

Thursday 20 March 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Royal Assent

The Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2025 received Royal Assent on 19 March 2025.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-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

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Committee Meetings

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security Committee

9:00am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

9:30am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9:30am SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

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11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will conclude its assessment of the case for a new rail station at Newburgh. ([S6O-04458](#))
- 2. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government what the estimated cost would be of permanently extending free rail travel to companions of Blind Persons National Entitlement Card holders, in light of the campaigning by Sight Scotland and Deafblind Scotland. ([S6O-04459](#))
- 3. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to build on the reported successes of the Aberdeen City Region Deal, which is due to conclude its 10-year plan next year. ([S6O-04460](#))
- 4. Emma Harper:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-04461](#))
- 5. James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures are being taken to mitigate any impact on disability payment recipients in Scotland of reported UK Government benefit reductions. ([S6O-04462](#))
- 6. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met the chief executive of Fife Council to discuss the housing emergency. ([S6O-04463](#))
- 7. Lorna Slater:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the deposit return scheme, including whether it will be appointing a deposit management organisation on schedule in April 2025. ([S6O-04464](#))
- 8. Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to Aberdeenshire Council's decision to remove the nightwatch service at Macduff Harbour, in light of reported concerns about the economic impact of the decision. ([S6O-04465](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03914](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03915](#))
- 3. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S6F-03919](#))
- 4. Michelle Thomson:** To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made of the recent *UK Living Standards Review 2025*, from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, and any implications for its work to grow Scotland's economy. ([S6F-03926](#))
- 5. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the First Minister how the Scottish Government is marking Endometriosis Awareness Month. ([S6F-03924](#))
- 6. Kevin Stewart:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to tackle Islamophobia in Scotland, in light of reports of an attack on a mosque in Aberdeen at the weekend. ([S6F-03920](#))

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-16434](#) Michael Matheson: Awareness of Criminal Exploitation of Children—That the Parliament welcomes the recent reports of Professor Alexis Jay and Action for Children, and the charity's service provision, which highlight the issue of criminal exploitation of children; considers that the testimony from exploited young people, Action for Children staff who support these young people, and other professionals connected with this work have described the harrowing and shocking experiences that children have encountered; understands that this issue hides in plain sight and that criminal exploitation of children can take place anywhere across Scotland, including in the Falkirk West constituency, and can happen to anyone; believes that these reports offer an opportunity to raise awareness of this important topic with members of the public, parliamentarians and decision makers, while also creating the chance to explore solutions to tackling this form of child abuse, and notes the belief that, in doing so, society can help to meet the aims and vision of The Promise, ensuring that Scotland does become the best place in the world for children and young people to grow up, where they feel loved, safe, respected and able to realise their full potential.

2:15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

1. Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, further to the answer to question S6W-34464, what its position is on whether MSPs should be able to participate in the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme, in addition to the Armed Forces Visits Programme, should they wish to do so, in light of it being a structured 15-day course with one of the armed services, and it also offering the opportunity to enrol on a Royal College of Defence Studies postgraduate degree level course in strategic leadership and international strategic studies, and it therefore being different in nature. ([S6O-04476](#))

2. Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will consider removing from its catering outlets any products made by companies identified by the UN Human Rights Office as being involved in activities related to illegal Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. ([S6O-04478](#))

3. John Mason: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what information it has on for what reason stamps that are issued in the Parliament's Post Office are not Scotland Country Definitive stamps by default. ([S6O-04474](#))

4. Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what discussions it has had with the Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme trustees about investments in Tesla and any other companies that may conflict with the scheme's Statement of Investment Principles. ([S6O-04477](#)) R

5. Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what measures it is taking to support any LGBTQ+ staff whose welfare may be negatively impacted by any increase in the use of language in the Chamber and committees that may be perceived as trans-exclusionary. ([S6O-04479](#))

6. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what recent assessment it has made of the resources given to the Legislation team. ([S6O-04475](#))

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

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Education and Skills

- 1. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is ensuring that schools in the Highlands and Islands are safe learning environments for pupils and staff. ([S6O-04466](#))
- 2. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that there is adequate access to support in schools for children with additional support needs in island areas, including the Orkney constituency. ([S6O-04467](#))
- 3. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports schools to ensure that pupils with additional support needs can access learning environments that meet their needs without being excluded from activities or isolated from their peers. ([S6O-04468](#))
- 4. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that local authorities provide co-ordinated support plans for pupils who need extra support. ([S6O-04469](#))
- 5. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the action being taken to support maths learning in secondary schools. ([S6O-04470](#))
- 6. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what support there is for the parents or guardians of children and young people with additional support needs who require a specific school placement. ([S6O-04471](#))
- 7. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government what work it is carrying out with local authorities regarding the wellbeing of school pupils and staff. ([S6O-04472](#))
- 8. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact the *Scottish* Digital Academy is having on improving digital skills in Scotland. ([S6O-04473](#))

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

[S6M-16852](#) Finlay Carson on behalf of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee: 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).

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 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.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 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.

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 10th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Review of the 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, Dr Frank Möeschler, Head of

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Research, EU Office, and Rachel Sunderland, Deputy Director, Population and Migration, Scottish Government.

3. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2

SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee 7th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **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.
3. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.
4. **SPCB supported bodies landscape review (in private):** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 19 March 2025

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 — S6M-16655 Elena Whitham: Shelter Scotland-commissioned Research Regarding Children's Experiences in Temporary Accommodation

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 — S6M-16539 Maggie Chapman: Ending Destitution in Scotland – a Road Map for Policymakers

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 — S6M-16128 Liz Smith: 300 Years of the Black Watch

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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

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

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

5:00 pm Decision Time

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Future Committee Meetings

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

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Motions

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

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

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S6M-16874](#) Fulton MacGregor: The Plight of Albion Rovers and Preserving Scotland's Historic Football Clubs**—That the Parliament notes with concern the financial difficulties faced by Albion Rovers FC; believes that the Coatbridge club, which is one of Scotland's oldest, was founded in 1882 and has been an integral part of the community for over 140 years; notes that these financial concerns were detailed in a statement from the club in March 2025 and include the impending loss of the SPFL "parachute payment" that it currently receives from the start of the 2025-26 season; considers that historic clubs, such as Albion Rovers, have played a significant role in shaping Scotland's football heritage and the communities they serve, bringing joy to many supporters, providing a pathway for local talent and fostering aspiration; is concerned that financial pressures and changing football structures threaten the future of many clubs with deep-rooted local and historical significance; acknowledges the efforts of fans, volunteers and businesses in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency in supporting Albion Rovers through what it sees as these challenging times, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government, football authorities and community stakeholders to explore ways to support and sustain historic clubs, with the aim of ensuring that they continue to thrive and contribute to their communities for generations to come.

***[S6M-16854](#) Stuart McMillan: Peel Ports' Conservancy Fee Plans for Clydeport Area**—That the Parliament acknowledges reports that Peel Ports Clydeport is planning to introduce a conservancy fee for leisure craft sailing in the Clydeport area; understands that the boating sector has expressed concerns that such a charge could impact the marine tourism economy, including in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, as it could discourage boaters from sailing in Clydeport's waters; believes that boaters have also expressed their anger at what it understands is Peel Ports' lack of meaningful dialogue with the sector about these plans; further believes that this has led to questions arising over how the fee will be spent; understands that members of the Cross-Party Group on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism have agreed that their collective position is that these plans should be abandoned, and that a public petition has been launched to attract support for this view, which, it understands, has attracted over 4,600 signatures so far, and notes the view that Peel Ports should scrap its proposal and work with the sector to address any issues.

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-16847](#) Karen Adam: Scotland's Strongest Woman**—That the Parliament congratulates Steffie Murray, from Buckie in the Banffshire and Buchan Coast constituency, on being crowned Scotland's Strongest Woman at the World Heavy Events Association's Scotland's Strongest Woman Championships; recognises the dedication and perseverance that she has shown over six years of competition to reach the pinnacle of her sport; considers Steffie to be an inspiration and a positive role model for young women across Scotland, and wishes her continued success in her strongwoman career.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Evelyn Tweed*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Clare Haughey*, Brian Whittle*, Emma Roddick*, Bill Kidd*, Monica Lennon*, Audrey Nicoll*, Miles Briggs*

***[S6M-16846](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Holi Festival of Colours Celebration 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Indian Arts Forum on organising and hosting what it believes was a successful Holi festival celebration in Saughton Park, Edinburgh, on 15 March 2025; recognises that Holi is a major Hindu festival of colours and love and celebrates the arrival of spring and the end of winter; understands that the festival is celebrated by throwing bright coloured powder over family and friends, dancing and singing; notes that the event included a live DJ, food stalls and photo booths, as well as the festive colour throw with participants covering each other in bright power, commends the Scottish Indian Arts Forum for bringing communities together for a fun-filled family-friendly celebration.

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***[S6M-16843](#) Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Kaleb Mbise, from Dumbarton, on Winning Foundation Apprentice of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Kaleb Mbise, from Dumbarton, on winning the Foundation Apprentice of the Year category at the recent annual Scottish Apprenticeship Awards Ceremony; understands that Kaleb, while still a pupil at Dumbarton Academy, undertook a placement at Bellsmyre Early Learning Centre in Dumbarton, where he completed his Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services: Children and Young People; notes that the foundation apprenticeship allowed Kaleb to work alongside experienced staff, providing him with valuable hands on experience and skills in his chosen career; understands that he has now commenced a modern apprenticeship in childcare and is employed by West Dunbartonshire Council as a childcare practitioner at the Andrew Cameron Early Learning and Childcare Centre; believes that Kaleb's hard work will be an inspiration to other pupils, and wishes him all the best for the future.

