

Wednesday 19 March 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 Labour Party Debate:
Reforming Scotland's West Coast Ferries

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate:
Children's Rights and Temporary
Accommodation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-
16705 Tess White: Addressing Sexual
Violence in Scotland's Hospitals

Committee Meetings

9:00am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:15am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Criminal Justice Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

9:45am Citizen Participation and Public
Petitions Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is maximising the impact of its International Development Fund in its partner countries, including any of those affected by high levels of indebtedness. ([S6O-04442](#))
- 2. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps Historic Environment Scotland is taking to ensure that women have access to a safe working environment. ([S6O-04443](#))
- 3. Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support cultural activities for children and young people in Glasgow. ([S6O-04444](#))
- 4. Kenneth Gibson:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-04445](#))
- 5. Stephen Kerr:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-04446](#))
- 6. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what engagement it has had with the UK Government regarding re-joining the European Single Market. ([S6O-04447](#))
- 7. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with the heritage sector to conserve historic sites. ([S6O-04448](#))
- 8. Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what work it has carried out in 2024-25 to further the case for Scottish independence. ([S6O-04449](#))

Justice and Home Affairs

- 1. Oliver Mundell:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support the mental health of police officers and ensure that they have access to the appropriate specialist services. ([S6O-04450](#))
- 2. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what community safety measures it plans to prevent antisocial behaviour, including improper needle disposal, in the area surrounding the Thistle drug consumption facility. ([S6O-04451](#))
- 3. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to tackle rural crime. ([S6O-04452](#))
- 4. Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the potential impact on victims of crime in Scotland, what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the time taken to determine applications made to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority. ([S6O-04453](#))
- 5. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is sufficiently resourced to provide appropriate planning guidance or able to respond to planning consultations when required. ([S6O-04454](#))
- 6. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government how the criminal justice system applies its public health approach to reducing the harm caused by drug use. ([S6O-04455](#))
- 7. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to review the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission. ([S6O-04456](#))

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

8. Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported claims that policing of pro-Palestinian rallies and demonstrations has been disproportionate and heavy-handed. ([S6O-04457](#))

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Reforming Scotland's West Coast Ferries

[S6M-16845](#) Claire Baker: Reforming Scotland's West Coast Ferries—That the Parliament deplores the continuing economic and social damage inflicted on Clyde and Hebrides communities through the Scottish Government's failure to provide adequate ferry services; calls on the Scottish Government to reconsider its decision to impose a 10 % increase in fares on Scottish Government funded ferry services, contrary to the recommendations of the delivery companies; is concerned that no Scottish yard has been selected to deliver any of the ferries in the Small Vessel Replacement Programme; believes that the governance structure for west coast ferry services has failed, and calls for the award of a new Clyde and Hebrides ferry contract to be accompanied by a fundamental reform of governance, which puts island communities and workers at the heart of decision making and accountability.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-16845.2](#) Fiona Hyslop: Reforming Scotland's West Coast Ferries—As an amendment to motion S6M-16845 in the name of Claire Baker (Reforming Scotland's West Coast Ferries), leave out from “deplores” to end and insert “recognises the challenges that have faced a number of island communities with ferry service disruptions but notes that CalMac crews delivered 95.8% of services in the last recorded contract year; welcomes the provision of over £530 million in 2025-26 for maintaining and improving ferry services, replacing vessels, upgrading ports and harbours, and investing further in low-carbon inter-island ferries, with at least £21 million to progress phase 1 of the Small Vessel Replacement Programme; acknowledges that the delivery of six new large vessels, providing fleet resilience, and the procurement of seven new small vessels, which is currently in the 10-day 'standstill period', and the replacement for the MV Lord of the Isles, will provide 37% of the total fleet with new vessels, helping to reduce emissions and create more sustainability, resilience and reliability for residents, businesses and communities; notes that public engagement is being undertaken in Orkney and Shetland to inform the procurement of two new freight vessels for the Northern Isles services; acknowledges the work underway to make a direct award for the next Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services contract, and the roundtable with all stakeholders, including the Ferries Community Board and trade unions, to collectively discuss ambitions for the contract, including putting public service delivery and accountable key performance indicators developed with communities at its heart, and agrees that delivery of the award will then provide the space and opportunity for more fundamental reform of governance.”

[S6M-16845.1](#) Sue Webber: Reforming Scotland's West Coast Ferries—As an amendment to motion S6M-16845 in the name of Claire Baker (Reforming Scotland's West Coast Ferries), insert at end “; believes that the social and economic impact of ferry disruption is causing existential harm to Scotland's islands; shares the frustrations of Scotland's islanders and ferry passengers, who believe that their needs are not being prioritised by the Scottish Government; notes that the increasing maintenance repair bill for the ageing fleet has hit £98 million in the last decade, which compromises the ability to invest in new infrastructure and maintain affordable ticket prices; agrees with the Audit Scotland report that the five-year business plan for Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow was overly reliant and predicated on winning the Small Vessel Replacement Programme contract; is concerned with the repeated awarding of ferry-build contracts to numerous overseas shipyards whilst taxpayers in Scotland are funding a publicly owned yard on the Clyde; notes the

Scottish Government's plan to purchase Ardrossan Harbour and urges Scottish ministers to ensure that the much-needed infrastructure upgrades to the port that were promised are delivered in a timely and cost-effective manner, and calls on the Scottish Government to be clear about its long-term intentions for Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow, and the future of Scottish shipbuilding, in light of an apparent lack of faith in it shown to date."

