal Commission about the projected substantial increases in UK and Scottish welfare budgets, the resulting fiscal pressures, and the unsustainability of these budgets in the current economic circumstances, and expresses its deep concern that neither the UK Government nor the Scottish Government has delivered policies that will address the high levels of economic inactivity or policies that will promote sustained economic growth."

**\*[S6M-17242.2 Maggie Chapman: UK Government Welfare Reforms](#)**—As an amendment to motion S6M-17242 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (UK Government Welfare Reforms), insert at end "; highlights research from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, which found that 88% of low-income families in receipt of disability benefits went without essentials before these plans were published, and notes that these reforms will disproportionately affect disabled people, carers and families with a disabled person in the household."

**\*[S6M-17242.1 Paul O'Kane: UK Government Welfare Reforms](#)**—As an amendment to motion S6M-17242 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (UK Government Welfare Reforms), leave out from "calls" to end and insert "agrees that any reforms to social security policy must respect the dignity of work, while also being fair and protecting the most vulnerable who are unable to work; notes the *Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper*



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### Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

**\*[S6M-17186](#) Meghan Gallacher: Best Start New Model of Neonatal Care**—That the Parliament notes the view that it is vitally important to ensure that the Best Start new model of neonatal care delivers the highest standards of care for the most vulnerable babies, including those in the Central Scotland region; further notes the view that implementation of this new model must prioritise the safety of babies, be underpinned by adequate and sustained funding, including for appropriate staffing levels, and include sufficient provision of overnight accommodation for parents on neonatal units; understands the view that families require reassurance that changes to services will improve outcomes and not compromise access to specialised care, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to provide an update on progress towards implementation of the new model of neonatal care and a timescale for when the new model will be fully operational, to clarify whether there are any expected changes to the plans, as announced by the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health on 25 July 2023, and to set out how it will ensure that what it sees as these essential criteria, including provision of overnight accommodation, are met in line with its planned timescale.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Russell Findlay\*, Douglas Ross\*, Edward Mountain\*, Craig Hoy\*, Rhoda Grant\*, Sandesh Gulhane\* **R**, Annie Wells\*, Tim Eagle\*, Brian Whittle\*

### Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

**\*[S6M-17235](#) Ash Regan: Welcoming the Supreme Court's Judgment in Favour of For Women Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the unanimous ruling of the Supreme Court of the UK in the case, For Women Scotland Ltd v The Scottish Ministers, that "sex", as defined in the Equality Act 2010, is a fixed, biological characteristic; believes that the decision by the court provides definitive protection to women and girls, including in the Edinburgh Eastern constituency, gives clarity to organisations and clears up the reported confusion created by the Scottish Government in earlier rounds of this case; commends the work of For Women Scotland, namely Trina Budge, Marion Calder and Susan Smith, and the many women across Scotland who supported them in the efforts towards securing what it sees as this victory for women and girls; believes that the judgment reinforces the view that the Equality Act 2010 does not, and never has, allowed for the self-identification of sex; understands, however, that policies based on self-identification remain in place across Scotland, including in hospitals, public bodies, schools and prisons; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to take responsibility for its role in this, and

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further notes the calls for it to take urgent steps to ensure that public bodies are following the law and that the ruling has effect on the ground.

Supported by: Fergus Ewing\*, John Mason\*

**\*[S6M-17234](#) Pam Gosal: Welcoming the Supreme Court's Judgment on the Definition of the Word "Woman"**—That the Parliament welcomes and respects the judgment of the Supreme Court of the UK on 16 April 2025 in the case, For Women Scotland Ltd v The Scottish Ministers; recognises that the court unanimously ruled that the terms “woman” and “sex” in the Equality Act 2010 refer to biological woman and biological sex; congratulates For Women Scotland on what it sees as the group’s hard work and dedication in protecting and strengthening women’s rights; considers that this decision will have many implications for the rights of women and girls, including those living in East and West Dunbartonshire, and notes calls on the Scottish Government to review its policies to ensure that these are in line with the law.

Supported by: Douglas Ross\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Sandesh Gulhane\* R, Murdo Fraser\*, Finlay Carson\*, Edward Mountain\*, Annie Wells\*, John Mason\*, Liam Kerr\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Russell Findlay\*, Craig Hoy\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Tim Eagle\*

### Other new and altered motions and amendments

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**\*[S6M-17270](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Social Justice and Social Security Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm on Tuesday 29 April 2025.

**\*[S6M-17269](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Education, Children and Young People Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between approximately 1.30 pm and 5.00 pm on Tuesday 13 May and Tuesday 20 May 2025.

**\*[S6M-17268](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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 Debate: Supporting Scottish Industry During Turbulent Economic Times

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

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*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 Debate: Scotland's Hydrogen Future

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 6 May 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 7 May 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

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*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 8 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: Social Justice

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 28 April 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

**\*[S6M-17236](#) Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating Dionne Maguinness of Airdrie Harriers**

**Athletic Club on an Exceptional Indoor Season** —That the Parliament congratulates Dionne Maguinness, a young athlete from the Airdrie Harriers Athletics club based at Langloan in Coatbridge, on her extraordinary achievements during the 2025 indoor season; notes that Dionne has secured four Scottish national Gold medals, triumphing in the long jump, high jump, and pentathlon at national level, and that she is now ranked number one in the UK for both indoor and outdoor under-15 pentathlon; believes that such accomplishments are the result of Dionne's outstanding commitment, discipline and relentless work ethic; acknowledges what it sees as the invaluable support of her coaches, whose guidance and expertise have been instrumental, and her family, whose encouragement has been a vital foundation for her success; commends the Airdrie Harriers club for fostering young talent and promoting excellence in athletics, and wishes Dionne continued success in her sporting journey as a role model for young athletes across Scotland.

**\*[S6M-17233](#) Michelle Thomson: Martin Stuart Named Community First Aid Champion**—That

the Parliament congratulates Martin Stuart of Forth Valley First Responders on being named Community First Aid Champion in recognition of his critical voluntary work across the Falkirk district and wider Forth Valley region; understands that Forth Valley First Responders is a community service provided by volunteers who are trained to deal with a wide range of potentially life-threatening conditions and provide reassurance until an ambulance can arrive; further understands that Martin's efforts have been instrumental in the placing and continued guardianship of 123 defibrillators across the area that are strategically positioned in a variety of locations; notes that these defibrillators were deployed and utilised 92 times over the previous

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year, highlighting what it sees as the vital role they play in the area with targeted placement and effective continued management providing a lifesaving opportunity during cardiac emergencies; congratulates Martin on being named Community First Aid Champion, and thanks him for the vital efforts that he has made to ensure that defibrillator provision is accessible to those in the Falkirk area and beyond, who are experiencing a medical emergency.

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**\*[S6M-17232](#) Ruth Maguire: Irvine Sharks Basketball Club Wins Strathclyde League Basketball Association Second Division**—That the Parliament congratulates Irvine Sharks Basketball Club on securing the Strathclyde League Basketball Association (SLBA) Second Division title by winning all 14 matches, and completing a perfect season for the second consecutive year; notes the club's dominant performance in its final match on 4 April 2025 against Paisley, winning 93-55 at Greenwood Academy; acknowledges the leadership of player-coach, Graham Hunter, and the contribution of top scorers, Donald Sampley and Nano Kalonji; praises the entire squad for a successful and inclusive team effort; recognises the role of the community in supporting the club, which assisted by providing £3,300 in funding to help improve local sports facilities, and celebrates the Sharks' ongoing impact in promoting youth development, physical wellbeing and the sport of basketball in North Ayrshire.

**\*[S6M-17231](#) Ruth Maguire: Irvine Student Awarded Prestigious Scholarship**—That the Parliament congratulates Irvine's Bree Smith, a 21-year-old hospitality and events management student at Ayrshire College, on being awarded a prestigious HIT Scotland scholarship to attend a customer excellence course at the EHL Hospitality Business and Hotel Management School in Lausanne, Switzerland; understands that the experience included fantastic learning experiences at fine dining institutions, including Le Berceau des Sens, a Michelin-starred restaurant, and a wine-tasting visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site, Domaine du Daley vineyard; commends Bree's commitment to the hospitality industry, her academic excellence and her practical performance at the college's Westerly restaurant; acknowledges the role of HIT Scotland in offering what it sees as life-changing learning opportunities, and wishes Bree every success in her future ambitions.

**\*[S6M-17230](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: NHSGGC Staff Members and Nursing Teams Named as Finalists in Nurse of the Year Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates two NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) staff members and three nursing teams on being named as finalists in the Royal College of Nursing's Nurse of the Year Awards; notes that the awards are a celebration of excellence in Scottish nursing, acknowledging, highlighting and celebrating the unwavering commitment and exceptional professional care provided by nursing staff; understands that Kirstie Law, ear, nose and throat emergency nurse practitioner, and Julie Ferguson, associate practitioner, have been named as finalists in individual categories and the Best Start midwifery leadership team, Health for All nursing team and the assertive outreach model have been named as finalists in the team categories, and wishes all nominees the best of luck for the awards ceremony on 12 June 2025 at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh.

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**\*[S6M-17229](#) Gillian Mackay: Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland Locum Psychiatry Survey – Report & Recommendations**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of two reports relating to locum psychiatry, the *Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland Locum Psychiatry Survey - Report & Recommendations* from the perspective of psychiatrists and *Your*



*Views: Psychiatrists in Scotland*, by VOX Scotland, from the perspective of lived experience; believes that Scotland's psychiatrist workforce is not growing sufficiently to keep pace with the well-documented rising scale of demand for services, nor, it considers, is it growing in line with almost all other medical professions; notes that, according to the report *Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland Locum Psychiatry Survey - Report & Recommendations*, locum psychiatrists have been appointed to fill the gaps in workforce and that an average of one in four consultant psychiatry positions are estimated to be vacant or filled by a locum across Scotland; considers that, across the two reports, it is clear that the widespread appointment of locum psychiatrists is associated with issues relating to quality assurance, patient safety, satisfaction and continuity of care, transparency, morale and stress of permanent colleagues, and cost, and highlights what it sees as the importance of the recommendations across the two reports, which emphasise the need to improve continuity and quality of patient care by reducing the reliance on locums in Scottish psychiatry, increase the number of permanent psychiatrists by focussing on retention and addressing job plans and working conditions, implementing a standardised system of transparent psychiatrist job titles/roles, which reflects the training and qualification levels achieved, increase funding and support to implement the core mental health standards across Scotland's mental health sector, and ensure that the gradual cessation of non-qualified locums is delivered.