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***[S6M-16842](#) Humza Yousaf: Commemorating Belarusian Freedom Day on 25 March**—That the Parliament acknowledges that 25 March each year is celebrated as "Freedom Day" (Dzen'

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Voli) in Belarus; believes that this is a special date for all democratically minded Belarusians as it marks the independence of Belarus in 1918 after 150 years of Russian rule; notes that Minsk and other cities of Belarus have historically marked the day by hosting festive celebrations, political actions, rallies, marches and performances dedicated to the anniversaries of the proclamation of the Belarusian People's Republic; understands that these celebrations are not welcomed by the current regime, and believes that, in most years, protests have been met with varying degrees of brutality and repression, including the regime inviting Russian military forces to enter Belarus to help quell protests; further understands that over 1,200 political prisoners, many of whom are at particular risk due to their age and medical condition, continue daily to suffer for the cause of democracy, and commends what it sees as the ongoing bravery of the people of Belarus who, although faced with what it considers is the brutal and systemic crackdown on all aspects of their society, democracy and civil liberties, continue to stand up to the dictatorship and push forward for a free Belarus.

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***S6M-16841 Jackson Carlaw: Isobel Mair School Delivers Two Winning Entries in National Garden Competition—**That the Parliament congratulates pupils from Isobel Mair School, which is in Newton Mearns, on achieving success in a national gardening competition; understands that the efforts of the young people at Isobel Mair delivered two winning entries in the P5-S2 category among the 32 designs chosen for receipt of the commendation and as part of the Pocket Garden Design Competition for 2025; acknowledges that the project involved pupils in Scotland creating miniature, pocket-sized, gardens with the designs focused on edible plants, environments to attract wildlife and the reuse of materials that would otherwise not be retained, and recognises that Keep Scotland Beautiful organised the competition and its goal was to connect young people with food, nature and heritage, alongside motivating pupils to learn about sustainability.

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***S6M-16840 Jackson Carlaw: Team of Female Pupils from Mearns Castle High Win Respected Investment Competition—**That the Parliament congratulates a team of six female pupils from Mearns Castle High School on winning what it sees as a prestigious investment competition; recognises that the pupils won the junior category prize at the Growing Future Assets Investment Competition by making a pitch on the cybersecurity business, Palo Alto Networks; understands that the competition is part of a larger project by Future Asset to provide opportunities for girls in Scotland to learn about investment management and to consider pursuing it as a career; acknowledges that there were a total of 147 entries for the 2024-25 competition, with eight schools chosen to participate in the finals; understands that, as part of the competition, each team was mentored by an investment professional over a 10-week period, and congratulates the pupils from Mearns Castle on their achievement in winning the junior category award.

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***S6M-16837 Mercedes Villalba: River Carron Salmon Conservation—**That the Parliament welcomes the recent report by the River Carron Conservation Association (RCCA) and the Institute for Biodiversity and Freshwater Conservation at UHI Inverness on the Carron

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Conservation Programme; recognises that wild salmon populations in Scotland are classified as "endangered" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature; understands that, what it sees as this unprecedented conservation study, helps guide a path for returning wild salmon to the country's rivers and marine environment, as well as demonstrating what it considers is the vital role that conservation initiatives play in the health of Scotland's ecosystems and the strength of rural economies and communities; acknowledges the work of all involved with the RCCA and the Institute for Biodiversity and Freshwater Conservation at UHI Inverness, and the assistance of the Salmon Scotland Wild Fisheries Fund in funding the analysis, and commends the continued work of the RCCA to bring science and field work together to help inform policies for restoring stocks of wild salmon across Scotland.

***[S6M-16836](#) Kevin Stewart: Impact of National Insurance Hikes on Pharmacies—**That the Parliament acknowledges the impact that it believes increases to employers' national insurance contributions will have on pharmacies; understands that the National Pharmacy Association estimates that pharmacies across the UK will be paying an extra £310 million because of the changes in the UK Labour administration's Budget in autumn 2024; further understands that the majority of independent community pharmacies are small- to medium-sized family businesses; believes that pharmacies are a valuable part of the NHS, providing healthcare services that play a significant role in relieving pressure on GPs and hospitals; condemns the UK Government for, it believes, failing to protect pharmacies from the impacts of national insurance increases, and calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to change her mind on this issue before what it believes will be the damaging effects of it are felt by community pharmacies across Scotland and the rest of the UK.

Supported by: Emma Roddick*, James Dornan*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Karen Adam*, David Torrance*, Clare Haughey*, Audrey Nicoll*, John Mason*, Brian Whittle*

***[S6M-16835](#) Patrick Harvie: Congratulating Women on Wheels and Sunny Cycles on their Inaugural Ride Bright for International Women's Day—**That the Parliament congratulates the Glasgow cycling charities, Women on Wheels and Sunny Cycles, on their successful Ride Bright event; believes that over 100 women and non-binary people rode their bikes together on International Women's Day to highlight the need for safer and brighter streets; understands that three out of four women change their outdoor activity routines during winter and agrees that women deserve to feel and be safe while cycling; recognises the event's contribution to raising awareness of safety in public spaces and the importance of accessible and inclusive cycling infrastructure; notes what it believes is the positive impact in encouraging women and non-binary people to embrace cycling as a form of socialising, transport and empowerment, and commends the organisers for their dedication in creating a vibrant, inclusive event that fostered a sense of community and solidarity.