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Children's Rights and Temporary Accommodation

[S6M-16844](#) Mark Griffin: Children's Rights and Temporary Accommodation—That the Parliament notes the publication of *In Their Own Words: Children's Experiences in Temporary Accommodation*, a research publication commissioned by Shelter Scotland from De Montfort University and University College London; accepts the findings of the publication, which concludes that children in Scotland are adversely affected by the shocking conditions found in some forms of temporary accommodation; recognises that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) provides children with rights to have their best interests considered when decisions about them are being taken, including the right to life and the ability to develop, the right to school, the right to protection from violence in all forms, and the right to play and rest; notes with concern that the report highlights a number of examples of these rights being breached; accepts that the use of hotel-like accommodation for children in temporary accommodation carries a high risk of breaching children's rights under the UNCRC; notes that amendments to the Housing (Scotland) Bill have been laid that would require relevant bodies to have regard to the rights of the child in dealing with cases of homelessness, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that children in Scotland are placed in safe and secure homes which take account of their rights under the UNCRC.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-16844.3](#) Paul McLennan: Children's Rights and Temporary Accommodation—As an amendment to motion S6M-16844 in the name of Mark Griffin (Children's Rights and Temporary Accommodation), insert at end "; notes the actions taken to address the issues highlighted in the report, including the publication of the temporary accommodation standards framework and bringing forward the amendment to implement Awaab's Law in the Housing (Scotland) Bill, and welcomes that the number of children in temporary accommodation has reduced in 20 local authority areas."

[S6M-16844.2](#) Meghan Gallacher: Children's Rights and Temporary Accommodation—As an amendment to motion S6W-16844 in the name of Mark Griffin (Children's Rights and Temporary Accommodation), insert at end "; believes that the report underlines the urgent need for the Scottish Government to outline an action plan to address the housing emergency, and notes that the Housing (Scotland) Bill is a missed opportunity to encourage more investment and housebuilding in Scotland."

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-16855](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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Chamber Seòmar				

Tuesday 25 March 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 Report

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland - A Fair Trade Nation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 March 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 Ministerial Statement: Secure Accommodation in Scotland - Capacity

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 March 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 Ministerial Statement: Response to Fatal Accident Inquiries (Deaths in Custody)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 1 April 2025

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

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 2 April 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 3 April 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 Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee and Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: The Aarhus Convention and Access to Environmental Justice

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 24 March 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.

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[S6M-16856](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Education (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 9 May 2025.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-16857](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-16858](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-16859](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-16860](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-16861](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-16705](#) Tess White: Addressing Sexual Violence in Scotland's Hospitals—That the Parliament considers that single-sex spaces for women and girls across Scotland's public services are being eroded, with worrying implications for their rights and safety; acknowledges what it sees as the fundamental importance of the dignity, privacy and safety of women and girls in sanitary and changing facilities, as well as in hospital settings where women and children are often at their most vulnerable; highlights the Women's Rights Network Scotland report, *How safe are our Scottish hospitals?*, authored by Carolyn Brown and Mary Howden and published in March 2025, which found that, over a five-year period between 2019 and 2024, 276 sexual assaults and 12 rapes took place across 57 hospitals; considers that the actual figures will likely be much higher given that, it understands, data is not routinely kept by all Scottish hospitals; notes in particular that 22 sexual assaults and one rape reportedly took place in NHS Grampian over this period, while 17 sexual assaults and three rapes reportedly took place in NHS Tayside, with, it understands, a high number occurring on hospital wards; believes that hospitals should be a place of safety for patients and staff, and notes the view that urgent action should be taken to address any sexual violence on the NHS estate, and further notes the view that such action should include

the introduction of robust and transparent record keeping procedures to help inform preventative practices, as well as accommodating women on single-sex wards wherever possible and protecting single-sex spaces for biological female patients and staff.

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Committees Comataidhean				

Committee Meetings

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee 10th Meeting, 2025

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

- University of Dundee:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Shane O'Neill, Interim Principal and Vice Chancellor, Tricia Bey, Acting Chair of Court, Professor Blair Grubb, Vice Principal (Education), and Helen Simpson, Interim Director of Finance, University of Dundee;
and then from—
Francesca Osowska, Chief Executive Officer, Richard Maconachie, Director of Finance, and Jacqui Brasted, Interim Director of Access, Learning and Outcomes, Scottish Funding Council.
- Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 10th Meeting, 2025

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/draft) from—
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, George Burgess, Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy, Aileen Bearhop, Food and Drink Division, and Mairead McCrossan, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity to move—
S6M-16490—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025 be approved.
- Future agriculture policy:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, George Burgess, Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy, Mandy Callaghan, Deputy Director, Agriculture and Land Transition, and Nick Downes, Deputy Director, Chief Digital and Data Office for Agriculture and the Rural Economy, Scottish Government.
- A climate transition for Scottish agriculture:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Vera Eory, Reader, Scotland's Rural College;
David McKay, Co-Director, Soil Association Scotland;
Professor Dave Reay, University of Edinburgh;
Dr Mike Robinson, Chief Executive, Royal Scottish Geographical Society.
- Future agriculture policy:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- Climate transition for Scottish agriculture:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Economy and Fair Work Committee

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Committees Comataidhean				

9th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S6-53) from—
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Stephen Garland, Unit Head, Fair Work Division, Jo Mitchell, Procurement Policy Manager, and Megan Lawson, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
3. **New Deal for Business:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic, Scottish Government;
Dr Poonam Malik, MBA, PhD, FRSE, FRSB, Co-chair, New Deal for Business Group (NDBG);
Judith Young, Deputy Director, Strategic Economic and Business Engagement Division, Scottish Government.
4. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **New Deal for Business (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.
6. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Criminal Justice Committee

10th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

Public Audit Committee

10th 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 and 4 in private.
2. **Additional support for learning:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Alison Cumming, Executive Director, Performance Audit and Best Value, and Yoshiko Gibo, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland;
Ruth MacLeod, Member, Accounts Commission.
3. **Additional support for learning:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Alison Cumming, Executive Director, Performance Audit and Best Value, and Yoshiko Gibo, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland;
Ruth MacLeod, Member, Accounts Commission.
4. **Additional support for learning:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

