

Thursday 27 March 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Christina McKelvie (1968-2025)

On the sad news of the death of our dear colleague Christina McKelvie, Member of the Scottish Parliament since 2007, I pay tribute to Christina's substantial contribution to the Scottish democratic process as a Member, Committee Convener and Minister and recognise the affection and respect in which she was held by all.

Rt Hon Alison Johnstone MSP
Presiding Officer

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-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

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

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

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Committee Meetings

8:45am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

8:45am Social Justice and Social Security Committee

10:00am SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

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11:40 am General Questions

- 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](#))
- 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](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03938](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03939](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03940](#))
- 4. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the UK Government's Spring Statement. ([S6F-03941](#))
- 5. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to reduce waiting times for children and adolescents for the diagnosis of autism and ADHD. ([S6F-03944](#))
- 6. Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to prevent instances of water scarcity in 2025. ([S6F-03968](#))
- 7. Ash Regan:** To ask the First Minister, in light of reports of an escalation in gang-related violence in Edinburgh, with recent shootings in Niddrie and West Pilton, what immediate action

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can be taken to support the emergency services in ensuring the safety and reassurance of communities in the Edinburgh Eastern constituency. ([S6F-03970](#))

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-16128](#) Liz Smith: 300 Years of The Black Watch—That the Parliament marks the tercentenary of the origins of The Black Watch; understands that, in 1725, six companies were raised by General George Wade, comprising of "loyal" clans, including the Campbells, Grants, Frasers and Munros, and formed the Highland watches to police the Highlands following the 1715 Jacobite rebellion; notes that a further four companies were raised in 1739 to form the Regiment of the Line, which first mustered at Aberfeldy; understands that, throughout this period, the companies began being referred to as Am Freiceadan Dubh or The Black Watch; believes that this term was likely due to the dark tartan uniform that was worn by its soldiers; recognises what it sees as the significance of the regiment's involvement throughout the UK's most important and consequential military campaigns, ranging from, but not limited to, the Seven Years' War, the American War of Independence, the Napoleonic wars, the Crimean War, the Boer War, the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, the Troubles in Northern Ireland and the Gulf Wars; acknowledges what it sees as the fearless and renowned reputation that The Black Watch established and reinforced over the course of these conflicts, as well as the countless stories of individual gallantry, particularly the 14 soldiers who received the UK's highest military decoration, the Victoria Cross; commemorates all who have served and died in the historic regiment, who have predominately come from across Perth and Kinross, Fife, Dundee and Angus, but also the rest of Scotland and beyond, and offers its full support to the veterans, and their families, who are alive today. **R**

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

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: [Withdrawn] ([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](#))

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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](#))

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

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

[S6M-16789](#) **Liz Smith: Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 11th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of a draft submission to the UK Government's consultation on the UK Internal Market Act 2020 review and a draft report on part 2 of the Review of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement Inquiry should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **UK Internal Market Act 2020 - Consultation and Review:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Thomson, Chief Executive, Food and Drink Federation Scotland;
Marc Strathie, Senior Policy Advisor for Devolved Nations, Institute of Directors Scotland;
Mags Simpson, Scotland Deputy Director of Policy, CBI Scotland;
and then from—
Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and
Euan Page, Head of UK Frameworks, Scottish Government.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 10th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Financial considerations of leaving an abusive relationship (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.
2. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will, not before 9 am, consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee 8th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 26 March 2025

Tuesday 1 April 2025

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Fuel Poverty in Scotland: Periodic Report 2021-2024

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 Legislative Consent Motion: Data (Use and Access) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Appointment of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-16644 Daniel Johnson: Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill

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 Ministerial Statement: Heat in Buildings Bill

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Impact of the UK Government's Spring Statement on Scotland

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Impact of the UK Government's Spring Statement on Scotland

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-16901 Jamie Halcro Johnston: Scotland's Islands

Thursday 3 April 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-16633 George Adam: Celebrating the University of the West of Scotland's Groundbreaking Foundation Academy

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: Project Willow - Unlocking Grangemouth's Potential

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

Tuesday 22 April 2025

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 23 April 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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 24 April 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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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: Education and Skills

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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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.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-16957](#) Audrey Nicoll: Marking Andy Hogg's Passing**—That the Parliament expresses its sadness at the passing of the former Scottish Assistant General Secretary of the Prison Officers Association (POA), Andy Hogg; appreciates his very long service and association with the Scottish Prison Service and his various roles within the POA over three decades; considers that he was a well-respected national official of the POA, and that he will be sorely missed, and offers its deep sympathy and condolences to his family and friends as they attend his funeral on 26 March 2025.