***[S6M-16833](#) Clare Adamson: Morningside Primary School Finalists at Keep Scotland Beautiful Marine Litter Art Competition—**That the Parliament congratulates Morningside Primary School, Newmains, for reaching the finals of the Keep Scotland Beautiful Marine Litter Art Competition as part of its Upstream Battle® campaign; acknowledges that the competition aims to encourage young people to understand the impact of marine litter; commends the students and staff for their creative contributions to the exhibition that focused on the Arrochar "Litter Sink", highlighting how litter dropped in local streets or paths can travel via the Clyde to Arrochar, negatively affecting both the community and the marine environment; notes that Morningside Primary School was one of only nine schools selected from over 90 entries across primary, early

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years, and additional support needs schools from the Clyde Valley, Ayrshire, and Arrochar; recognises what it believes to be the importance of engaging young people in environmental issues as a vital step towards creating a sustainable and litter-free future, and wishes Morningside Primary School all the best at the finals.

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***[S6M-16831](#) Clare Adamson: St Aidan's Youth Group Fundraising for Les Hoey MBE DreamMaker Foundation**—That the Parliament commends St Aidan's Youth Group for the remarkable fundraising efforts in support of the Les Hoey MBE DreamMaker Foundation; understands that the youth group raised over £1,000 to support children with life-shortening illnesses and help make their dreams come true; recognises what it sees as the ongoing and vital work carried out by the Les Hoey MBE DreamMaker Foundation in providing hope and joy to children and families facing difficult challenges; extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone at St Aidan's Youth Group for their generosity and kindness in making this donation possible, and commends the dedication of the staff and volunteers at the Les Hoey MBE DreamMaker Foundation.

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***[S6M-16830](#) Clare Adamson: Hospitality and Culinary Arts ScotHot Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates the Hospitality and Culinary Arts students from New College Lanarkshire for their exceptional performance at the ScotHot 2025 championships; understands that the Scottish Culinary Championships showcase emerging talent within Scotland's premier food, drink, hospitality, and tourism sector; acknowledges that New College Lanarkshire students earned several Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals, a Merit, the Best in Class Award for Hygiene, two Table d'Honneur Silver Medals, and the Best Overall Student of the Day award; extends its gratitude to the dedicated staff who guided and supported the students throughout their preparation and competition journey; commends all the participants for demonstrating their skills and excellence under high-pressure conditions at ScotHot, and wishes them all the best for the future.

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***[S6M-16829](#) Clare Adamson: Coltness High Teenager Cancer Trust Fundraiser**—That the Parliament commends Coltness High School head teacher John McGilp, and pupils, Zaim Imtiaz, Calum Bunch and Jamie Adair for their participation in a fundraising event to support Teenage Cancer Trust; acknowledges that school captains, Jamie and Lauren Monaghan, along with Olivia Monaghan, organised the event, which raised over £2,300 for the charity; praises the collective efforts of the students and staff in raising such a significant amount for this important cause, and wishes them all the best for their upcoming exams.

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***[S6M-16828](#) Clare Adamson: Mark Wright Awarded Inaugural Recognition Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Mark Wright on receiving a Business Gateway Recognition Award, acknowledging his outstanding support to Lanarkshire business owners; acknowledges that the inaugural Recognition Awards were held at Business Gateway's all-staff conference in Edinburgh on 27 February 2025, which celebrated the exceptional service, commitment, and impact of Business Gateway's local advisers in assisting entrepreneurs and businesses across Scotland;

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understands that Business Gateway supports over 50,000 individuals annually, creating 7,000 to 10,000 new businesses each year; thanks Business Gateway for what it sees as its vital role in Scotland's business ecosystem, and wishes Mark all the best for the future.

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***[S6M-16827](#) Alexander Stewart: Commending NHS Forth Valley Lead Parkinson's Nurse, Kay Mair**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that a Forth Valley nurse with 30 years' experience in the field spent a day in Royal company after being invited to celebrate the work of Parkinson's nurses around the UK; understands that Kay Mair, NHS Forth Valley Lead Nurse for Parkinson's, who is one of Scotland's longest serving Parkinson's Nurse Specialists, attended an afternoon tea reception hosted by the Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of Parkinson's UK, at St James's Palace, London, in early March 2025; believes that the event celebrated and recognised the 35th anniversary of the Parkinson's nurse; notes that a total of 27 nurses were invited from across the UK to share their experiences as long-serving professionals who have played an integral role in education, service development and research within the Parkinson's community; notes that Kay has been a part of the Parkinson's nursing community since 1996, and, in the same year, she became a founding member of the Association of Scottish Parkinson's Nurse Specialists (ASPNS); understands that, reflecting on this milestone event, Kay noted how it marked a significant personal journey within the field and was a testament to the dedication of Parkinson's nurses across Scotland; notes that Parkinson's nurses have specific training and skills to care for people living with the complex brain condition and that there are more than 40 symptoms associated with Parkinson's, which it believes is the fastest growing neurological condition in the world; considers that the specialist nurses have a crucial role in working with other healthcare professionals to provide tailored support for individual patients, who are often affected differently by Parkinson's; commends Kay and all her colleagues for the hard work, enthusiasm and energy that they all bring to their role each day, and shares the appreciation that NHS Forth Valley holds in having Kay as a key member of their inter-disciplinary team.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-16832](#) Christine Grahame: Borders Together Tartan (lodged on 18 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-16826](#) Alexander Stewart: Go Forth Stirling BID Spring Clean (lodged on 18 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-16825](#) Liam McArthur: Celebrating 25 Years of Orkney's Gable End Theatre (lodged on 18 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-16824](#) Evelyn Tweed: Stirling Sisters Honour Mum by Raising Over £20,000 for the Stroke Association (lodged on 18 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Monica Lennon*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Annabelle Ewing*, Audrey Nicoll*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Roz McCall*, Stuart McMillan*, Emma Harper*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Paul O'Kane*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*