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**\*S6M-17228 Stephanie Callaghan: Celebrating AirTV's Success at the National Student Television Association Awards**—That the Parliament applauds the remarkable achievement of AirTV on its recent success at the prestigious National Student Television Association (NaSTA) Awards, held at Southampton Solent University; understands that the society, led by station managers, Nathan and Ben McQuaid, from Bothwell, is the University of Stirling's dedicated filmmaking and videography society; recognises the success of the society in being nominated in eight NaSTA categories; celebrates the success of AirTV in securing a silver award in the Student Screenplay category for *Ginger Nut*, a film the twin brothers co-wrote; applauds the society for winning a bronze award in the Documentary category for *The AirTV Story*, an inspiring film capturing the 21-year legacy of Stirling University's student-run television station; celebrates its success in receiving a bronze for *Sink* in the Drama Film section, and *Truth* earning a bronze in the Dramatic Performance category; believes that these nominations and wins reflect the team's creativity, artistic performance, dedication and storytelling talent over the past year, and wishes Ben, Nathan, and the AirTV team every success in their future careers and endeavours, which, it believes, have begun with an excellent and promising start.

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**\*S6M-17226 Liz Smith: ME Awareness Day 2025**—That the Parliament marks International ME Awareness Day 2025 on 12 May and commends ME Research UK on the occasion of 25 years since its foundation; notes that the charity is dedicated to commissioning and funding biomedical research into the causes, consequences and treatment of myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS); believes that the disease, which affects at least 20,000 people in Scotland, is often misunderstood, mis-diagnosed and under-diagnosed, and is grievously under-researched; understands that the Perth-based charity has invested over £4.5 million in research with 68 research projects globally, four PhD-level projects and a Fellowship; further understands that, in terms of projects, the Perth-based charity is the largest funder of ME/CFS outwith North America, that it presently funds projects in Australia, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden,



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**\*S6M-17225 Gordon MacDonald: 20th Anniversary of Balerno Farmers Market**—That the Parliament congratulates Balerno Farmers Market, which is celebrating its 20th year in operation; understands that the market was originally set up in 2005 by the Balerno Conservation and Development Forum, transferring from a commercial operator to Balerno Village Trust in 2010; believes that the success of the market is due to the commitment of the team of community volunteers who oversee the setting-up and stewarding of the market and special events, which regularly run alongside the market; notes that the market is held on the second Saturday of the month, with regular stallholders, including Arran Cheese, Cedar Cottage Country Foods and Monarch Venison, which have been stall holders since 2005, being joined over the years by Bakery Andante, Soap Matters, The Dessert Diva, Edward Collins Fishmerchants, Pentland Hills Gin, Celtic Property Management, Balerno Honey, Slorach and Ma Roberts Tanzanian Food; further notes that the market also hosts themed events throughout the year including Tattie Day in Spring, which encourages people to grow potatoes, Apple Day in the Autumn, where local donated apples are pressed with the community apple press, Honey Bee day in the summer, which celebrates beekeeping and local honey, as well as the annual scarecrow competition in June; acknowledges that the Farmers Market was originally set up to revitalise the Main Street in Balerno but has now become a valued community meeting place, which attracts between 800 and 1,500 people each month; believes that this contributes to the efforts of Balerno Village Trust to make Balerno a better place to live, work and visit, and thanks everyone involved in the market's success over the past 20 years, with many more to come.

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**\*S6M-17223 Murdo Fraser: New Footpath in Perth Links Local Football Club with Community**—That the Parliament congratulates Perth's Jeanfield Swifts FC on unveiling a path that connects its Riverside Stadium to a network of existing paths between Perth Grammar, the North Inch Community Campus and local homes; notes that the £83,000 project should open up safer options for walking and cycling; further notes that funding for the project was secured by Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust from the Paths for All Ian Findlay Path Fund, with the route being delivered in partnership with Perth and Kinross Council; acknowledges that the project was announced along with plans by Jeanfield Swifts to invest £1.6 million in its facilities, and wishes the club all the best for the future.

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**\*S6M-17222 Douglas Ross: Celebrating the Success of the Elgin Writers' Group**—That the Parliament congratulates Elgin Writers' Group on winning a number of top awards at the recent Scottish Association of Writers' Annual Awards, which were held in Cumbernauld; notes that

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Margaret Woodward, a retired English teacher, who writes as Meg Woodward, won the Silver Book Trophy for her review of a book of poetry by Lydia Harris; recognises her second place award for her book, *The Soldier's Button*, which is set during the 1650s around Brodie, in the novel for children aged 7-12 category; further recognises club secretary Dawn Tripp's success in winning the Largs Shield for her short sketch, *Birthday Boy*; commends club treasurer Lorna Fraser for achieving second place in the short story category, and club member Sue Fleming on coming third in novels for the 7-9 age group, and further commends everyone involved with the Elgin Writers' Group, which has always been known for the friendly and welcoming approach that it provides to writers of all levels.

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**\*S6M-17220 Craig Hoy: Congratulating The Leddie and the Dunmuir Hotel**—That the Parliament congratulates The Leddie hotel in Aberlady and the Dunmuir Hotel in Dunbar on being named as finalists in the 2025 Prestige Scottish Hotel Awards; notes that The Leddie is shortlisted in the Best Boutique Hotel category and the Dunmuir Hotel in the Best 3 Star Hotel category; acknowledges that the awards celebrate excellence across Scotland's hospitality sector; recognises what it sees as the vital contribution that hospitality businesses make to East Lothian and to the wider Scottish economy, supporting jobs, local supply chains and tourism; believes that the Scottish Government has failed to provide the level of targeted support that many in the hospitality sector urgently require, and calls for greater backing for the industry to ensure its continued success and sustainability.

**\*S6M-17217 Annie Wells: Glasgow Charity Scottish Sports Futures Wins £20,000 Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Scottish Sports Futures (SSF), which is a Glasgow-based youth charity supporting young people across some of Scotland's most challenged communities, on being awarded £20,000 through the Aviva UK Broker Community Fund Award 2025, the highest possible award available; understands that this funding will be used to support the Twilight initiative, a free programme of multi-sport activity and youth work delivered directly within communities affected by deprivation and crime; notes that the initiative provides a safe and supportive environment for young people aged 7 to 19, and aims to improve physical, mental and social wellbeing, build confidence and provide access to positive role models; believes that the Twilight sessions play a crucial role in reducing antisocial and risk-taking behaviour by offering meaningful alternatives and support to young people, and acknowledges the dedication of the SSF team in delivering what it sees as life-changing opportunities and support to young people who may otherwise fall through the cracks.

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**\*S6M-17215 Annie Wells: ScotRail and Network Rail Fundraise £332,000 for Age Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates the railway team and its dedicated staff and customers for what it sees as their outstanding support for older people; acknowledges that ScotRail and Network Rail contributed almost £332,000 to Age Scotland over the past 12 months through a wide range of fundraising initiatives, including bucket collections, customer donations via delay repay contributions, and staff-led events, such as bake sales, craft fairs, musical performances, auctions, raffles and various challenging activities; recognises what it sees as the successful

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partnership with Age Scotland, which has been instrumental in addressing loneliness and enhancing social inclusion through services such as Friendship Calling, and by providing complimentary travel to the charity's employees; notes what it sees as the significant impact of a comprehensive brand awareness campaign that featured television advertisements, posters and promotional displays across trains and stations, and believes that these combined efforts exemplify remarkable community engagement and commitment to supporting older people, helping to ensure that they receive the recognition, assistance, and empowerment they deserve.

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**\*S6M-17214 Annie Wells: Congratulations to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Nursing Finalists**—That the Parliament congratulates the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde team members and nursing teams who have been named as finalists for the Royal College of Nursing Scotland Awards, recognising excellence in Scottish nursing; commends their unwavering commitment, innovation and exceptional professional care; acknowledges the outstanding contributions of individual nominees Kirstie Law, associate practitioner Julie Ferguson and the teams, including the Best Start midwifery leadership team, health for all nursing team, and assertive outreach model, whose efforts, it believes, have significantly improved the quality of care and patient outcomes across Greater Glasgow and Clyde; notes the significant achievement of being shortlisted for the prestigious Nurse of the Year Awards, which serve as a testament to the dedication and expertise of nurses across a range of specialties, and understands that these accolades not only celebrate past accomplishments but also inspire continued excellence and leadership within the nursing profession, which, it believes, enhances the quality of healthcare services provided to the people of Scotland.

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**\*S6M-17212 Stephanie Callaghan: Welcoming the Expansion and Impact of MCR Pathways**—That the Parliament welcomes the expansion of MCR Pathways, which is an award-winning mentoring programme in South Lanarkshire, including at Uddingston Grammar School; recognises what it sees as the invaluable work of MCR Pathways in helping to ensure that every young person, particularly those who are care experienced or facing personal challenges, has someone in their corner to guide and support them; understands that the transformative programme connects young people with mentors, who give one hour a week of their time, either within a local school or in a community-based setting, to make a lasting difference in a young person's life; believes that this commitment has an immeasurable impact, helping young people to discover a path filled with purpose, potential and hope; applauds the charity's remarkable growth, having first launched in South Lanarkshire in 2019 across nine schools, and now expanding into 11 additional secondary schools, building on a successful six-year partnership with the local authority; understands that MCR Pathways has delivered an incredible 16,654 hours of volunteer mentoring, positively supporting 863 young people across the region; wishes the organisation continued success in its expansion, and thanks all involved for what it sees as their unwavering dedication to creating brighter futures for the young people of South Lanarkshire and beyond.