***[S6M-16924](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Groups Receive £250,000 in National Lottery Community Funding**—That the Parliament commends seven groups across Clydebank for securing £252,595 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that Improving Lives in Dalmuir received £20,000, which will be used to fund a Digital Communications Worker; notes that Dalmuir Barclay Church received £20,000 to help support fuel costs for its volunteer-run warm space, as well as one-off help for fuels costs for individuals attending who are struggling financially; understands that Bags Full of Love also received £20,000, which will be used to help the charity keep a stock of new clothing and personal items such as new backpacks for children attending school; further understands that Community Links Scotland received £149,920 to help it continue delivering a programme of activities to bring together socially isolated and vulnerable groups; notes that Kilpatrick School received £16,200 to help increase the number of children with severe and complex needs that can benefit from Nordoff Music Therapy at the school, with an estimated 180 children and young people benefiting from this over two years; further notes that Faifley and Duntocher Parish Church received £19,661 to revamp its hall, which is used for community activities; recognises that Aspire 2 received £6,814, which will allow the group to reduce the costs of participation and extend the range of activities on offer to people in its area who are struggling with the mental health challenges of loneliness and isolation, and congratulates all staff and volunteers who have helped to secure this vital funding for their organisations as they continue their amazing work in making the local community a greater place.

***[S6M-16922](#) Clare Adamson: Network Rail and Scottish Football Association Show Trespassing the Red Card**—That the Parliament notes that, in 2024, nearly 45,000 young people and 61 grassroots football clubs took part in rail safety football workshops that were delivered by Network Rail and the Scottish Football Association (SFA); acknowledges that railway trespassing

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is a serious concern in Scotland, with 356 incidents recorded in 2024 involving under-18s, which is the equivalent of one incident per day; considers that combining railway safety messaging with football sessions supports physical activity and teamwork as well as potentially saving young lives; notes that Network Rail and the SFA have been working in partnership since 2018 and have so far reached a total of 180,000 young people since this initiative began; further notes that around 20% of participants last year were female, reflecting an increasing interest amongst women and girls in grassroots football, and hopes that the next two years of the partnership, which is funded until 2026, will continue to reach its target of supporting 30,000 young people each year. **R**

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***[S6M-16921](#) Maurice Golden: Welcoming the Release of a New Set of Surface Water Flood Maps from SEPA—**That the Parliament welcomes the release of a new set of surface water flood maps from SEPA with an enhanced level of detail to include small watercourses; notes that the maps integrate both rainfall data and climate change projections, along with local authority data to increase the accuracy in recognising which areas are likely to be worst affected by heavy rainfall; considers flooding to be the biggest climate change adaptation challenge in Scotland and that surface water is the most widespread flooding risk; recognises what it sees as the importance of accurate information in helping both residents and businesses to understand the level of risk that they face from flooding, and which is crucial to help mitigate both loss of life and damage to property, and encourages the public to make use of these new maps, available through the SEPA website, to assess their own flood risk.

***[S6M-16919](#) Monica Lennon: Congratulating Aldi as the First UK Supermarket to Introduce Free Period Products in Toilets, in Partnership with Bloody Good Period—**That the Parliament congratulates Aldi on introducing access to free period products within all in-store toilets for customers and employees; believes that this is an important contribution to efforts to normalise menstruation, promote period dignity and reduce period poverty; understands that the initiative is available to anyone who needs it, with no need for a code or proof of purchase, and that Aldi seeks to make a meaningful difference to anyone who needs access to period products; notes that this initiative is part of a wider collaboration between Aldi and Bloody Good Period, a leading charity focused on menstrual equity, and that the scheme will donate over one million period products to support the charity's vital work in addressing period poverty and ensuring that menstrual products are viewed as a basic human right, not a luxury; acknowledges what it sees as the positive impact of the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 in improving access to free period products; commends Aldi for demonstrating leadership and commitment to period dignity, and encourages other supermarkets and businesses to play their part.