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Committees Comataidhean				

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 5th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - PE1859: Retain falconers' rights to practise upland falconry in Scotland;
 - PE1953: Review Education Support staff roles;
 - PE1976: Backdate council tax discounts for dementia to the date of GP certification;
 - PE2021: Ensure the definition of protected animals in the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 applies to the sheep on St Kilda;
 - PE2028: Extend the concessionary bus travel scheme to include people seeking asylum in Scotland;
 - PE2074: Increase local government funding to help protect the vulnerable elderly population and prevent the closure of care homes;
 - PE2075: Prioritise local participation in planning decisions; and
 - PE2087: Pass a law making exercising a dog in a cemetery an offence.
- Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 - PE2133: Expand ScotRail's InterCity routes to include Dunfermline;
 - PE2134: Introduce legislation to make it a requirement for swift bricks to be installed in all new developments in Scotland, and include swifts in building surveys; and
 - PE2136: Make non-fatal strangulation a standalone criminal offence in Scotland.
- Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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Chamber Seòmar				

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 12 March 2025

Thursday 20 March 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-16434 Michael Matheson: Awareness of Criminal Exploitation of Children

2:15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

followed by Rural Affairs and Islands Committee Debate: Salmon Farming in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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 Stage 1 Debate: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

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Thursday 27 March 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

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2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

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followed by Business Motions

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5:00 pm Decision Time

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Committees Comataidhean				

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

20 March 2025

9th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Council Tax Reduction and Council Tax \(Discounts\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/55\)](#)
3. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Diane Barr on 85220 or at diane.barr@parliament.scot

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

20 March 2025

4th 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, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Committee effectiveness:** The Committee will take evidence, in a roundtable discussion, from—
Gemma Diamond, Director of Innovation and Transformation, Audit Scotland;
Dr Marc Geddes, Senior Lecturer in Politics, University of Edinburgh;
Sir David Natzler KCB, Clerk of the House of Commons 2015-2019, Clerk of Committees 2008-09 and Clerk to the House of Commons Reform Committee (the Wright Committee) 2009-10;
Professor Meg Russell, Director, Constitution Unit, University College London;
Brian Taylor, Former Political Editor BBC Scotland, Columnist The Herald.
3. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Code of Conduct Rule Changes:** The Committee will consider draft Code of Conduct Rule changes.
5. **Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016:** The Committee will consider a note from the Clerk.

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Committees Comataidhean				

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

20 March 2025

10th Meeting, 2025

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- Review of the UK EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement Inquiry: Part 2:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, Elliot Robertson, Head of EU Secretariat, External Affairs, and Dr Frank Möschler, Head of Research, EU Office, Scottish Government.
- Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2

Proposed future business

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

SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

20 March 2025

7th Meeting, 2025

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- SPCB supported bodies landscape review:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Ian Elliott, Senior Lecturer in Public Administration, University of Glasgow;
Dr Matthew Gill, Programme Director, Institute for Government;
Dr Ruth Lamont, Reader in Child and Family Law, University of Manchester; UKRI Thematic Research Lead, UK Parliament;
Alison Payne, Research Director, Reform Scotland.
- Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.
- SPCB supported bodies landscape review (in private):** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

Proposed future business

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Motions for Debate

***[S6M-16852](#) Finlay Carson: Salmon Farming in Scotland**—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee's 1st Report, 2025 (Session 6), *Follow-up inquiry into salmon farming in Scotland* (SP Paper 720).

[S6M-16845](#) Claire Baker: Reforming Scotland's West Coast Ferries—That the Parliament deplores the continuing economic and social damage inflicted on Clyde and Hebrides communities through the Scottish Government's failure to provide adequate ferry services; calls on the Scottish Government to reconsider its decision to impose a 10 % increase in fares on Scottish Government funded ferry services, contrary to the recommendations of the delivery companies; is concerned that no Scottish yard has been selected to deliver any of the ferries in the Small Vessel Replacement Programme; believes that the governance structure for west coast ferry services has failed, and calls for the award of a new Clyde and Hebrides ferry contract to be accompanied by a fundamental reform of governance, which puts island communities and workers at the heart of decision making and accountability.

***[S6M-16845.2](#) Fiona Hyslop: Reforming Scotland's West Coast Ferries**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16845 in the name of Claire Baker (Reforming Scotland's West Coast Ferries), leave out from "deplores" to end and insert "recognises the challenges that have faced a number of island communities with ferry service disruptions but notes that CalMac crews delivered 95.8% of services in the last recorded contract year; welcomes the provision of over £530 million in 2025-26 for maintaining and improving ferry services, replacing vessels, upgrading ports and harbours, and investing further in low-carbon inter-island ferries, with at least £21 million to progress phase 1 of the Small Vessel Replacement Programme; acknowledges that the delivery of six new large vessels, providing fleet resilience, and the procurement of seven new small vessels, which is currently in the 10-day 'standstill period', and the replacement for the MV Lord of the Isles, will provide 37% of the total fleet with new vessels, helping to reduce emissions and create more sustainability, resilience and reliability for residents, businesses and communities; notes that public engagement is being undertaken in Orkney and Shetland to inform the procurement of two new freight vessels for the Northern Isles services; acknowledges the work underway to make a direct award for the next Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services contract, and the roundtable with all stakeholders, including the Ferries Community Board and trade unions, to collectively discuss

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ambitions for the contract, including putting public service delivery and accountable key performance indicators developed with communities at its heart, and agrees that delivery of the award will then provide the space and opportunity for more fundamental reform of governance.”