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**\*[S6M-17211](#) Beatrice Wishart: 50 Years of Shetland Islands Council**—That the Parliament celebrates the 50th anniversary of the founding of Shetland Islands Council; understands that Shetland Islands Council was established by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 on 16 May 1975; further understands that it was preceded by Zetland County Council, which administered Shetland from 1890 to 1975, and that it took over the functions previously exercised by Zetland County Council's town council in Lerwick (Lerwick Town Council) and landward district councils; recognises what it sees as the importance of the Zetland County Council Act 1974, a private member's Bill moved by then Orkney and Shetland MP, and former Liberal leader, Jo Grimond, to Shetland Islands Council, particularly during the expansion of the oil and gas industry in the area, as it gives the council powers, including becoming the harbour authority for the whole of the territorial sea around Shetland and certain financial powers to borrow, invest and participate in business; notes that the council is comprised of 23 councillors representing seven wards, with each electing two, three or four members, led by a political leader and the civic leadership position of Convener; appreciates that Shetland Islands Council references the Nordic heritage of the islands with its motto "Með lögum skal land byggja", meaning "By law shall the land be built up" in Old Norse; believes that the services that Shetland Islands Council is responsible for are vital, including education, transport, housing and social care; thanks all council employees and elected councillors who have worked to deliver local government services for Shetland over the past 50 years, and congratulates all at Shetland Islands Council on this anniversary.

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**\*[S6M-17210](#) Maggie Chapman: Celebrating Dundee's Berry Train - Coldside's Playful Nature Trail**—That the Parliament celebrates the successful launch of the Berry Train, Coldside's nature trail, which imaginatively connects 10 green spaces in Dundee's Coldside ward; congratulates everyone involved in creating the trail, including Coldside Changemakers Circle; recognises and applauds the role of Changemakers in working with 20 local groups to devise the trail and produce the associated materials that showcase nature and places to play; notes that the trail links the Law, the Miley, Hilltown Park, the Maxwell Centre Garden and other existing and emerging green spaces, which, it believes, are essential to individual, family and community health and wellbeing, and thanks the Coldside Changemakers Circle for all its work, wishing it every success in its future activities.

**\*[S6M-17209](#) Maggie Chapman: Dundee's Breaking the Chains Slavery Trail Resource**—That the Parliament congratulates Dundee One World Centre on producing "Breaking the Changes: Making the Connections", which is an educational resource exploring the city's past and present links to transatlantic slavery; understands that this resource was created to complement Dundee's slavery trail; further understands that the resource uses the 28 points on the trail as inspiration for learning about local and global injustice issues, and that learners are supported to watch, listen, read and create as the resource illuminates the trail; thanks all involved in putting this trail together, and wishes the One World Centre well with this venture and its future activities.

**\*[S6M-17208](#) Maggie Chapman: Marking International Workers Memorial Day 2025**—That the Parliament recognises International Workers Memorial Day, which is marked annually on 28 April; notes that this global event brings together trade unionists and all those concerned with health and safety at work to remember those who have died at work; commends the trade unionists who have secured legislation to protect workers and compensate victims, and negotiated protections in



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workplaces to make work safer; recognises what it sees as the hugely valuable action taken by trade unions and trade unionists in promoting health and safety, and stands in solidarity with them as they continue to seek to protect and keep safe all those in work.

**\*[S6M-17207](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Welcoming the Opening of Bellshill Community Garden at Strathclyde Country Park**—That the Parliament welcomes the opening of the Bellshill community garden site within Strathclyde Country Park; understands that the concept for the garden originated from the community council during the development of the Bellshill Gateway at Strathclyde Country Park; notes that members collaborated with the greenspace projects team and DWA Landscape Architects to design the garden, which features a variety of benches, planters, trees, wildflowers and solitary bee monoliths; recognises that the garden provides an attractive and welcoming space for the public to enjoy, while also enhancing local biodiversity; understands that the park was constructed with funding from the Local Development Programme, managed by the community partnership team, and that the construction was delivered by Candid Construction Scotland Ltd in partnership with the greenspace projects team; applauds the members of Bellshill Community Council and the council teams for their efforts in creating what is regarded as a valuable and vibrant garden space for the local community, and commends all involved in the development of what it sees as this inspiring project, which offers residents and visitors alike a place to sit, relax, and connect with the natural surroundings of the country park.

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**\*[S6M-17206](#) Richard Leonard: Marking the 10th Anniversary of the Scottish Football Supporters Association**—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Football Supporters Association (SFSA) on its 10th anniversary; recognises the growth of the organisation to over 80,000 members; notes what it sees as its pivotal role in many campaigns, including getting the Scotland's men's national team's games shown on free-to-air television, the installation of defibrillators at football grounds and the production of *Rebuilding Scottish Football*, which is a fan-led review of the game in Scotland; congratulates its initiative to provide football kits to children across Malawi, in partnership with Play Soccer Malawi; welcomes its latest initiative to erect a bronze statue of the Scotland and Leeds United legend Billy Bremner, and wishes the SFSA continued future success. **R**

**\*[S6M-17205](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Commending North Lanarkshire's Digital Skills for Life Course**—That the Parliament commends North Lanarkshire's Digital Skills for Life course, funded through North Lanarkshire Council's Community Empowerment NL fund; congratulates the group of adult learners who have successfully completed the six-week programme; understands that there has been a significant improvement in the participants' digital capabilities and an unexpected, yet welcome, outcome in terms of the strong sense of teamwork that emerged among the group, as they supported one another throughout their learning journey, empowering themselves with the confidence to embrace new challenges and seize opportunities in what it sees as today's technology-driven society; notes that the course, delivered by the community learning and development team, incorporated a wide range of interactive activities, covering topics such as emails, digital photography, online scams, internet safety, social media and artificial intelligence; understands that the course aligned with the digital priorities set out in the Bellshill Local Outcome Improvement Plan; recognises that this initiative was delivered in partnership with the council's Driving Digital Locally programme, Bellshill YMCA, and Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire (VANL), with the shared goal of improving digital inclusion and skills among residents in Holytown; expresses gratitude to all those involved in the design and delivery of this impactful course;

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acknowledges what it sees as the positive difference it has made to the local community, and wishes all participants continued success as they apply their new digital skills in future endeavours.

Supported by: Colin Beattie\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Annie Wells\*, Miles Briggs\*, Kevin Stewart\*, David Torrance\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Karen Adam\*, Emma Harper\*

### **Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support**

**[\\*S6M-17250](#) John Swinney: Motion of Condolence** (lodged on 22 April 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay\*, Lorna Slater\*, Anas Sarwar\*

**[S6M-17218](#) Annie Wells: The Passing of Paddy Higson the Mother of Scottish Film** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*, Tim Eagle\*, David Torrance\*, Roz McCall\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17203](#) Jackie Baillie: Michael and Anna Curley Retire after 26 Years of Serving the Helensburgh Community** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-17202](#) Alexander Burnett: Banchory Academy Pupils' Double Win at North of Scotland Public Speaking Competition** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Roz McCall\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17201](#) Annie Wells: Transformation of Glasgow's Historic Rail Bridges** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Tim Eagle\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Douglas Ross\*, Edward Mountain\*, Colin Beattie\*, Craig Hoy\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Russell Findlay\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Roz McCall\*, Liam Kerr\*, Pam Gosal\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-17199](#) Annie Wells: Princess Royal Opens BAE Shipbuilding Academy in Glasgow** (lodged on 14 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle\*

**[S6M-17198](#) Annie Wells: Love and Solidarity Hub Opens in Castlemilk** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Edward Mountain\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Colin Beattie\*, Craig Hoy\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Russell Findlay\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Roz McCall\*, Liam Kerr\*, Pam Gosal\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-17197](#) Annie Wells: Congratulations to Participants of the Glasgow Easter Egg Run 2025** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Douglas Ross\*, Edward Mountain\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Colin Beattie\*, Craig Hoy\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Russell Findlay\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Roz McCall\*, Liam Kerr\*, Pam Gosal\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-17196](#) Annie Wells: City Building Apprentices Fundraise for Glasgow Women's Aid** (lodged on 16 April 2025)



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New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Tim Eagle\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Douglas Ross\*, Edward Mountain\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Colin Beattie\*, Craig Hoy\*, Rhoda Grant\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Russell Findlay\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Roz McCall\*, Liam Kerr\*, Pam Gosal\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-17193 Jackie Baillie: Congratulating the Save the Tower Campaign Group on its Successful Application to the Scottish Land Fund](#)** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-17192 Stephanie Callaghan: North Lanarkshire Midwives Lead Intergenerational Breastfeeding Initiative](#)** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

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

**[S6M-17191 Tess White: Stonehaven Outdoor Pool to Host International Ice Swimming Association GB Championships Winter 2025](#)** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Douglas Ross\*, Pam Gosal\*, Tim Eagle\*, Russell Findlay\*, Edward Mountain\*, Rhoda Grant\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Roz McCall\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17190 Tess White: Aberdeen International Airport Launches New Krakow Service](#)** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Douglas Ross\*, Pam Gosal\*, Tim Eagle\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Russell Findlay\*, Edward Mountain\*, Rhoda Grant\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Roz McCall\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17189 Clare Adamson: International Workers' Memorial Day 2025](#)** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Emma Harper\*, David Torrance\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17188 Tess White: Northfield Academy in Aberdeen Uses the Power of Rugby to Transform Lives](#)** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Douglas Ross\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Pam Gosal\*, Tim Eagle\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Edward Mountain\*, Rhoda Grant\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Roz McCall\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17187 Marie McNair: Old Kilpatrick Food Parcels Receives King's Award for Voluntary Service](#)** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Emma Harper\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, David Torrance\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17185 Pam Gosal: Congratulating Scottish Asian Counselling Services](#)** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Tim Eagle\*, Roz McCall\*