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: Marie McNair*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*

S6M-16811 Paul O'Kane: Renfrewshire Schools Houston Primary and Moorpark Primary Triumph in National Garden Competition (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Pam Gosal*, Evelyn Tweed*, Martin Whitfield*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Foyso Choudhury*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*

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: Douglas Lumsden*, Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*

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)

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New Support: Marie McNair*

**[S6M-16804](#) Alex Rowley: Scottish and Welsh Rugby Supporters Fundraising for My Name's5
Doddie Foundation** (lodged on 18 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Roz McCall*, Mercedes Villalba*

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

New Support: Elena Whitham*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*

**[S6M-16801](#) Sue Webber: 18-year-old James Wilson Named in Scotland's Football Squad for
Nations League Play-off Matches with Greece** (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Edward Mountain*, Sharon Dowe*, Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Elena Whitham*

**[S6M-16795](#) Fulton MacGregor: Shining Stars ASN Theatre School Wins Specialist Theatre
School of the Year Award** (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*, Rona Mackay*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Martin Whitfield*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Stuart McMillan*

**[S6M-16794](#) Jeremy Balfour: Welcoming the Creation of a Construction Pathway for Young
People** (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Alexander Burnett* R, Sharon Dowe*, Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

**[S6M-16792](#) Alexander Burnett: Jonathan Hope and Slow Sauce, Banchory, Win £10,000
from Scottish Edge** (lodged on 18 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Sharon Dowe*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Sharon Dowe*, Roz McCall*

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: Douglas Lumsden*, Sharon Dowe*, Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Sharon Dowe*, Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Sharon Dowe*, Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Sharon Dowe*, Roz McCall*

S6M-16778 Meghan Gallacher: Dalziel High School Participates in SP Energy Networks Warrior Championship (lodged on 13 March 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

S6M-16775 Alexander Stewart: Alloa Community Enterprise 40th Birthday (lodged on 13 March 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Paul O'Kane*

S6M-16772 Craig Hoy: Congratulating the East Lothian Courier (lodged on 13 March 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

S6M-16765 Finlay Carson: Garlieston Primary School Gains Gold Award Over Children's Rights (lodged on 12 March 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-16758](#) Brian Whittle: Biggar High School Participates in the 2025 SP Energy Networks Warriors School Championship (lodged on 12 March 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-16746](#) Ariane Burgess: Celebrating the Witches of Scotland Memorial Tartan Campaign (lodged on 18 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, Evelyn Tweed*, Jeremy Balfour*, Karen Adam*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Ben Macpherson*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*

[S6M-16739](#) Humza Yousaf: Marking 10 Years of Marion's House (lodged on 11 March 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

[S6M-16736](#) Humza Yousaf: Congratulating Govan's Gilded Lily on International Women's Day (lodged on 11 March 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

[S6M-16721](#) Paul Sweeney: Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2025 (lodged on 06 March 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-16712](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Battlefield Primary School Family Fundraising Group (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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

New Support: Pauline McNeill*

[S6M-16665](#) Paul Sweeney: Celebrating the Glasgow Fort (lodged on 04 March 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

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

New Support: Ross Greer*, Carol Mochan*

[S6M-16510](#) James Dornan: Calling for a Boycott on Israel's Sporting Participation (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Humza Yousaf*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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[S6M-16494](#) David Torrance: Autism Rocks Purchases Parish Church, Secures Future
(lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16482](#) Bill Kidd: Kingsway Community Connections Receives £142,593 from National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16481](#) Bill Kidd: Bloody Amazing CIC Receives £15,210 from National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16425](#) Brian Whittle: Welcoming Funding for Partners for Inclusion Limited (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 26 March 2025

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

- 1. Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the economy secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the contribution that the cultural sector makes to Glasgow and the west of Scotland's economy. ([S6O-04480](#))
- 2. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the steps that it is taking to encourage investment in Scotland's green economy. ([S6O-04481](#))
- 3. Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government what immediate and longer-term actions it can take to support businesses, including in the seafood processing sector, to compete effectively in a UK and global market. ([S6O-04482](#))
- 4. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the provision of Gaelic-medium education at primary level in the Glasgow Shettleston constituency. ([S6O-04483](#))
- 5. Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle long-term economic inactivity in Fife. ([S6O-04484](#))
- 6. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the regulatory approach to AI and any impact that differences between regulations in the UK and the EU could have on Scotland's economy. ([S6O-04485](#))
- 7. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government, as part of the development and delivery of its economic strategy, what assessment it has made of the contribution of the net zero sector to the economy. ([S6O-04486](#))
- 8. Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to invest in the west of the South Scotland region. ([S6O-04487](#))