***[S6M-16918](#) Annabelle Ewing: Benarty Citizen of the Year Award—**That the Parliament congratulates all the winners at the recent Benarty Citizen of the Year Awards; notes that Distinguished Service Awards were given to Ross Gavin and Santa's Elves for the outstanding work that they do for the Benarty community, Craig Cooper was awarded the Gordon Mackie Friend of Benarty Shield, and the volunteers at the pantry@brag were awarded the Group Citizens of the Year Shield; recognises that, at only seven years old, Rio Early was named Young Citizen of the Year for his actions in saving his mum's life; further recognises that the Ann McCallum Benarty Citizen of the Year award was won by Isabell McShane for her outstanding volunteering within the community, for many groups and over many years; agrees that all were worthy winners, and extends thanks to the organisers of the awards event.

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***S6M-16913 Jackson Carlaw: Maths Tutoring Centre Opens in Newton Mearns**—That the Parliament welcomes the opening of "Mathnasium", a maths tutoring centre at Ayr Road in Newton Mearns; understands that the key aims of establishing Mathnasium is to provide a setting where young people are able to feel passionate about maths and improve their skills in this vital schools subject; further understands that the services provided at the maths tutoring centre are tailored towards supporting young people aged from five to 16 and to catch up, keep up or get ahead with developing their abilities in maths; notes that Mathnasium is based within the premises of the former IL Gelato Di Piero, a popular ice cream shop in Newton Mearns, and wishes the maths tutoring centre every success in supporting school pupils with improving their skillset in maths.

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***S6M-16912 Jackson Carlaw: Woodfarm High School's Girls Volleyball Team Reach Scottish School's Cup Final**—That the Parliament congratulates the girls volleyball team at Woodfarm High School in Eastwood for reaching the final of the Scottish Schools Cup; understands that the Schools Cup is one of the longest running volleyball competitions in Scotland and that the 2025 final in the girls senior category is to take place on 17 April; notes that the Scottish Schools Cup offers pupils the opportunity to compete nationally against young people from other schools, with the chance of winning the tournament; agrees that reaching the final is a great achievement for the girls volleyball team at Woodfarm High School, and wishes the pupils the very best of luck as they aim to win the competition.

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***S6M-16911 Jackson Carlaw: Mother Earth Hindu Temple Organises Activity for British Science Week**—That the Parliament congratulates Mother Earth Hindu Temple in Newton Mearns for its efforts to celebrate British Science Week 2025 and engage young people with scientific issues; understands that, to mark British Science Week, Mother Earth Hindu Temple hosted a two-hour event on 12 March for S2-S6 pupils, and that it involved the young people working together in teams to deliver a presentation on a science topic; recognises that British Science Week took place from 7 to 16 March 2025 and that it is an annual event with the aim of encouraging participation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), and understands that schools, community groups and organizations throughout Scotland and the UK are able to take part in each annual event through activities such as workshops, exhibits, experiments and presentations.

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***[S6M-16910](#) Jackson Carlaw: Willamwood High School Pupils Win Maths Competition—**

That the Parliament congratulates both the senior and junior teams from Williamwood High School in Busby on finishing in first place at the Naboj maths competition hosted by the University of Glasgow; understands that Naboj is a team competition designed for secondary school pupils where young people attempt to solve mathematical problems; acknowledges that the competition at the university took place on 14 March 2025 to coincide with the annual Pi Day, and commends the pupils at Williamwood for their excellent achievement in winning both the senior and junior events.

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***[S6M-16909](#) Jackson Carlaw: The Malletsheugh Named as Best Restaurant at People's Choice Business Awards—**

That the Parliament congratulates The Malletsheugh in Newton Mearns on winning the Best Restaurant award at the 2025 People's Choice Business Awards in Glasgow; understands that The Malletsheugh opened less than two years ago, in August 2023, and the restaurant also won the prize of Best New Restaurant at the 2024 Scottish Curry Awards; acknowledges that The Malletsheugh serves both Indian and traditional Scottish meals and it is a family-run business; recognises that the People's Choice Awards provides an opportunity for members of the public to reward businesses by nominating and voting for them to receive one of the prizes on offer, and believes that The Malletsheugh winning the award of Best Restaurant demonstrates that the business is a key part of the local community in Newton Mearns and its recognition is well deserved.