**[S6M-17183 Foysoyl Choudhury: Scotland Transplant Active Football Team Competes in European Transplant Football Championship](#)** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17182 Humza Yousaf: Celebrating the Centenary of Drumoyne Bowling Club](#)** (lodged on 17 April 2025)

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New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Emma Harper\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, David Torrance\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17180](#) Willie Coffey: Ayrshire Acro Gymnastics Perform at British Gymnastic Championships 2025** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*, Emma Harper\*, David Torrance\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17179](#) Ruth Maguire: Irvine Seagate Rotary Club Primary School Quiz** (lodged on 17 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-17178](#) Ruth Maguire: Kilwinning Primary School Pupils Sustainability Efforts** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-17177](#) Stephanie Callaghan: New Macmillan Cancer Therapy Service Opens with Support from Bellshill's Kirby Group Engineering** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Annie Wells\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17176](#) Paul O'Kane: Marking the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Mary Barbour** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper\*, Pam Gosal\*, Annie Wells\*, Mercedes Villalba\*

**[S6M-17175](#) Foysol Choudhury: Telugu Association of Scotland Hosts Annual Ugadi Sambaralu** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17174](#) Colin Beattie: Melville Housing Association's 30th Anniversary** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-17173](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulating Brick Lane Studios on the Opening of a New Sensory Garden** (lodged on 17 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Pam Gosal\*, Emma Harper\*, David Torrance\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Rhoda Grant\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17172](#) Clare Adamson: The Harm of Gambling Addiction** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-17171](#) Kevin Stewart: Apache Corporation and ALC** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*, Paul Sweeney\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-17170](#) Kevin Stewart: High Grading for Langstane Housing Support Services** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*, Paul Sweeney\*, David Torrance\*

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**[S6M-17169](#) Kevin Stewart: Apex Tubulars and the Russell Anderson Foundation** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*, Paul Sweeney\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-17168](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulating Diversity Bridge** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*, Paul Sweeney\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-17166](#) Michelle Thomson: NHS Forth Valley Leads on Pioneering Clinical Trials** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*, Paul Sweeney\*, David Torrance\*, Karen Adam\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-17165](#) Michelle Thomson: Congratulating Kayla MacDonald on Receiving the Radio Royal Robyn Jenkins Memorial Award 2025** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*, Paul Sweeney\*, David Torrance\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17164](#) Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating Coatbridge School Pupil, Lily Ferguson, on Her Professional Theatre Debut** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*, Emma Harper\*, David Torrance\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17163](#) Michelle Thomson: Sarah Mighton Takes on Three Peaks Challenge to Fundraise for Bo'ness Pupils.** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*, David Torrance\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17162](#) Evelyn Tweed: Stirling Sisters Raise Over £20,000 for the Stroke Association** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Rona Mackay\*, Miles Briggs\*, Bill Kidd\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Colin Beattie\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Edward Mountain\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Kevin Stewart\*, David Torrance\*, Pauline McNeill\*, Rhoda Grant\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17160](#) Annie Wells: McTaggart Construction Transforms Hampden Primary School** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle\*, Roz McCall\*

**[S6M-17159](#) Gordon MacDonald: Edinburgh Project Linus** (lodged on 14 April 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-17158](#) Stephen Kerr: Violence Against Teachers and the Need for Urgent Action in Scotland's Schools** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Roz McCall\*

**[S6M-17147](#) Sarah Boyack: Scottish Youth Parliament's Work on Transport** (lodged on 11 April 2025)

New Support: Carol Mochan\*, Elena Whitham\*

**[S6M-17146](#) Annie Wells: Recognition of Glasgow Schools for Emotional Wellbeing Initiatives** (lodged on 11 April 2025)

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New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S6M-17145](#) Christine Grahame: 30th Anniversary of Eco-Schools and Success for St Andrew's RC Primary School in Gorebridge** (lodged on 11 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-17144](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Holy Cross High School Raises Funds for SCIAF Wee Box Appeal** (lodged on 10 April 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-17138](#) Bill Kidd: Congratulating Dr Brian Patrick Murphy on MBE** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*, David Torrance\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-17137](#) Evelyn Tweed: East Plean Primary School Recognised by Eco-Schools Programme** (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17133](#) Mercedes Villalba: Release of Fire Appliance and Life-saving Equipment to Palestine** (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17132](#) Annie Wells: Congratulations on the Refurbishment of Bereavement Comfort Room at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital** (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17130](#) Liam McArthur: David and Margaret Rendall to Retire After 30 Years of Providing Sanday's Ambulance Service** (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17129](#) Bob Doris: Celebrating the Retirement of Julie McMillan and her Contributions to Glasgow's Youth** (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-17127](#) Alexander Stewart: Alloa Firefighters Raise over £1,300 for Breathe Easy Clackmannanshire** (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17126](#) Willie Coffey: Sir Alexander Fleming - Almost 100 Years Since the Discovery of Penicillin** (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17123](#) Clare Haughey: St Columbkille's Parishioners Awarded Benemerenti Medals** (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

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**[S6M-17122](#) Alexander Burnett: National Ice Cream Awards Win for Rizza's of Huntly** (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17119](#) Finlay Carson: Scotland Men's Curlers Triumph Again at World Championships** (lodged on 10 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17117](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Football Club – West of Scotland Premier Division Champions** (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17111](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Celebrating 10 Years of Anti-sectarian Campaign, Pitch Perfect** (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17109](#) Michelle Thomson: Scotland's School Pipe Bands Lead Tartan Week Celebrations** (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17106](#) Clare Haughey: Blantyre Soccer Academy Goes from Strength to Strength** (lodged on 08 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17105](#) Clare Haughey: R Wilson & Son Decorators Wins National Award** (lodged on 08 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17104](#) Ruth Maguire: Woodland View Hospital Volunteer Shop Fundraising Achievement** (lodged on 08 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17103](#) Katy Clark: Recognition of the State of Palestine** (lodged on 08 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-17091](#) Rhoda Grant: Congratulating Inverness Lions Basketball Club** (lodged on 08 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-17090](#) Maggie Chapman: Robert Gordon University Industrial Action** (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-17086](#) Bill Kidd: Congratulates Glasgow Club Scotstoun on its 30th Anniversary** (lodged on 07 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

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**[S6M-17085](#) Ruth Maguire: Irvine Schoolgirl's Easter Egg Donation** (lodged on 07 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17084](#) Ruth Maguire: Dundonald Links Named Scotland's Best Clubhouse** (lodged on 07 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17083](#) Ruth Maguire: Optimum Eco Group Supporting Environmentally Responsible Economy** (lodged on 07 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17082](#) Ruth Maguire: Tidelines Book Festival, Irvine** (lodged on 07 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17079](#) Audrey Nicoll: Robert Gordon University's Research into Faster Endometriosis Diagnosis** (lodged on 07 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17075](#) Brian Whittle: The Book Nook, Scotland's Independent Bookshop of the Year for the Second Year in a Row** (lodged on 07 April 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells\*

**[S6M-17073](#) Emma Harper: World Asthma Day 2025** (lodged on 08 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17070](#) Tess White: UK Champion Black Pudding Winner, Steven Bennett from Arbroath** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*, Tim Eagle\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Russell Findlay\*, Edward Mountain\*, Rhoda Grant\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Roz McCall\*, Karen Adam\*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17068](#) Beatrice Wishart: Shetlander Connor Leslie Wins Shetland's First National Boccia Medal** (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Douglas Ross\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Emma Harper\*, Kevin Stewart\*, David Torrance\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Rhoda Grant\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-17063](#) Rachael Hamilton: Free Tree Packs for Schools and Communities** (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17057](#) Bill Kidd: Isabel Dunsmuir Retires from DRC Generations Glasgow after 23 Years** (lodged on 04 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*



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**[S6M-17055](#) Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Performing Arts, Light the Blue** (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17050](#) Clare Haughey: Riley Williamson, First Aid Awards Winner** (lodged on 04 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[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: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17023](#) Douglas Ross: National Awards for Fochabers Ice Cream Parlour** (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17020](#) James Dornan: Upholding the Gleneagles Agreement** (lodged on 17 April 2025)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*, Mercedes Villalba\*

**[S6M-17018](#) Michelle Thomson: Falkirk Groups Secure Funding via Falkirk Council's Community Choices Fund 2025-26** (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-17001](#) Miles Briggs: Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Awareness Month** (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-16986](#) Clare Haughey: R:evolve Recycle Celebrates 10-year Anniversary** (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-16985](#) Humza Yousaf: Friends of Elder Park** (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-16983](#) Karen Adam: 60 Years of Banff Preservation and Heritage Society** (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-16982](#) Karen Adam: Outstanding Community Effort** (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-16980](#) Karen Adam: Cullen Skink World Championship Title Stays in Cullen** (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-16978](#) Neil Bibby: BBC Scotland's Decision to End River City and Close its Dumbarton Studios** (lodged on 27 March 2025)

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New Support: Mark Ruskell\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*

**[S6M-16976](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Aldi Initiative to Tackle Period Poverty** (lodged on 31 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-16972](#) Audrey Nicoll: National Award for NHS Grampian Clinical Scientist Dr Ijeoma Okoliegb** (lodged on 31 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-16970](#) Willie Coffey: Diversity and Inclusion Champion** (lodged on 07 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-16969](#) Marie McNair: NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Teams Recognised at Holyrood Connect Digital Health and Care Awards** (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-16968](#) Marie McNair: Vicki's "Boogie for the Beatson" Fitness Classes Continue to Raise Funds for the Beatson Cancer Charity** (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-16962](#) Marie McNair: Recognising Clydebank Social Enterprise Crafting Together** (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-16961](#) Marie McNair: Clydesdale Harriers Celebrate 140th Anniversary** (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-16932](#) Humza Yousaf: Recognising Turf Youth and Community Project** (lodged on 31 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-16907](#) John Mason: Heathrow Airport** (lodged on 26 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-16906](#) Colin Smyth: Securing and Maintaining Scotland's Status as a Fair Trade Nation** (lodged on 26 March 2025)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing\*