Finance and Local Government

- 1. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government how the Scottish Budget 2025-26 will improve local services in Motherwell and Wishaw. ([S6O-04488](#))
- 2. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact will be on discretionary funding in the current financial year of the International Financial Reporting Standard 16 changes outlined in its Spring Budget Revision. ([S6O-04489](#))
- 3. Oliver Mundell:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support local authorities with managing planning applications ([S6O-04490](#))
- 4. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government when ministers last met with the City of Edinburgh Council to discuss the reported financial pressures facing the capital. ([S6O-04491](#))
- 5. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has allocated in its Budget to fund applications to the Rural Affordable Homes for Key Workers Fund, including from housing associations where there have been housing stock transfers from a local authority. ([S6O-04492](#))
- 6. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has allocated in its Budget for revenue and capital funding for Strathclyde Partnership for Transport for 2025-26. ([S6O-04493](#))

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7. Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the finance secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the allocation of additional funding for health and social care, in light of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board's reported plans to end funding for its third sector grant programme. ([S6O-04494](#))

8. Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what ongoing assessment it is undertaking regarding the impact of the visitor levy. ([S6O-04495](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 27 March 2025

Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

1. Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to upgrade older housing stock to make it suitable for modern day heating systems. ([S6O-04504](#))

2. Audrey Nicoll: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support the marine energy industry. ([S6O-04505](#))

3. Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to improve access to low-carbon heating and retrofitted insulation in homes across tenures. ([S6O-04506](#))

4. Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with representatives from Lothian Buses. ([S6O-04507](#))

5. Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its commitment to ban house coal, as set out in its strategy, *Cleaner Air for Scotland 2*. ([S6O-04508](#))

6. Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government when it or its agencies next plan to build CalMac ferries in Scotland. ([S6O-04509](#))

7. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work to grow the offshore wind industry. ([S6O-04510](#))

8. Willie Coffey: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the timetable for electrification of the Barrhead to Kilmarnock rail line and the associated upgrading of the rolling stock serving that line. ([S6O-04511](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 27 March 2025

1. Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports of some teachers requesting self-defence classes due to the prevalence of violence in schools. ([S6O-04496](#))

2. Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the proposal by Scotland's Rural College to close the animal care unit at its Elmwood Campus in Cupar, following the sale of the farm and closure of the student accommodation. ([S6O-04497](#))

3. Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that local authorities are failing to ensure compliance with animal welfare regulations in relation to Scotland-based racing greyhounds being transported to race meetings in England. ([S6O-04498](#))

4. Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the University of Edinburgh's reported announcement that it is seeking to make around £140 million of cuts to its budget. ([S6O-04499](#))

5. Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to incentivise the restoration and reuse of listed buildings in Glasgow that are considered to be at risk. ([S6O-04500](#))

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6. Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it will give to expanding the scope of statutory grounds for holding a fatal accident inquiry. ([S6O-04501](#))

7. Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding what support could be provided in Scotland to any Palestinian refugees resettled to the UK. ([S6O-04502](#))

8. Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will direct NHS Highland to return vaccination services solely to GPs, in light of reported calls for this to happen on the basis that it could deliver a safer, more efficient and less expensive health provision delivered locally. ([S6O-04503](#))

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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 19 March 2025

S6W-36024 Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on funding to increase the number of changing places toilets across Scotland.

Written questions lodged on 19 March 2025

S6W-35665 Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-35018 by Alasdair Allan on 24 February 2025, whether it will provide an update on what engagement and analysis it has undertaken with the UK Government to understand what the financial impact will be on consumers facing a change in tariff as a result of the ending of the Radio Teleswitch Service, such as those with Total Heating Total Control meters.

S6W-35720 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how much was spent on the maintenance of all rural payment systems in each of the last four years.

S6W-35721 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how much was spent on IT staff in relation to all rural payment systems in each of the last four years.

S6W-35731 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many young people have received music tuition in schools in each local authority area in each year since 1999.

S6W-35748 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many children have been admitted to hospital for treatment for decayed teeth in each year since 1999.

S6W-35792 Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government how many full-time equivalent stoma care specialist nurses are currently employed by each NHS board.

S6W-35824 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made with the implementation of each of the 55 recommendations in the report, *Independent Review of Audiology Services in Scotland*, which was published on 25 August 2023, broken down by what (a) action it has taken in each case and (b) date each will be fully implemented, and what the reasons are for any delays.

S6W-35879 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its engagement with the UK Government on proposed reforms to electricity infrastructure consenting in Scotland, what its position is regarding reported concerns that the reforms to pre-application consultation for electricity infrastructure projects will reduce opportunities for meaningful community input.

S6W-35880 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its engagement with the UK Government on proposed reforms to electricity infrastructure consenting in Scotland, what its response is to reported criticisms that replacing automatic public inquiries with an "examination" process in cases where local authorities object may diminish local accountability in decision making.

S6W-35881 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its engagement with the UK Government on proposed reforms to electricity infrastructure consenting in Scotland, what its response is to the reported suggestion that accelerating the end-to-end electricity consenting process risks undermining thorough scrutiny of environmental impacts.

S6W-35882 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its engagement with the UK Government on proposed reforms to electricity infrastructure consenting in Scotland,

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what its position is regarding reported concerns that the proposed statutory appeal process will make it harder for communities and individuals to challenge decisions on onshore electricity consents.