Supported by: Jim Fairlie*

***[S6M-16845.1](#) Sue Webber: Reforming Scotland’s West Coast Ferries**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16845 in the name of Claire Baker (Reforming Scotland’s West Coast Ferries), insert at end “; believes that the social and economic impact of ferry disruption is causing existential harm to Scotland’s islands; shares the frustrations of Scotland’s islanders and ferry passengers, who believe that their needs are not being prioritised by the Scottish Government; notes that the increasing maintenance repair bill for the ageing fleet has hit £98 million in the last decade, which compromises the ability to invest in new infrastructure and maintain affordable ticket prices; agrees with the Audit Scotland report that the five-year business plan for Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow was overly reliant and predicated on winning the Small Vessel Replacement Programme contract; is concerned with the repeated awarding of ferry-build contracts to numerous overseas shipyards whilst taxpayers in Scotland are funding a publicly owned yard on the Clyde; notes the Scottish Government’s plan to purchase Ardrossan Harbour and urges Scottish ministers to ensure that the much-needed infrastructure upgrades to the port that were promised are delivered in a timely and cost-effective manner, and calls on the Scottish Government to be clear about its long-term intentions for Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow, and the future of Scottish shipbuilding, in light of an apparent lack of faith in it shown to date.”

[S6M-16844](#) Mark Griffin: Children’s Rights and Temporary Accommodation—That the Parliament notes the publication of *In Their Own Words: Children’s Experiences in Temporary Accommodation*, a research publication commissioned by Shelter Scotland from De Montfort University and University College London; accepts the findings of the publication, which concludes that children in Scotland are adversely affected by the shocking conditions found in some forms of temporary accommodation; recognises that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) provides children with rights to have their best interests considered when decisions about them are being taken, including the right to life and the ability to develop, the right to school, the right to protection from violence in all forms, and the right to play and rest; notes with concern that the report highlights a number of examples of these rights being breached; accepts that the use of hotel-like accommodation for children in temporary accommodation carries a high risk of breaching children’s rights under the UNCRC; notes that amendments to the Housing (Scotland) Bill have been laid that would require relevant bodies to have regard to the rights of the child in dealing with cases of homelessness, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that children in Scotland are placed in safe and secure homes which take account of their rights under the UNCRC.

***[S6M-16844.3](#) Paul McLennan: Children’s Rights and Temporary Accommodation**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16844 in the name of Mark Griffin (Children’s Rights and Temporary Accommodation), insert at end “; notes the actions taken to address the issues highlighted in the report, including the publication of the temporary accommodation standards framework and bringing forward the amendment to implement Awaab’s Law in the Housing (Scotland) Bill, and welcomes that the number of children in temporary accommodation has reduced in 20 local authority areas.”

Supported by: Kaukab Stewart*, Shirley-Anne Somerville*

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***[S6M-16844.2](#) Meghan Gallacher: Children's Rights and Temporary Accommodation**—As an amendment to motion S6W-16844 in the name of Mark Griffin (Children's Rights and Temporary Accommodation), insert at end “; believes that the report underlines the urgent need for the Scottish Government to outline an action plan to address the housing emergency, and notes that the Housing (Scotland) Bill is a missed opportunity to encourage more investment and housebuilding in Scotland.”

***[S6M-16844.1](#) Maggie Chapman: Children's Rights and Temporary Accommodation**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16844 in the name of Mark Griffin (Children's Rights and Temporary Accommodation), after "homelessness" insert “; welcomes further amendments that place restrictions on eviction and controls on charging rent for private sector rented properties, as these are considered important in reducing demand for temporary accommodation”.

Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

***[S6M-16832](#) Christine Grahame: Borders Together Tartan**—That the Parliament welcomes the unveiling of the Borders Together Tartan, the Scottish Borders' memorial to the experiences of residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, which is part of a Scotland-wide project, Remembering Together; understands that the tartan's creation, which has been facilitated by Two Destination Language, was developed with input from people across the Borders, with over 700 contributions leading to the final design; notes that the tartan is made to symbolise the unity and strength of the Borders' communities during the pandemic, with 2025 marking five years on from its outbreak; recognises that there have been a number of public unveiling events at various locations throughout the Borders, offering the opportunity to take a moment to reflect on the impact the pandemic had on everyone's lives while also celebrating the resilience shown by communities, and believes that this is a fitting way to reflect.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Audrey Nicoll*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie* R, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Miles Briggs*, Joe FitzPatrick*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-16861](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

***[S6M-16860](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

***[S6M-16859](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

***[S6M-16858](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

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***[S6M-16857](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

***[S6M-16856](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable—**That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Education (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 9 May 2025.

***[S6M-16855](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 25 March 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 Report

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland - A Fair Trade Nation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 March 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 Ministerial Statement: Secure Accommodation in Scotland - Capacity

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 March 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

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2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Response to Fatal Accident Inquiries (Deaths in Custody)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 1 April 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 2 April 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 3 April 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

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followed by Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee and Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: The Aarhus Convention and Access to Environmental Justice

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 24 March 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-16826](#) Alexander Stewart: Go Forth Stirling BID Spring Clean**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that an event to clean up Stirling is being combined with learning more about the city’s history at some upcoming volunteering events; believes that Go Forth Stirling BID is inviting people and businesses to take part in the Friends of the BID Spring Clean, which is a series of volunteer-led initiatives designed to raise pride in the city and promote a cleaner, healthier environment; understands that, as part of the organisation’s ongoing efforts to foster a sense of community between business owners and residents, it is organising a series of litter picks and city centre clean-ups throughout the spring of 2025; acknowledges that, on 26 March, there will be graffiti and sticker removal around the city centre, with people meeting in Friars Street, on 2 April a litter pick around the Old Town is planned, with people meeting at the Tolbooth, on 5 April there will a litter pick around Burghmuir Retail Park, with participants meeting at the Pure Gym, on 9 April, a litter pick will take place around Cowane Street and the Tesco area, with people meeting at the city’s Travelodge, and on 12 April a final litter pick is scheduled at Back Walk, with participants meeting at the Codebase building; further acknowledges the sentiments from a BID spokesperson that these clean-up sessions are an excellent opportunity for local businesses to unite with residents in taking pride in the place that they all call home, with volunteers’ time and effort greatly contributing to a cleaner, greener Stirling, creating a welcoming environment for visitors and the community, and commends GO Forth Stirling and everyone involved in what it considers to be their highly magnanimous endeavours.