**[S6M-16893](#) Richard Leonard: Scotland in the Red 2024 StepChange Scotland** (lodged on 21 March 2025)

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

**[S6M-16834](#) John Mason: Expressing Solidarity with Canada and Condemning US Trade Measures** (lodged on 31 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

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**[S6M-16799](#) Joe FitzPatrick: Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament in the House of Commons** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*, David Torrance\*, Brian Whittle\*

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## Oral Questions

### First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 24 April 2025

- Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03999](#))
- Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04000](#))
- Alex Cole-Hamilton:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04001](#))
- Christine Grahame:** To ask the First Minister, in light of the reported issues arising from proposed rural nursery closures or mothballing, including the potential impact on the sustainability of rural communities and the operation of primary schools, whether the Scottish Government will review the relevant legislation and the guidance on criteria for protecting rural primary schools from closure. ([S6F-04008](#))
- Pam Gosal:** To ask the First Minister what impact the Scottish Government anticipates that the Supreme Court judgment regarding *For Women Scotland Ltd v The Scottish Ministers* will have on the implementation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland. ([S6F-04003](#))
- Ariane Burgess:** To ask the First Minister whether he will provide an update on when the Scottish Government expects to respond to the Loch Long salmon farm planning application. ([S6F-04007](#))

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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 22 April 2025

**[S6W-36865](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether there was an evidence base for its reported opposition to gene-edited crops.

**[S6W-36866](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to consult stakeholders on gene-edited crops and, if this is the case, what scientific and economic evidence it is using to inform this process.

**[S6W-36867](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that farmers in Scotland are not disadvantaged, compared with those in England and other parts of the UK, where gene-edited crops are already permitted.

**[S6W-36868](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether gene-editing could enhance food security and increase productivity in the agricultural sector.

**[S6W-36869](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether gene-edited crops offer a more sustainable and resilient approach to food production, in light of reported climate and disease pressures.

**[S6W-36870](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed any reputational risk to Scottish produce of the continuation of a ban on gene-edited crops, in light of such crops being permitted in other parts of the UK and the EU.

**[S6W-36871](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to engage with the farming and scientific community in determining the future of gene-edited food systems in Scotland.

**[S6W-36903](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what the reasons are for its policy allowing its civil servants to attend the office for only one day a week, in light of reported concerns about public sector productivity.

**[S6W-36904](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether any of its civil servants work remotely from outside the UK; if so, how many currently do so on a (a) permanent and (b) temporary basis; what its position is on whether it is appropriate that they do so, and what assessment it has made of any tax and residency implications for any such civil servants.

**[S6W-36912](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has made any representations to the UK Government regarding any potential consequences for the education sector in Scotland of removing bursaries and scholarships from independent school pupils.

**[S6W-36914](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the Scottish Fiscal Commission's projection that the number of people aged over 85 in Scotland will almost double in the next 25 years, and what implications this may have for public finances.

**[S6W-36964](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many incidents of drone incursions into prison grounds have been recorded in each of the past five years.

**[S6W-36965](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to enhance drone detection and interception capabilities across the prison estate.

**[S6W-36966](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is considering introducing no-fly zones, jamming equipment, or other deterrent technologies around the prison estate.

**[S6W-36968](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has engaged with (a) the UK Government, (b) Police Scotland and (c) aviation authorities to develop a joint strategy for addressing drone threats to prison security.

**[S6W-36974](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has conducted to determine the impact of careers advice services on the reported increasing number of early school leavers.

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**[S6W-36977](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to introducing a legal entitlement to return to school for pupils who leave early and later change their minds.

**[S6W-36978](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to concerns raised by NHS doctors about a reported increase in the number of A&E admissions resulting from failed cosmetic procedures carried out by unqualified individuals.

**[S6W-36979](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will follow the example of England in prohibiting under-18s from receiving non-surgical cosmetic treatments, such as fillers and Botox

**[S6W-36980](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how much was spent on staffing the constitutional futures division between 2019 and its disbandment.

**[S6W-36981](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether any civil servants are still working full or part time on independence-related work, and, if so, how many, and in which directorates they are based.

**[S6W-36984](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to publish any further independence-related papers in the series *Building a New Scotland*.

**[S6W-36985](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to bring back the Flexible Workforce Development Fund through the Skills and Growth Levy.

**[S6W-36986](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in developing a replacement vehicle for the Flexible Workforce Development Fund, in light of the findings of the report that it commissioned EKOS Ltd to prepare, *Evaluation: Flexible Workforce Development Fund (FWDF)*, which was published in January 2023.

**[S6W-36987](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government when ministers last spoke to businesses about their expectations regarding opportunities through the funding provided through the Skills and Growth Levy and when they would be able to access such opportunities.

**[S6W-36988](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it will take in response to the 2025 conservation assessment, which suggested that 72% of Scotland's rivers are now classed as "poor" for wild salmon.

**[S6W-36989](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will address the environmental pressures reportedly contributing to salmon stock collapse, including pollution, blocked rivers and fish farm-related disease and parasites.

**[S6W-36990](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many prosecutions have been brought for breaches of mandatory catch-and-release rules since their introduction, and how many convictions there were.

**[S6W-36991](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it reportedly spent £2.67 million on office buildings, in light of reports that occupancy rates in some have been as low as 20%.

**[S6W-36992](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the current level of office occupancy across its estate represents value for money.

**[S6W-36993](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the cost-effectiveness of continuing to maintain large office buildings such as Victoria Quay, St Andrew's House and Saughton House, in light of their reportedly low average desk occupancy.

**[S6W-36994](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what the average daily desk occupancy rate has been across its estate in the last year.

**[S6W-36995](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review the size and location of its office footprint in response to changing working patterns.

**[S6W-36996](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish a breakdown of running costs for each of its buildings in which average desk occupancy fell below 50% in the last year.



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**[S6W-36997](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many violent incidents involving pupils have been recorded across each local authority in the current academic year.

**[S6W-36998](#) Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential risks of battery energy storage system sites, in light of reported concerns over public health and fire safety.

**[S6W-36999](#) Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support small businesses, following the reported concerns of the Federation of Small Businesses over the "perfect storm" of rising energy and labour costs, increased administrative burdens and trade tariffs.

**[S6W-37000](#) Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made in engaging with officials from the Senedd with regard to the Welsh Government's commitment to phase out greyhound racing.

**[S6W-37001](#) Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking with (a) Police Scotland and (b) the NHS to raise awareness of the dangers of purchasing weight loss injections from illegitimate or unauthorised sources.

**[S6W-37002](#) Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations in Transport Scotland's March 2023 report, *Women's and girls' views and experiences of personal safety when using public transport*.

**[S6W-37003](#) Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government when in 2025 it will publish a medium-term financial strategy.

**[S6W-37004](#) Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish an updated infrastructure investment plan.

**[S6W-37005](#) Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government when it expects work on the National Treatment Centre Grampian Project to recommence.

**[S6W-37006](#) Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the additional £2.6 million in funding announced for National Treatment Centre Highland, how many procedures will be allocated to patients from NHS (a) Grampian and (b) Tayside as a result of the anticipated increase in capacity.

**[S6W-37007](#) Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the Care Inspectorate will provide data on the unmet demand for childcare, in addition to providing existing data on the number of settings and places available.

**[S6W-37008](#) Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government, what its response is to the findings in the HM Inspectorate of Prisons Scotland paper, *Report on HMP Barlinnie Full Inspection 18-22 November 2024*, which recorded that there were "significant challenges to supporting the timeous engagement of prisoners in development or treatment programmes in Barlinnie" and attributed these to the availability of resources.

**[S6W-37009](#) Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it plans with the Scottish Prison Service regarding the recommendations made in the HM Inspectorate of Prisons Scotland paper, *Report on HMP Barlinnie Full Inspection 18-22 November 2024*.

**[S6W-37010](#) Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government, what its response is to the findings in the HM Inspectorate of Prisons Scotland paper, *Report on HMP Barlinnie Full Inspection 18-22 November 2024*, which indicate that 65% of prisoners were in shared cells that did not meet the standard cell space of four metres square per prisoner, largely due to the overcrowding of 300 prisoners more than capacity.

**[S6W-37011](#) Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to improve the overcrowding situation in HMP Barlinnie and any impact this is having on prison standards, before the opening of HMP Glasgow scheduled for 2028, in light of the HM Inspectorate of Prisons Scotland paper, *Report on HMP Barlinnie Full Inspection 18-22 November 2024*.

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**[S6W-37012](#) Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Glasgow Central Station low-level refurbishment works will commence.

**[S6W-37013](#) Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will engage with the board of Wood Group PLC to explore all alternative options to refinance the firm and prevent a takeover by the Dubai-based, Sidara.

**[S6W-37019](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish a full list of current board members of all public sector bodies, including their (a) daily rates, (b) number of days worked and (c) total annual remuneration.

**[S6W-37022](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether it is consistent with the prudent management of public finances for public body board members to earn more per day than some public sector workers earn in a week.

**[S6W-37023](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what measurable actions it has taken since the COVID-19 pandemic to discourage young people from leaving school early due to financial necessity.

**[S6W-37027](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the performance and effectiveness of the public bodies under its control.

**[S6W-37033](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reported increasing number of fires linked to lithium-ion batteries in domestic and industrial settings.

**[S6W-37034](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers the current regulatory framework for battery energy storage systems to be fit for purpose, in light of recent reported public safety concerns.

**[S6W-37035](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it takes to ensure that public money is not allocated to charities that act in breach of their impartiality obligations under charity law.

**[S6W-37041](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the use of artificial intelligence-based tools to address any delays in cancer treatment and diagnosis.