S6W-35883 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its engagement with the UK Government on proposed reforms to electricity infrastructure consenting in Scotland, how it will address reported concerns that statutory consultees may be placed under additional pressure from new time limits, potentially weakening their ability to provide robust input into proposed developments.

S6W-35884 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its engagement with the UK Government on proposed reforms to electricity infrastructure consenting in Scotland and in light of reported criticism from stakeholders, what its reasons are for including the proposed powers for the Scottish Government to vary consents unilaterally, and whether it will reconsider these to safeguard investor confidence and community engagement.

S6W-35885 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its engagement with the UK Government on proposed reforms to electricity infrastructure consenting in Scotland, how it plans to respond to reported objections that introducing new fees for pre-application functions and necessary wayleaves could disadvantage smaller developers or community-led projects, and what steps it will take to ensure transparency around how any such fees are used.

S6W-35886 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its engagement with the UK Government on proposed reforms to electricity infrastructure consenting in Scotland, what evidence it considered in developing the “Acceptance Stage” for section 36 and 37 applications, and whether it will publish data showing how this stage could affect overall timescales and local input into project proposals.

S6W-35887 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its engagement with the UK Government on proposed reforms to electricity infrastructure consenting in Scotland, how many requests for variations to section 37 consents were received in each of the last five years, and whether it will provide the data that informed its proposal to prescribe a clear statutory process for these variations.

S6W-35888 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its engagement with the UK Government on proposed reforms to electricity infrastructure consenting in Scotland, how many electricity consents it has suspended, revoked or corrected in each of the last five years, and how it took account of any concerns about investor and community uncertainty in proposing to expand its powers to vary consents without an application.

S6W-35889 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its engagement with the UK Government on proposed reforms to electricity infrastructure consenting in Scotland, how many applications for electricity infrastructure developments it projects will be submitted annually from 2025, and whether it has made any assessment of whether introducing new fees for pre-application functions could reduce application numbers.

S6W-35890 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its engagement with the UK Government on proposed reforms to electricity infrastructure consenting in Scotland, what data it reviewed on how introducing fees for necessary wayleaves and pre-application services might affect smaller community-led developments, and whether it will publish any analysis that it used to inform this proposal.

S6W-35893 Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government how much has been paid in total to date on staff costs for officials who have worked on the (a) proposed Heat in Buildings Bill and (b) Heat in Buildings Strategy.

S6W-35894 Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government what recent assessment it has made of whether the target for all (a) properties of private landlords reaching a minimum standard equivalent to an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of at least band C by the end of

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2028, (b) properties of homeowners reaching a minimum standard equivalent to an EPC rating of at least band C by the end of 2033, (c) building owners ending their use of polluting heating by 2045 and (d) buildings owned by a public authority using clean heating systems by the end of 2038, remains achievable.

S6W-35895 Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on introducing regulations that would require people purchasing a property to comply with a prohibition on polluting heating in a specified amount of time following the completion of the sale.

S6W-35896 Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to cap the installation costs of clean heating systems.

S6W-35897 Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on legislating to give (a) it and (b) local authorities the power to require buildings in a heat network zone to end their use of polluting heating systems by a certain date, with a minimum notice period.

S6W-35898 Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on requiring (a) occupiers of non-domestic properties to provide information about unused heat on the premises and (b) buildings with unused heat to provide this to a heat network zone.

S6W-36026 Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to improve stoma care provision in areas such as Argyll and Bute, the Western Isles and Orkney, which reportedly currently have no access to local specialist stoma nurses.

S6W-36027 Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government when it will share the results of the information gathering exercise by NHS boards into local stoma care services, stoma specialist nurse coverage and any gaps in stoma services across the country, as announced by the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health in November 2023 and shared with the Scottish Executive Nurse Directors in July and November 2024.

S6W-36028 Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in delivering the five asks in relation to stoma care, as proposed at the Scottish Stoma Forum in October 2023.

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Amendments

Amendments to Bills lodged on 19 March 2025

Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

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Section 16

Maggie Chapman

- 237** In section 16, page 11, line 36, leave out <£1,000> and insert <£10,000>

Section 19

Maggie Chapman

- 238** In section 19, page 19, line 9, at end insert—

<(4A) If the rent officer decides under subsection (1) that the rent specified in the rent-increase notice would be an increase in the rent payable under the current tenancy of more than the permitted amount for the area in which the let property is situated, the rent officer must make an order requiring the landlord to pay the tenant an amount not exceeding £10,000.>

Maggie Chapman

- 239** In section 19, page 20, line 33, at end insert—

<(4A) If the rent officer decides under subsection (1) that the rent specified in the rent-increase notice would be an increase in the rent payable under the current tenancy of more than the permitted amount for the area in which the let property is situated, the rent officer must make an order requiring the landlord to pay the tenant an amount not exceeding £10,000.>

Maggie Chapman

- 240** In section 19, page 22, line 35, at end insert—

<(4A) If the Tribunal makes a determination under subsection (2)(a) or (4)(a), the Tribunal must make an order requiring the landlord to pay the tenant an amount not exceeding £10,000.>