***[S6M-16825](#) Liam McArthur: Celebrating 25 Years of Orkney's Gable End Theatre**—That the Parliament congratulates the Gable End Theatre on its 25th anniversary; considers that the theatre has provided a valued performance space for local musicians and actors as well as internationally acclaimed performers; further considers that the Gable End Theatre has provided audiences with a wide variety of performances for 25 years during which time it has become a highly valued asset to the local community; understands that the anniversary will be marked by an evening of entertainment on 15 March 2025; celebrates the vision of its founder, Wright Atkinson, in bringing Hoy’s community together through entertainment and those who have upheld his legacy, and hopes that all involved with the Gable End Theatre continue to “break a leg” for the next 25 years and more.

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***[S6M-16824](#) Evelyn Tweed: Stirling Sisters Honour Mum by Raising Over £20,000 for the Stroke Association**—That the Parliament congratulates Stirling-based sisters, Kirsty Macgowan and Shirley Paterson, for raising over £20,000 for the Stroke Association over 15 years of consistent fundraising activities; understands that Kirsty and Shirley were motivated to raise funds following the untimely passing of their mother, Molly Macgowan, from a stroke in 2008; notes that

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fundraising activities have included cycling, running, triathlon courses and organising social activities such as discos, ceilidhs and a ladies pamper night; recognises reports that stroke is Scotland's fourth biggest killer and is the leading cause of adult disability, with almost 600 people having a stroke in the NHS Forth Valley area in 2023 alone; commends the sisters for breaking the £20,000 threshold in summer 2024; passes on its sympathies in memory of Molly, and its best wishes for future fundraising activities, and joins the sisters in their calls to make improvements in Scotland's stroke services a priority.

Supported by: Joe FitzPatrick*

***S6M-16804 Alex Rowley: Scottish and Welsh Rugby Supporters Fundraising for My Name's5 Doddie Foundation**—That the Parliament congratulates Scottish and Welsh rugby supporters from Kelty, Fife, and Oakdale, Blackwood, on raising over £2,000 for the My Name's5 Doddie Foundation at an event held at Kelty Hearts Football Club; understands that the two villages have been coming together in friendship for over 40 years, holding a biannual get-together on the weekends of the Scotland-Wales international rugby matches, raising funds for charities in Scotland and Wales; notes that 2025's event was supported by a donation of signed boxing gloves from Joe Calzaghe and Lauren Price, which were auctioned, and generous raffle prizes, including a Doddie Weir scarf, hip flask and Kelty Hearts scarf and tie, along with many other donations; wishes everyone involved a successful biannual event in Oakdale in 2026, and looks forward to their return to Kelty in 2027.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, Emma Roddick*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Carol Mochan*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Lumsden*, Foyso Choudhury*, Monica Lennon*, Sarah Boyack*, Brian Whittle*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tim Eagle*, Murdo Fraser*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*

***S6M-16792 Alexander Burnett: Jonathan Hope and Slow Sauce, Banchory, Win £10,000 from Scottish Edge**—That the Parliament congratulates, Jonathan Hope and Slow Sauce, from Banchory, on winning £10,000 from Scottish Edge; notes that Scottish Edge is a funding competition aimed at identifying and supporting Scotland's innovative, high-growth potential, entrepreneurial talent; understands that Jonathan, a former London chef, has launched Slow Sauce and will make miso and shoyu (soy sauce) using organic, locally sourced ingredients, and mature it in old whisky barrels; notes that, while the Japanese use rice or barley when making miso, Jonathan will be growing it on oats, and plans to sell five tonnes in the first year, eventually selling miso to the Japanese and soy sauce to the Chinese, and wishes him every success for his business in the future. **R**

***S6M-16746 Ariane Burgess: Celebrating the Witches of Scotland Memorial Tartan Campaign**—That the Parliament celebrates the outstanding success of the Witches of Scotland Memorial Tartan campaign, which has significantly surpassed its funding goal in just a few days; acknowledges the pivotal role played by Clare Campbell, founder of Prickly Thistle, in designing this meaningful tartan; understands that Prickly Thistle has successfully brought tartan weaving back to the mainland Highlands, employing 15 people, and has achieved B Corp certification; recognises the importance of supporting ethical businesses that prioritise sustainability and community values, and commends the Witches of Scotland campaign for its dedication to honouring those persecuted under the Witchcraft Acts, promoting justice and preserving Scotland's rich cultural heritage.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

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S6M-16823 Beatrice Wishart: UHI Shetland Learners Recognised at the Awards for Land-based and Aquaculture Skills (ALBAS) (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Paul Sweeney*

S6M-16822 Clare Adamson: Congratulations to Hugh Black & Sons on Winning Smithfield Awards (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Audrey Nicoll*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*

S6M-16821 Carol Mochan: New Cumnock Development Trust Celebrates International Women's Day (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, Elena Whitham*

S6M-16820 Clare Adamson: Erin O'Reilly Pursues Her Dreams (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Audrey Nicoll*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*

S6M-16819 Sharon Dowey: The Coo Shed Wins at the Countryside Alliance Awards (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-16817 Clare Adamson: Gillian and Stevie O'Rourke Retire from The Horse and Anchor (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*

S6M-16816 Edward Mountain: Mikeysline Recognised at Mental Health and Wellbeing Awards (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Kevin Stewart*, Brian Whittle*, Craig Hoy*, Mercedes Villalba*, Russell Findlay*, Jamie Greene*, Paul Sweeney*

S6M-16815 Kevin Stewart: African Women's Group Scotland (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Mercedes Villalba*, Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, Joe FitzPatrick*