**[S6W-37042](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider working jointly with the UK Government to develop a UK-wide cancer strategy, in light of reports of calls for such an approach by expert commentators in *The Lancet Oncology*.

**[S6W-37048](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on how many adults are currently being prescribed medication for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and how this figure compares with previous years.

**[S6W-37049](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of people appearing before a court, who were aged between 19 and 25 years old, have cited attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) as part of their defence in each of the last three years.

**[S6W-37050](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reasons for the high number of flu-related deaths that were recorded in the first 14 weeks of 2025.

**[S6W-37052](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to reinstate eligibility for flu vaccination for people aged 50 to 64.

**[S6W-37054](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of the 463 flu-related deaths recorded to date in 2025 were in unvaccinated individuals who would previously have qualified for the flu vaccination, as part of the group aged from 50 to 64 years old.

**[S6W-37056](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what criteria were used when deciding whether to grant the £22 million in liquidity support to the University of Dundee.

**[S6W-37057](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the £22 million in liquidity support that was granted to the University of Dundee was conditional on the university avoiding any job losses.



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**[S6W-37058](#) Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how many NHS boards are considering offering givinostat, also known as duvyzat, to people with Duchenne muscular dystrophy in a fair and equitable manner.

**[S6W-37062](#) Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether there will be a Marine Fund Scotland grant scheme this financial year, and when such a scheme might open.

**[S6W-37066](#) Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many hectares of new native woodland have been created under the new Forestry Grant Scheme in each of the last five years.

**[S6W-37067](#) Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many hectares of non-native coniferous forestry have been created in each of the last five years.

**[S6W-37068](#) Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to seek an equity share in the development of any of the nine projects identified by the Project Willow report for the industrial redevelopment of the Grangemouth refinery complex.

**[S6W-37069](#) Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it provides to Scottish Borders council to reflect any additional costs directly associated with providing nursery education in a rural setting.

**[S6W-37086](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any risk to fairness and national standards in National 5 History arising from the reported unauthorised release of marked qualification scripts.

**[S6W-37088](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has carried out any modelling on the potential long-term demographic impact of poor access to healthcare services in rural areas, and whether it will publish any such analysis.

**[S6W-37089](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what immediate steps it will take to address the reported decline in business confidence across all sectors as highlighted in the latest Scottish Chambers of Commerce Quarterly Economic Indicator.

**[S6W-37090](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported warnings from the Scottish Chambers of Commerce that skills shortages and a broken training system are acting as structural barriers to growth.

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## Amendments

### Amendments to Bills lodged on 22 April 2025

#### Education (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

*Amendment 53A has been lodged as manuscript amendment under Rule 9.10.6. The Convener of the Education, Children and Young People Committee has decided under Rule 9.10.6 that amendment 53A may not be moved at the meeting of the Committee on 23 April 2025.*

#### Schedule 1

#### Pam Duncan-Glancy

- 53A** As an amendment to amendment 53, line 4, leave out <, in every case in which Qualifications Scotland considers it appropriate to do so,>

#### Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

*Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee Daily List*

#### Section 15

#### Maggie Chapman

- 448** In section 15, page 10, line 11, leave out <may> and insert <must>

#### Maggie Chapman

- 449** In section 15, page 10, line 33, at end insert—  
<( ) providing data to an order maker for the purposes of determining the open market rent under section 32 of the 2016 Act.>

#### Maggie Chapman

- 450** In section 15, page 10, line 33, at end insert—  
<( ) The power conferred by subsection (1) or (3) must be exercised by a local authority for the purpose of providing data to an order maker for the purposes of determining the open market rent under section 32 of the 2016 Act.>

#### Section 19

#### Willie Rennie

- 329A** As an amendment to amendment 329, line 15, for <may> substitute <must>

#### Willie Rennie

- 329B** As an amendment to amendment 329, line 24, at end insert—

<(2A) Regulations under subsection (1) must include in the definition of an exempt property any property under a relevant tenancy for which the landlord is a registered social landlord or a subsidiary of a registered social landlord.>

**Willie Rennie**

**329C** As an amendment to amendment 329, line 24, at end insert—

<(2A) Regulations under subsection (1) must include in the definition of an exempt property any property under a relevant tenancy which is a build-to-rent property.>

**Willie Rennie**

**329D** As an amendment to amendment 329, line 24, at end insert—

<(2A) Regulations under subsection (1) must include in the definition of an exempt property any property under a relevant tenancy for which the rent payable is less than half the open market rent for the relevant category of dwelling in a broad rental market area.>

**Maggie Chapman**

**329E** As an amendment to amendment 329, line 24, at end insert—

<(2A) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide that a property may be an exempt property only if it charges—

- (a) the local housing allowance rate, or
- (b) a rate lower than the local housing allowance rate,  
for the area in which the property is situated.>

**Maggie Chapman**

**329F** As an amendment to amendment 329, line 24, at end insert—

<(2A) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide that a property may be an exempt property only if it charges—

- (a) the social housing rate, or
- (b) a rate lower than the social housing rate,  
for the area in which the property is situated.>

**Willie Rennie**

**329G** As an amendment to amendment 329, line 31, at end insert—

<(5) In this section—

“registered social landlord” means a body registered in the register maintained under section 20(1) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010,

“subsidiary” has the same meaning as in the Companies Act 2006 (c.46) or, as the case may be, the Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.”>

**Willie Rennie**

**329H** As an amendment to amendment 329, line 31—

- <(5) In this section, “build-to-rent property” means purpose-built residential housing with—
- (a) long-term institutional ownership and professional management, and
  - (b) self-contained individual units which are separately let under a relevant tenancy.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (2A), a built-to-rent property must have completed its construction after this section comes into force.”.>

**Willie Rennie**

**329I** As an amendment to amendment 329, line 31—

- <(5) The Scottish Ministers may define “open market rent” for the purposes of the regulations under subsection (1).
- (6) In this section, “broad rental market area” has the same meaning as in the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Scotland) Order 1997.”.>

**After section 23**

**Maggie Chapman**

**451** After section 23, insert—

**<CHAPTER**

**OPEN MARKET RENT**

*Open market rent*

**Determination of open market rent**

- (1) The 2016 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 32 (determination of open market rent), after subsection (2), insert—

“(2A) In determining the open market rent of the property under subsection (1), the order maker must have regard to relevant data on levels of rent payable under tenancies as provided by the local authority in which the property is located.”.>

**Section 24**

**Willie Rennie**

**452** In section 24, page 28, line 29, at end insert—

- <(za) that the let property is required for use in connection with the purposes of a religion,>

**After section 37**

**Mark Griffin**

**453** After section 37, insert—

*<Registration of landlords*

**Registration of landlords: entry on register**

- (1) The Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 83 (application for registration), in subsection (1)—
  - (a) in paragraph (ca), the “and” immediately following that paragraph is repealed,
  - (b) after paragraph (ca) insert—

“(cb) information to be inserted from property questionnaire, and”.>

**Ross Greer**

454 After section 37, insert—

*<Registration of landlords*

**Landlord registration: fees**

- (1) The Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 83 (application for registration)—
  - (a) after subsection (2), insert—

“(2A) The local authority may provide that the fee under subsection (2) is different in different circumstances.

(2B) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (2A), different circumstances under subsection (2A) may include reference to—

    - (a) the number of properties for which the applicant is a landlord,
    - (b) compliance with the requirements of this Part,
    - (c) compliance with other legal requirements.”
  - (b) subsection (3) is repealed.>

**Mark Griffin**

455 After section 37, insert—

*<Registration of landlords*

**Registration of landlords: access to register**

- (1) The Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 88A (access to register), before subsection (1) insert—

“(A1) The Scottish Ministers must provide a facility by which the registers maintained under section 82(1) may be searched.”>

**Section 39**

**Mark Griffin**

456 In section 39, page 51, line 6, leave out subsection (2) and insert—

<( ) In section 40 (notices), in subsection (1), after the opening words insert—

“(aa) by sending it to that persons’ proper address,  
(ab) by sending it using electronic means.”>

**After section 40**

**Mark Griffin**

457 After section 40, insert—

*<Scottish secure tenancy: exchange of house*

**Scottish secure tenancy: reasons for not consenting to exchange of house**

- (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 33 (exchange of house), after subsection (3) insert—
  - “(3A) Subject to subsection (3)(a) and (b), it is not a reasonable ground for refusing such consent that the tenant is in rent arrears if—
    - (a) one or more children under the age of 18 reside or might reasonably be expected to reside with the tenant,
    - (b) the tenant’s existing house is not, in the opinion of the landlord of the existing house, adequate accommodation for the residents of that house, including the children, and
    - (c) the house proposed for the exchange would be, in the opinion of the landlord of the existing house, adequate accommodation for the residents of that house, including the children.
  - (3B) Nothing in subsection (3A) prevents the landlord from taking any steps to recover any rent arrears.”>

**Mark Griffin**

457A As an amendment to amendment 457, line 6 leave out <Subject to> and insert <Notwithstanding>

**After section 47**

**Evelyn Tweed**

458 After section 47, insert—

*<Decisions of the Scottish Housing Regulator: reviews and appeals*

**Decisions of the Scottish Housing Regulator: reviews and appeals**

- (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 67 insert—

**“PART 5A**

**DECISIONS OF THE REGULATOR: REVIEWS AND APPEALS**

**67A Decisions**

This Part applies to a decision by the Regulator—



- (a) not to enter a body in the register under section 23,
- (b) to remove a body from the register under section 27,
- (c) not to remove a body from the register under section 28,
- (d) to issue performance improvement targets in relation to a social landlord under section 34,
- (e) to set financial management or governance targets in relation to a registered social landlord under section 37,
- (f) to arrange under section 44 for a survey of the condition of housing accommodation maintained by a social landlord,
- (g) to publish a report of an inquiry concerning a social landlord under section 46,
- (h) to require a social landlord to submit a performance improvement plan under section 55,
- (i) to specify a particular time by which a social landlord is required to submit such a plan,
- (j) to serve an enforcement notice on a social landlord under section 56,
- (k) to appoint a manager to manage the housing activities of a social landlord, or require a social landlord to appoint such a manager, under section 57,
- (l) to specify that such a manager is to manage the social landlord's housing activities generally or particular aspects of those activities,
- (m) to appoint a manager to manage the financial or other affairs of a registered social landlord, or require a registered social landlord to appoint such a manager, under section 58,
- (n) to specify that such a manager is to manage the registered social landlord's financial or other affairs generally or particular aspects of those affairs,
- (o) to remove an officer of a registered social landlord under section 60,
- (p) to suspend a responsible individual from a registered social landlord under section 61,
- (q) to remove a responsible individual from a registered social landlord under section 62,
- (r) to appoint an individual as an officer of a registered social landlord under section 65,
- (s) to make a direction under section 66 (restrictions on dealings during or following inquiries),
- (t) to make a direction under section 67 (transfer of assets following inquiries).