Section 29

Maggie Chapman

- 241** In section 29, page 34, line 17, at end insert—

<(4A) A tenant under a private residential tenancy may keep an assistance dog at the let property without the consent of the landlord.>

Maggie Chapman

- 242** In section 29, page 34, line 22, at end insert—

<“assistance dog” has the meaning given to it by section 173(1) (interpretation) of the

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Equality Act 2010,>

Maggie Chapman

243 In section 29, page 40, line 28, at end insert—.

- <(4) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide that a change which meets the conditions in subsection (5) is a category 1 change.
- (5) The conditions are that—
 - (a) the tenant is a disabled person,
 - (b) the tenant occupies or intends to occupy the property as that person's only or main home, and
 - (c) wishes to make a relevant improvement.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (5), an improvement to a property is a relevant improvement if, having regard to the disabled person's disability, it is likely to facilitate that person's enjoyment of the premises.
- (7) In this section, "improvement" means an alteration in or addition to the property and includes—
 - (a) an addition to or alteration of the landlord's fittings and fixtures,
 - (b) an addition or alteration connected with the provision of services to the premises,
 - (c) the erection of a wireless or television aerial,
 - (d) carrying out of external decoration.>

Section 30

Maggie Chapman

244 In section 30, page 41, line 29, at end insert—

- <(1A) A tenant under a Scottish secure tenancy may keep an assistance dog at the let property without the consent of the landlord.>

Maggie Chapman

245 In section 30, page 41, line 38, at end insert—

- <"assistance dog" has the meaning given to it by section 173(1) (interpretation) of the Equality Act 2010,>

After section 51

Maggie Chapman

246 After section 51, insert—

<Compulsory sale or lease orders

Compulsory sale or lease orders

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- (1) A local authority may, in relation to land within the authority's area which falls within subsection (2), make an order requiring the owner of land specified in the order to offer the land for sale or let—
 - (a) for use as residential housing, and
 - (b) by such method and within such period as is so specified (a “compulsory sale or lease order”).
- (2) That land is land which—
 - (a) has been vacant or derelict for a continuous period of at least three years prior to the date on which the compulsory sale or lease order is made,
 - (b) is suitable for use as residential housing, and
 - (c) is—
 - (i) of such type as may be specified, and
 - (ii) no greater in area than the maximum area specified,
 for the purposes of this section by the Scottish Ministers by regulations.
- (3) A compulsory sale or lease order may be made—
 - (a) on the authority's own initiative, or
 - (b) on an application by a community body.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision in connection with compulsory sale or lease orders.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4) may in particular include provision about—
 - (a) circumstances in which an order may not be made,
 - (b) any consultation and notification that is to take place before an order may be made,
 - (c) information that is to be contained in an order,
 - (d) the ability of local authorities to require the giving of commitments by prospective purchasers as to the future use of land which is subject to an order,
 - (e) whether the owner may refuse to accept offers for land which is subject to an order,
 - (f) circumstances in which a local authority may, following the making of an order, make its own arrangements for the land subject to the order to be sold at public auction,
 - (g) a procedure for any community body which has had a request to a local authority to make an order refused to appeal against that decision,
 - (h) the maintenance by local authorities of registers of vacant or derelict land for the purposes of identifying land which may be made subject to an order.
- (6) In this section—

“community body” means a body, whether or not formally constituted, established for purposes which consist of or include that of promoting or improving the interests of any communities (however described) present in the area in which the vacant or derelict land is situated,

“land” includes buildings (including residential properties and individual properties within tenements),

“use as residential housing” includes the adaptation or construction of properties on the

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land to be used as residential housing.>

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Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 1 April 2025

Stage 1 Report – Criminal Justice Committee (3rd Report, 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 Report – Net Zero, Energy and Transport 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

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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

Lead committee – Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture

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

Stage 2 (Day 3) (Criminal Justice Committee), 26 March 2025

Amendments to section 34 onwards should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 20 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Royal Assent, 19 March 2025

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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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

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Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (2nd Report, 2025)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6th Report, 2025)

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)

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Subject to approval by 18 March 2025

[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 23 March 2025

Lead committee report due by 17 March 2025

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[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/24\)](#) (3 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Fees for Scheme Membership and Disclosure Applications \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/25\)](#) (3 February 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Level 1 and Level 2 Disclosure Review Application \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/26\)](#) (3 February 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 27 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025

[Environmental Protection \(Injurious Articles\) \(Fixed Penalty Notices and Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/28\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Saving Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/29\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/30\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/31\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 28 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2025 \(SI 2025/124\)](#) (12 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 30 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025

[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/36\)](#) (19 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 31 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025

[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/37\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/38\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/39\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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[Non-Domestic Rates \(Hospitality Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/40\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Environmental Protection \(Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/42\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/43\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/44\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 1 April 2025
Lead committee report due by 31 March 2025

[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/48\)](#) (21 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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 25 April 2025
Lead committee report due by 21 April 2025

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

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

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 19 March 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 20th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the third quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2024-25 (SP Paper 759)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 5th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 760)

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 19 March 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Glasgow Low Emission Zone Annual Report 2024 (GCC/2025/01) laid under Section 29(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for March 2025 (SPSO/2025/03) laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

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