S6M-16814 Clare Adamson: Olivia Bowden and Marco Festorazzi Fundraising Alzheimer Scotland (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-16813 Karen Adam: Dr Lynda McGuigan's 10 Years of Service to the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

S6M-16812 Karen Adam: Banff to Bethlehem Project (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

S6M-16810 Alexander Burnett: Ballater Branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland Wins Best Kept War Memorial Competition (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane*, Paul Sweeney*

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[S6M-16809](#) Kevin Stewart: Financial Fairness Trust Report (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S6M-16808](#) Michelle Thomson: Sacred Heart Early Learning Centre Wins Top Prize in Keep Scotland Beautiful Pocket Garden Design Competition 2025 (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

[S6M-16805](#) Michelle Thomson: Salman Javed Recognised at the Scottish Local Retailer Above and Beyond Awards 2025 (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

[S6M-16803](#) Marie McNair: Testicular Cancer Awareness Month (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane* R, Jackie Dunbar*, Annie Wells*, David Torrance*, Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-16802](#) Emma Roddick: 2025 Scottish Countryside Alliance Awards (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

[S6M-16798](#) Jackie Dunbar: Purple Day 2025 (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Kevin Stewart*, Brian Whittle*, Beatrice Wishart*, Mercedes Villalba*, Monica Lennon*, David Torrance*, Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-16797](#) Jackie Dunbar: £1.3 Million Self-screening Trial to Close the Inequality Gap in Scotland's Cervical Cancer Deaths (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*, Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-16796](#) Bob Doris: Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Jessie Stephen (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S6M-16793](#) Elena Whitham: Recognising the Retirement of Open University in Scotland Director, Susan Stewart (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S6M-16791](#) Sharon Dowey: Triple Award Success for Ayr's Abbotsford Hotel (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

[S6M-16786](#) Tim Eagle: Double Island School Success at the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Edward Mountain*

[S6M-16785](#) Tim Eagle: Circulation Rises for Three Top West Coast Newspapers (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Edward Mountain*

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S6M-16784 Tim Eagle: Trio of Mid Argyll Businesses Secure Wins at 21st Hotels of the Year Awards (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Edward Mountain*

S6M-16783 Tim Eagle: Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association Raises Nearly £2,500 (lodged on 14 March 2025)

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

S6M-16782 Foysoil Choudhury: Fletcher of Saltoun Awards 2025 (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*

S6M-16781 Tim Eagle: Congratulating Duncan Smith Following his Retirement from Stornoway Airport (lodged on 14 March 2025)

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

S6M-16780 Tim Eagle: Welcoming Argyll and Bute's Rural Growth Deal (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Edward Mountain*

S6M-16779 Rona Mackay: Woodilee Hospital Memorial Cairn (lodged on 13 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

S6M-16774 Michael Matheson: Celebrating a Century of St Joseph's RC Primary School in Bonnybridge (lodged on 13 March 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jeremy Balfour*, Audrey Nicoll*, Monica Lennon*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Clare Haughey*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*

S6M-16773 Michelle Thomson: Polmont's Anne McDonald Named Recipient of the Pavers Community Champion Award (lodged on 13 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

S6M-16771 Douglas Ross: Who Cares? Scotland Action on Advocacy Campaign (lodged on 13 March 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

S6M-16766 Ruth Maguire: Minds of Recovery Funding Boost (lodged on 11 March 2025)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*, Elena Whitham*

S6M-16763 Michael Marra: Dundee Boxing Great, Dick McTaggart, Scotland's Only Boxing Olympic Gold Medallist (lodged on 11 March 2025)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*

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S6M-16762 Ruth Maguire: Irvine Couple Celebrates Diamond Wedding Anniversary (lodged on 12 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

S6M-16761 Ruth Maguire: Recognition for Volunteers of Woodland View Hospital, Irvine, at Compassion to Action Volunteer Awards (lodged on 12 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

S6M-16751 Joe FitzPatrick: Congratulating Self-Harm Network Scotland (lodged on 11 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

S6M-16745 Gillian Mackay: Chatelherault Primary School's 10th Green Flag (lodged on 11 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

S6M-16743 Alexander Stewart: Tullibody Community Garden Tea and Seeds Springtime Event (lodged on 11 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

S6M-16740 Alexander Stewart: Brain Awareness Week 2025 (lodged on 11 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

S6M-16733 Marie McNair: 1st Clydebank Guides and Rangers Receive Prestigious Awards (lodged on 17 March 2025)

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

S6M-16732 Sandesh Gulhane: Citizens Theatre Reopening in Summer 2025 After Extensive Refurbishment (lodged on 07 March 2025)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

S6M-16717 Fulton MacGregor: Baby Loss Retreat Recognised at the People's Choice Awards 2025. (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*

S6M-16705 Tess White: Addressing Sexual Violence in Scotland's Hospitals (lodged on 06 March 2025)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane* R

S6M-16656 Paul O'Kane: 80th Anniversary of Operation Open Door (lodged on 11 March 2025)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane*

S6M-16654 Paul Sweeney: Findings of See Me's "If it's Okay" Campaign (lodged on 03 March 2025)

New Support: Elena Whitham*

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[S6M-16625](#) Nicola Sturgeon: Congratulating Community Renewal Rom Romeha on its Social Enterprise Scotland Award (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-16592](#) Christine Grahame: Energy Price Cap and Energy Debt (lodged on 11 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*, Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-16557](#) Stuart McMillan: Bladder Cancer in Scotland (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-16554](#) Emma Roddick: Concerns over Refusing Citizenship to Refugees (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-16539](#) Maggie Chapman: Ending Destitution in Scotland – a Road Map for Policymakers (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Elena Whitham*, Evelyn Tweed*, Emma Roddick*

[S6M-16498](#) Emma Roddick: Shetland Youth Music Festival Secures Important Funding (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-16452](#) Sharon Dowey: Improving Access to Hearing Care for Scotland's Ageing Population (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane* R

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Written Questions

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

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

Government initiated questions lodged on 18 March 2025

S6W-36011 Michelle Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Project Willow Grangemouth study.