#### **67B Reviews of decisions**

- (1) A person mentioned in section 67D in relation to a decision may, before the end of the period of 10 working days beginning with day on which the person is notified of the decision, request that the Regulator reviews the decision.
- (2) When the Regulator receives a request under subsection (1), it must—

- (a) review the decision,
  - (b) confirm, vary, reverse or revoke it, and
  - (c) give notice of its decision under paragraph (b) to the person who requested the review.
- (3) A notice under subsection (2)(c) must set out the Regulator's reasons for its decision.
- (4) In subsection (1), "working day" means any day other than—
- (a) a Saturday or a Sunday, or
  - (b) a day which is a bank holiday in Scotland under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971.

### **67C Appeals to the First-tier Tribunal**

- (1) A person mentioned in section 67D in relation to a decision may, before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the person is given notice under section 67B(2)(c) in relation to the decision, appeal to the First-tier Tribunal against the decision where the decision has been confirmed (with or without variations) under section 67B(2)(b).
- (2) The First-tier Tribunal may determine an appeal by—
- (a) confirming the decision,
  - (b) quashing the decision and directing the Regulator to take such other action, if any, as the First-tier Tribunal thinks fit by such time as may be specified in the direction, or
  - (c) remitting the case to the Regulator for reconsideration.
- (3) In this section, "First-tier Tribunal" means the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland.

### **67D Persons who may request a review or appeal**

The person who may request a review under section 67B(1) or appeal under section 67C(1) is—

- (a) in the case of a decision referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of section 67A, the body,
- (b) in the case of a decision referred to in paragraph (d) or (f) to (l) of that section, the social landlord,
- (c) in the case of a decision referred to in paragraph (e), (m), (n) or (r) to (t) of that section, the registered social landlord,
- (d) in the case of a decision referred to in paragraph (o) to (q) of that section, the individual.

### **67E Power to make further provision about reviews and appeals**

The Scottish Ministers may by regulations—

- (a) modify this Part,
- (b) make such further provision as they consider appropriate in relation to reviews and appeals of decisions by the Regulator."

- (3) In section 27 (compulsory de-registration)—
- (a) in subsection (3), for “removing” substitute “making a decision to remove”,
- (b) after subsection (3) insert—
- “(4) A decision to remove a body from the register is of no effect unless—
- (a) the period within which the body may request a review of the decision under section 67B(1) expires without the body requesting a review, or
- (b) where the body requests a review, the Regulator confirms the decision (with or without variations) and—
- (i) the period within which the body may appeal under section 67C(1) expires without the body appealing the decision, or
- (ii) the body appeals the decision and the appeal has been finally determined or is withdrawn.”.
- (4) Section 29 (appeal against decision on registration or removal) is repealed.
- (5) Section 64 (appeals against suspension or removal) is repealed.
- (6) In section 161 (orders)—
- (a) after subsection (4) insert—
- “(5) Regulations under section 67E may make different provision for different purposes.
- (6) Regulations under section 67E are subject to the affirmative procedure.”,
- (b) the section title becomes “Orders and regulations”.>

### After section 51

#### Ross Greer

459 After section 51, insert—

*<Non-domestic rates: short-term let property*

#### **Non-domestic rates: short-term let property**

- (1) The Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 153, after subsection (3A) insert—
- “(3B) Regulations under this section must provide that in respect of any lands and heritages mentioned in subsection (3C), the non-domestic rate for the financial year to which the regulations relate—
- (a) shall be levied at a higher rate in the form of a supplement to be prescribed in the regulations, and
- (b) shall not in any circumstances be remitted or reduced.
- (3C) The lands and heritages are lands and heritages—
- (b) let as self-catering holiday accommodation, or
- (d) otherwise let on a short-term basis, and

- (e) which are suitable for providing housing to a person on a temporary or permanent basis.”.>

**Ross Greer**

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- (1) The Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 153, after subsection (3A) insert—
  - “(3B) Regulations under this section must provide that in respect of any lands and heritages mentioned in subsection (3C), the non-domestic rate for the financial year to which the regulations relate shall be levied at a higher rate in the form of a supplement to be prescribed in the regulations.
  - (3C) The lands and heritages are lands and heritages—
    - (a) let as self-catering holiday accommodation, or
    - (b) otherwise let on a short-term basis, and
    - (c) which are suitable for providing housing to a person on a temporary or permanent basis.”.>

**Ross Greer**

**461** After section 51, insert—

*<Non-domestic rates: short-term let property*

**Non-domestic rates: short-term let property**

- (1) The Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 53, after subsection (3A)—
  - “(3B) Regulations under this section must provide that in respect of any lands and heritages mentioned in subsection (3C), the non-domestic rate for the financial year to which the regulations relate shall not in any circumstances be remitted or reduced.
  - (3C) The lands and heritages are lands and heritages—
    - (a) let as self-catering holiday accommodation, or
    - (b) otherwise let on a short-term basis, and
    - (c) which are suitable for providing housing to a person on a temporary or permanent basis.”.>

**Ross Greer**

**462** After section 51, insert—

*<Council tax: revaluation*

**Council tax: valuation bands**

- (1) The Local Government Finance Act 1992 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 74 (different amounts for dwellings in different valuation bands), in subsection (3)(b), after “bands” insert “, which may include a different number of valuation bands.”.>

**Ross Greer**

**463** After section 51, insert—

*<Council tax: revaluation*

**Council tax revaluation**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must in respect of each revaluation date make an order under section 74(3)(b) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 providing that, as regards financial years beginning on or after such date as is specified in the order, valuation bands so specified shall be substituted for those for the time being effective for the purposes of subsection (2) of that section.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) must—
  - (a) require local assessors to compile, and then maintain, new valuation lists for the financial years specified in the order,
  - (b) specify a date no later than—
    - (i) in relation to the first revaluation date, 1 April 2029,
    - (ii) in relation to each subsequent revaluation date, a date no later than 5 years after the end of the previous revaluation date.
- (3) Prior to new valuation lists coming into force by virtue of an order made under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers may by regulations provide for such transitional measures as they consider appropriate, including in relation to the payment of council tax by low and fixed income households.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, the revaluation date is—
  - (a) in relation to the first revaluation date, 1 April 2029, and
  - (b) in relation to each subsequent revaluation date, the day falling 5 years after the previous revaluation date.>

**Ross Greer**

**464** After section 51, insert—

*<Council tax: revaluation*

**Council tax revaluation**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must make an order under section 74(3)(b) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 providing that, as regards financial years beginning on or after such date as is specified in the order, valuation bands so specified shall be substituted for those for the time being effective for the purposes of subsection (2) of that section.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) must—
  - (a) require local assessors to compile, and then maintain, new valuation lists for the financial years specified in the order,

- (b) specify a date no later than 1 April 2029.
- (3) At the same time as making an order under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must make an order under section 88(3)(b) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that specifies a date no later than 1 April 2027 for the purposes of section 86(2) of that Act.
- (4) Prior to new valuation lists coming into force by virtue of an order made under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide for such transitional measures as they consider appropriate, including in relation to the payment of council tax by low and fixed income households.>

**Ross Greer**

465 After section 51, insert—

*<Land and buildings transaction tax*

**Open-ended investment companies**

- (1) The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 46 (open-ended investment companies), in subsection (1), for “may” substitute “must”.>

**Ross Greer**

466 After section 51, insert—

*<Land and buildings transaction tax*

**Visiting forces and international military headquarters reliefs**

- (1) The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 27 (reliefs), the words “schedule 16A (visiting forces and international military headquarters reliefs),” are repealed.
- (3) Schedule 16A (visiting forces and international military headquarters reliefs) is repealed.>

**Ross Greer**

467 After section 51, insert—

*<Land and buildings transaction tax*

**Residential property holding companies**

- (1) The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 47 (residential property holding companies), in subsection (1), for “may” substitute “must”.>

**Ross Greer**

468 After section 51, insert—

*<Land and buildings transaction tax*

**Capacity: relief or exemption from Additional Dwelling Supplement**

- (1) The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 is modified as follows.



- (2) In section 68 (subordinate legislation), in subsection (2)(j), after “paragraph 19(3)” insert “, (3ZA)”.
- (3) In schedule 2A (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.), paragraph 19, after sub-paragraph (3) insert—
  - “(3ZA)The Scottish Ministers must by regulations modify this schedule so as to make provision to add a relief or exemption from the additional amount, where—
    - (a) a person (person A) acquires ownership of a dwelling,
    - (b) the dwelling will be the only or main residence of another person (person B), and
    - (c) person B is not capable of assuming the responsibilities of home ownership.
  - (3ZB) Regulations under sub-paragraph (3ZA) may include a presumption of the relief or exemption from the additional amount applying where person B is entitled to receive disability assistance given by Scottish Ministers under section 24 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.”>

### Ross Greer

469 After section 51, insert—

*<Land and buildings transaction tax*

#### **Additional amount: power to increase the amount on additional dwellings**

- (1) The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 2A (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.), paragraph 19, after sub-paragraph (1) insert—
  - “(1A) An order under sub-paragraph (1) may provide for different percentage figures for different purposes, including different numbers of dwellings owned by the buyer.”>

### Pam Duncan-Glancy

470 After section 51, insert—

*<Accessibility of housing*

#### **Accessible homes standard**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, no later than 2 years after this section comes into force, publish an accessible homes standard.
- (2) The accessible homes standard mentioned in subsection (1) must include building and design standards which a new build home must meet in relation to its—
  - (a) accessibility, and
  - (b) adaptability.
- (3) In developing the accessible homes standard mentioned in subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must—
  - (a) take into account the need for the standard to apply across different housing tenures,

- (b) take into account existing guidance, including guidance produced under section (*Guidance on the design of housing for varying needs*) in relation to accessible homes,
  - (c) consult any persons they consider appropriate.
- (4) In this section, “new build home” has the same meaning as in section 138 of the Building Safety Act 2022.>

**Pam Duncan-Glancy**

471 After section 51, insert—

**<Review of accessible homes standard**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the review period—
  - (a) undertake a review of the accessible homes standard, and
  - (b) prepare a report on that review.
- (2) In carrying out a review under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult with—
  - (a) persons who appear to them to represent the interests of disabled people, and
  - (b) any other persons they consider appropriate.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the report is prepared—
  - (a) publish the report,
  - (b) lay it before the Scottish Parliament.
- (4) The report under subsection (2) must, in particular, consider what, if any, modifications the Scottish Ministers plan to make to the accessible homes standard.
- (5) In this section, “the review period” means—
  - (a) the period of 2 years beginning with the day after the first accessible homes standard is published after section (*Accessible homes standard*) comes into force, and
  - (b) each subsequent period of 2 years.>

**Pam Duncan-Glancy**

472 After section 51, insert—

*<Accessibility of housing*

**Guidance on the design of housing for varying needs**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, no later than 2 years after this section comes into force, publish guidance on the design of housing for varying needs.
- (2) The guidance mentioned in subsection (1) may include design standards for dwellings which are to be built or adapted specifically for people with a particular accessibility need.
- (3) In developing the guidance mentioned in subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult any persons they consider appropriate.>

**Pam Duncan-Glancy**

473 After section 51, insert—

**<Review of guidance on the design of housing for varying needs**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers—
  - (a) must keep the guidance on the design of housing for varying needs under review, and
  - (b) may revise it as they consider appropriate.
- (2) If the Scottish Ministers have not revised and republished the guidance on the design of housing for varying needs within the period of 2 years beginning with the day on which it was last published, they must revise it.
- (3) Section (*Guidance on the design of housing for varying needs*)(3) applies in relation to revising the guidance on the design of housing for varying needs as it applies in relation to preparing the first guidance after that section comes into force.>

**Pam Duncan-Glancy**

474 After section 51, insert—

*<Purpose-built Student Accommodation Charter*

**Purpose-built Student Accommodation Charter**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within twelve months of the coming into force of this section, publish a document to be known as the Purpose-built Student Accommodation Charter (“the Charter”).
- (2) The Charter must set out a summary of—
  - (a) the purpose of purpose-built student accommodation,
  - (b) the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants under a student residential tenancy,
  - (c) the processes for dispute resolution between landlords and tenants under a student residential tenancy.
- (3) The Charter may also include standards and outcomes which landlords should aim to achieve when performing housing activities in relation to a student residential tenancy.
- (4) In preparing the Charter, the Scottish Ministers—
  - (a) must consult—
    - (i) higher education institutions,
    - (ii) local authorities,
    - (iii) persons who appear to them to represent the interests of residents who are not students, and
    - (iv) student associations,
  - (b) may consult any other person they consider appropriate.
- (5) Nothing in the Charter is to—
  - (a) give rise to any new rights,
  - (b) impose any new responsibilities, or
  - (c) alter (in any way) an existing right or responsibility.

- (6) The Charter is to be published in such form and manner as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate and laid before the Scottish Parliament.
- (7) In this Part “student residential tenancy” means a tenancy the purpose of which is to confer on the tenant the right to occupy the let property while the tenant is a student, and to which paragraph 5(2) or (3) of schedule 1 (tenancies which cannot be private residential tenancies: student lets) of the 2016 Act applies.>

**Pam Duncan-Glancy**

475 After section 51, insert—

*<Purpose-built student accommodation strategy*

**Purpose-built student accommodation strategy**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable, prepare a purpose-built student accommodation strategy.
- (2) The purpose built student accommodation strategy must set out—
  - (a) the Scottish Ministers’ objectives with regards to purpose-built student accommodation,
  - (b) the Scottish Ministers’ plans for meeting those objectives (including priorities for action),
  - (c) arrangements for monitoring progress towards meeting the objectives.
- (3) The purpose-built student accommodation strategy may include—
  - (a) the Scottish Ministers’ aims for the ratio of student residential tenancies to other types of tenancy in any given area of a local authority,
  - (b) the Scottish Ministers’ view on the role of purpose-built student accommodation within the available housing stock in any given area of a local authority,
  - (c) any planned future changes to regulation of student residential tenancies, including a timetable for implementation,
  - (d) the Scottish Ministers’ approach to engaging with landlords and tenants of student residential tenancies in decision making,
  - (e) an assessment of whether data collected on student residential tenancies is adequate to support decision making,
  - (f) any planned future changes to data collection, including the landlord registration system,
  - (g) such other information as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (4) In preparing the purpose-built student accommodation strategy, the Scottish Ministers—
  - (a) must consult—
    - (i) higher education institutions,
    - (ii) local authorities,
    - (iii) persons who appear to them to represent the interests of residents who are not students, and
    - (iv) students’ associations,

- (b) may consult any other person they consider appropriate.
- (5) The strategy prepared under subsection (1) must be published and laid before the Scottish Parliament.>

**Pam Duncan-Glancy**

476 After section 51, insert—

*<Management of community: local authority*

**Management of community: local authority**

- (1) The Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 28 (power of majority to appoint manager etc.) insert—

**“28A Appointment of local authority as manager**

- (1) Where the conditions in subsection (2) apply, the owners of a majority of the units in a community may appoint the relevant local authority to be the manager of the community.
- (2) The conditions are that—
  - (a) the owners of a majority of the units in a community appointed a person to be the manager of the community under section 28(1)(a),
  - (b) the manager—
    - (i) was dismissed under section 28(1)(d), or
    - (ii) has intimated in writing to the owners of a majority of the units in a community that they no longer wish to be the manager of the community, and
  - (c) no suitable alternative manager has been found.
- (3) The owners of a majority of the units in a community must notify the local authority in such form as may be determined by Scottish Ministers that the owners wish to appoint the local authority as manager.
- (4) In this section, “relevant local authority” means the authority of the area in which the community resides.

**28B Appointment of local authority as manager: further provision**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision to give effect to section 28A, including provision about providing reasonable remuneration to a local authority that is appointed as a manager under that section.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”>

**Paul Sweeney**

477 After section 51, insert—

*<Purchase of poor quality housing*

**Local authorities: purchase of poor quality let property**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, provide for a process by which a tenant may apply to a local authority to request the purchase of the let property by the local authority under section 9 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide—
  - (a) that the request must relate to a let property that has failed to meet either—
    - (i) the tolerable standard as set out in section 86 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987, or
    - (ii) the repairing standard as set out in section 13 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006,  
for a continuous period of one year,
  - (b) that the local authority must transfer the purchased property to a registered social landlord,
  - (c) for the registered social landlord that has received the property to pay the local authority the amount that the local authority paid for the property, over a reasonable period of time,
  - (d) that the Scottish Ministers may authorise a local authority to purchase the property compulsorily.>

## Section 52

### Ross Greer

**478** In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Council tax revaluation*)(3)>

### Paul Sweeney

**479** In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Local authorities: purchase of poor quality let property*)(1)>



## Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 22 April 2025

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 17 December 2024

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

### **Care Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)** *(introduced as the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill)*

Stage 2 completed, 4 March 2025

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 22 April 2025

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

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

### **Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Introduced, 2 April 2025

### **Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)**

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](mailto: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)), 23 April 2025

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 22 April 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), 6 May 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 Tuesday 29 April with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto: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](mailto: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 (12<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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

*Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (24<sup>th</sup> Report, 2025)*

### **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 (62<sup>nd</sup> 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*

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### **Scottish Languages Bill (G)**

Stage 2 completed, 11 December 2024

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*Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (14<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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### **Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Introduced, 27 March 2025

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## Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

Lodged on 12 March 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 22 April 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) (2<sup>nd</sup> Report, 2025)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6<sup>th</sup> 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) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

### **Planning and Infrastructure Bill LCM-S6-56**

Lodged on 27 March 2025

Meeting (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee), 22 April 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

*Lead committee – Social Justice and Social Security*

### **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) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

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## Tobacco and Vapes Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-51a

Lodged on 28 March 2025

**Subordinate Legislation** (date of laying) (lead committee)

### 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**

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Group Relief and Sub-sale Development Relief Modifications\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (*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**

[Police Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/58\)](#) (*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)

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

[Environmental Protection \(Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/78\) \(18 March 2025\)](#)  
 (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**

[Disease Control \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/108\) \(3 April 2025\)](#)  
 (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)



## New Documents

### Committee Reports

The following report was published on 22 April 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 25th Report, 2025 (Session 6):  
Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee  
on 22 April 2025 (SP Paper 769)

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### Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 22 April 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Ayrshire College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 July 2024 (SG/2025/46)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Borders College Annual Report and Financial Statement 2023/24 (SG/2025/47)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Dumfries and Galloway College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024 (SG/2025/49)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Dundee and Angus College Report and Financial Statements For the Year ended 31 July 2024 (SG/2025/50)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Edinburgh College Annual Report and Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 July 2024 (SG/2025/51)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Fife College Annual Accounts For the year ended 31 July 2024 (SG/2025/52)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 (SG/2025/53)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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