Written questions lodged on 18 March 2025

S6W-35712 Roz McCall: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reverse the reported decline in the availability of childminding services.

S6W-35740 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review the support provided to parents receiving cancer treatment.

S6W-35742 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many courses have been withdrawn in each college in each year since 1999.

S6W-35749 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions ministers have had with COSLA regarding redrawing school catchment areas.

S6W-35751 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many rural school closures have taken place in each year since 1999, also broken down by local authority.

S6W-35752 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many young people have been recorded as moving into higher education as a positive destination in each year for which data is available, also broken down by local authority.

S6W-35753 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many young people have been recorded as moving into further education as a positive destination in each year for which data is available, also broken down by local authority.

S6W-35754 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many young people have been recorded as moving into employment as a positive destination in each year for which data is available, also broken down by local authority.

S6W-35755 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many young people have been recorded as moving into training as a positive destination in each year for which data is available, also broken down by local authority.

S6W-35756 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many young people have been recorded as moving into personal skills development, including employability, in each year for which data is available, also broken down by local authority.

S6W-35757 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many young people have been recorded as moving into voluntary work as a positive destination in each year for which data is available, also broken down by local authority.

S6W-35758 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many young people have been recorded as moving into activity agreements as a positive destination in each year for which data is available, also broken down by local authority.

S6W-35759 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many in-school counsellors have been employed in each year since 1999 in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools, also broken down by local authority.

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S6W-35760 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many teachers have received training in brief mental health interventions in each year since 1999 in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools, also broken down by local authority.

S6W-35761 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how much has been spent on additional support needs provision as part of the Pupil Equity Fund in each year since its introduction.

S6W-35763 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how much has been spent on police support on school campuses as part of the Pupil Equity Fund in each year since its introduction.

S6W-35764 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how much will be spent on (a) the maintenance of and (b) staffing for the rural payments IT system in each of the next two years.

S6W-35766 Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the most recent South of Scotland Enterprise business panel survey report.

S6W-35767 Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government for each period since April 2022 how many ScotRail train services were (a) planned, (b) operated with at least one non-functioning toilet, (c) operated with no functioning toilet and (d) operated with no functioning accessible toilet.

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S6W-35768 Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what its policy is regarding ScotRail trains entering service without a functioning toilet onboard. **R**

S6W-35769 Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what its policy is regarding ScotRail trains entering service without a functioning accessible toilet. **R**

S6W-35770 Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government under what circumstances a ScotRail train could enter service without a functioning accessible toilet. **R**

S6W-35771 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether any further data on dog thefts has been compiled by Police Scotland since the release of its last set of figures covering the period up to 2021.

S6W-35772 Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recommendations in the Shelter Scotland report, *In Their Own Words: Children's Experiences in Temporary Accommodation*, how it will work with local authorities to improve allocation policies and ensure that these take account of a child's ethnicity and cultural background, age, disability, number of siblings, special educational needs and neurodivergence when providing temporary accommodation.

S6W-35773 Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recommendations in the Shelter Scotland report, *In Their Own Words: Children's Experiences in Temporary Accommodation*, what steps are being taken to ensure that the reported 10,360 children in temporary accommodation have guaranteed access to primary care and dental services so that these children's needs are met while they continue to wait for a permanent home.

S6W-35774 Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recommendations in the Shelter Scotland report, *In Their Own Words: Children's Experiences in Temporary Accommodation*, whether it will guarantee access to mental health support for all children experiencing homelessness.

S6W-35775 Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recommendations in the Shelter Scotland report, *In Their Own Words: Children's Experiences in Temporary Accommodation*, how it will ensure that children are not forced to move schools when experiencing homelessness.

S6W-35776 Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recommendations in the Shelter Scotland report, *In Their Own Words: Children's Experiences in Temporary Accommodation*, what steps it will take to improve data sharing between relevant public bodies in areas such as health, housing, homelessness and education, to help decision makers plan better services and improve outcomes for families experiencing homelessness.

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[S6W-35777 Willie Rennie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recommendations in the Shelter Scotland report, *In Their Own Words: Children's Experiences in Temporary Accommodation*, whether it will end the use of hotel-like temporary accommodation for children.

[S6W-35778 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce chronic pain waiting time lists.

[S6W-35779 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to measure waiting times for follow-up appointments for chronic pain services, and whether it will publish any such data.

[S6W-35780 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that specialist chronic pain services are retained.

[S6W-35781 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the consultation on long-term conditions will conclude, and by what date a strategy and action plan will be published.

[S6W-35782 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Women's Rights Network Scotland report, *How safe are our Scottish hospitals?*, and what action it will take in light of the recommendations.

[S6W-35783 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many mixed-sex hospital wards there are in each NHS board.

[S6W-35784 Alexander Burnett:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the brokerage discussions with NHS Grampian regarding the overspend for 2024-25.

[S6W-35785 Mark Ruskell:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the species licensing review will (a) conclude and (b) report to ministers, and by what date the findings will be published.

[S6W-35786 Mark Ruskell:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-05017 by Mairi McAllan on 6 January 2022, what plans it has to update the list of game species, including removing species that have been red-listed.

[S6W-35787 Mark Ruskell:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-27244 by Jim Fairlie on 13 May 2024, whether it will provide an update on how many journeys have been made through the Young Persons' (Under 22s) Free Bus Travel scheme, broken down by local authority, based on the latest available data.

[S6W-35789 Alex Cole-Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what visits Healthcare Improvement Scotland made to the Skye House mental health unit between 2017 and 2024.

[S6W-35790 Alexander Stewart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6T-02391 by Paul McLennan on 4 March 2025, how many children have lived in temporary accommodation in each year since 2021; what action it is taking to reduce the number of young people in these circumstances, and in light of the minister's comment regarding the Shelter Scotland report, *In Their Own Words: Children's Experiences in Temporary Accommodation*, that "we will obviously consider the recommendations" of it, whether it has now considered these and, if so, what its response is to each.

[S6W-35791 Sharon Dowey:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the findings of recent Scottish Retail Consortium research indicating that one in six people in Scotland has witnessed verbal or physical abuse of shop workers, and one in five members of the public has witnessed thefts from shops in the past year.

[S6W-35796 Stephen Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to support universities facing financial distress, and whether it will introduce additional emergency funding to protect staff and students at the University of Dundee.

[S6W-35797 Stephen Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to prevent future financial distress at universities, and whether it is considering a review of the higher education funding model.

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S6W-35798 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the Scottish Funding Council is sufficiently funded to maintain financial stability across the country's universities.

S6W-35799 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to claims that the current restrictions on alcohol sales at football matches, while allowing sales at rugby matches, concerts and other major sporting events, unfairly targets football supporters.

S6W-35800 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to a pilot scheme allowing controlled alcohol sales at selected football grounds to assess its feasibility and potential impact, and what its response is to similar trials in other countries.

S6W-35801 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with football (a) clubs and (b) supporter groups regarding the potential impact of allowing alcohol sales inside grounds, and whether it will publish any feedback it has received on this.

S6W-35802 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the findings of the University of Stirling project, Football and Alcohol Scoping Study, and what its position is on what impact controlled, responsible alcohol sales inside football grounds could have on (a) levels of so-called binge drinking before matches, (b) matchday revenues and (c) the overall supporter experience.

S6W-35803 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported £1.8 billion in uncollected council tax, and what action it is taking to address this issue.

S6W-35804 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with COSLA and local authorities regarding strategies to recover outstanding council tax debt.

S6W-35805 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of the reported £1.8 billion in outstanding council tax it considers is realistically recoverable, and what projections it has made for the recovery of this debt.

S6W-35806 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether free bus passes make active travel less likely.

S6W-35807 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government, further to its freedom of information (FOI) release FOI/202400430534, which states that it was "working towards a launch date for the Changing Places Toilets fund and we will provide an update in due course", whether it will confirm what progress has been made towards reopening the fund, and by what date it will fully reopen.

S6W-35808 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with AI industry regarding the impact that any excessive regulation could have on (a) startups and (b) investment in the sector.

S6W-35809 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to use AI to improve public services, while ensuring that regulation does not hinder the adoption of any new technologies.

S6W-35810 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has conducted on the potential role of AI in the economy over the next decade, and what steps it is taking to ensure that Scotland competes globally in AI innovation.

S6W-35811 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reported concerns regarding AI skills shortages across the UK and EU, what steps it is taking to ensure that Scotland has a strong AI talent pipeline.

S6W-35812 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what funding commitments it has made to AI skills training, and how these compare with UK Government-led initiatives.

S6W-35813 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the concerns raised in the recent Royal Society of Edinburgh paper, *Developing Scotland's Artificial Intelligence Strategy*, how it will ensure that AI businesses are not subject to excessive regulatory complexity.

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New Bills Bilean Ùra				

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New accompanying documents printed on 18 March 2025

Care Reform (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)—A Supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum has been printed. (SP Bill 17A–DPM) (Government Bill)

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New Subordinate Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 18 March 2025 and is subject to the negative procedure—

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

Laid under section 58(5) of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

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Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 4 February 2025
 Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 17 December 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2024)

Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill (G)

Passed, 25 February 2025

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

Stage 2 completed, 4 March 2025
Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
legislationteam@parliament.scot

Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report (Criminal Justice Committee) published, 11 March 2025

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

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Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 26 February 2025

Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 2 April with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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 1) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), 20 March 2025

The deadline has passed for amendments specifically on matters relating to the part 5 homelessness prevention provisions or the part 6 fuel poverty provisions, except any such amendments to the schedule or the long title.

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

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

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 26 March 2025

Stage 1 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 18 March 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (5th Report, 2025)

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 18 February 2025

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

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 12 March 2025

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 28 January 2025

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 March 2025

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

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Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 17 March 2025

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 18 March 2025

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 11 March 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62nd Report, 2024)

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 27 March 2025

Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (1st Report, 2025)

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 11 December 2024

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 20 February 2025

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

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

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Criminal Justice Committee), 19 March 2025

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 23 January 2025

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

[**https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/legislative-consent-memorandums**](https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/legislative-consent-memorandums)

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

Lodged on 12 March 2025

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

Lodged on 22 November 2024

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

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

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Employment Rights Bill LCM-S6-53

Lodged on 11 December 2024

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 19 March 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (16th Report, 2025)

Great British Energy Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-48c

Lodged on 24 February 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 February 2025

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

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

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

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

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 19 February 2025

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

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

Tobacco and Vapes Bill LCM-S6-51

Lodged on 21 November 2024

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 17 December 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (15th Report, 2025)

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 13 March 2025

[Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (24 January 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 16 March 2025

[Community Care \(Personal Care and Nursing Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (27 January 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (27 January 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 18 March 2025

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[Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Treatment of Qualifications Scotland as Specified Authority\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (29 January 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to approval by 19 March 2025

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (30 January 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval by 24 March 2025

[Local Government Finance \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (4 February 2025) (The Parliament)

Subject to approval by 27 March 2025

[Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 28 March 2025

[Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (re-laid 10 February 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 29 March 2025

[Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Part 2 Further Extension\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (18 February 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

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)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 19 March 2025

Lead committee report due by 17 March 2025

[Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/18\)](#) (30 January 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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[Non-Domestic Rating \(Valuation of Utilities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/19\)](#) (30 January 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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Subject to annulment 27 March 2025

Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025

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Subject to annulment 28 March 2025

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Subject to annulment 30 March 2025

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Subject to annulment 27 April 2025
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Subject to annulment 30 April 2025
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Subject to annulment 7 May 2025
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