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***[S6M-16907](#) John Mason: Heathrow Airport—**That the Parliament notes the major disruption caused by a fire at the substation supplying Heathrow Airport, which resulted in widespread flight cancellations due to the loss of power on 21 March 2025; believes that this incident highlights the risks of over centralising the UK's aviation infrastructure around a single hub or airport; notes reports that the UK Government continues to promote the expansion of Heathrow, including a third runway, as a benefit to Scotland, but considers that this approach only reinforces reliance on one airport; considers that investment in direct flights from airports across Scotland to overseas destinations, would provide greater resilience, connectivity, and economic benefits, and hopes that the UK Government and Scottish Government prioritise improvements to aviation infrastructure across the country rather than focusing solely on Heathrow.

***[S6M-16906](#) Colin Smyth: Securing and Maintaining Scotland's Status as a Fair Trade Nation —**That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the crucial role played by grassroots campaigners, schools, faith groups, businesses, and local authorities in securing and maintaining Scotland's status as a Fair Trade Nation; recognises the dedication of volunteers and advocates across the country who, it understands, work tirelessly to promote ethical trade and global justice; believes that local action is vital in strengthening Scotland's commitment to fairness and sustainability in international trade, and encourages individuals and communities who care about global solidarity to get involved in the Fair Trade movement, supporting efforts to ensure trade works for people and the planet.

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***[S6M-16905](#) Jeremy Balfour: Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Murrayfield Stadium—**

That the Parliament celebrates the 100th anniversary of Murrayfield Stadium, the home of Scottish rugby since its opening in 1925; recognises its significance as one of the most iconic sporting venues in Scotland, hosting generations of memorable matches, including historic Six Nations victories, international test matches, and club rugby finals; acknowledges what it sees as its role in fostering a deep passion for rugby across the nation and inspiring future generations of players and supporters; notes its importance as a multi-purpose venue that has welcomed world-class concerts and events, bringing cultural and economic benefits to Edinburgh and Scotland as a whole, and sends its best wishes to all those celebrating this milestone, including Scottish Rugby, players past and present, fans, and all those who have contributed to Murrayfield's rich history over the past century.

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***[S6M-16899](#) Liam McArthur: Kirkwall City Pipe Band Presented with a King's Award for Voluntary Service—**

That the Parliament congratulates Kirkwall City Pipe Band on being presented with a King's Award for Voluntary Service; recognises that this award is given to organisations that have provided exceptional standards of community service; understands that a King's Award for Voluntary Service is considered to be equivalent to an MBE; applauds the dedication of Kirkwall City Pipe Band's members for performing at numerous commemorations and celebrations across Orkney, and thanks them for the contribution that they make to community life in Orkney all year round.

***[S6M-16890](#) Finlay Carson: Financial Help Given to Improve Mental Health and Wellbeing in Dumfries and Galloway—**

That the Parliament congratulates the 41 community projects across Dumfries and Galloway that are sharing £440,157 to help improve people's mental health and wellbeing; notes that the money comes from the Scottish Government's Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing fund and will be administered by Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway; recognises that the local priorities were suicide prevention, dealing with social isolation and loneliness and reducing poverty and inequality, with a particular emphasis on responding to the cost-of-living crisis and support for people facing socio-economic disadvantage; understands that these latest awards take the total investment in the area's organisations to just over £2.6 million; acknowledges that these include Animals Supporting People at FRED, for its animal therapy project, the Newton Stewart Initiative, for its reminiscence group for over 60s in the area, Happy Daze, which helps its members connect with young people, the Solway Disability Support, which has been awarded nearly £8,000 to provide opportunities for people with learning disabilities to attend disability sports clubs, including football, swimming, badminton and curling clubs, Propagate's Dumfries and Galloway Community Food Network, which will be strengthened by an award of £9,950 and Isle Future, to expand its Isle Buddies project on the Isle of Whithorn, which offers transport for community meetups, arts and crafts, workshops and a men's social group, and to enhance its café for bereavement and support, and wishes all recipients of these awards continued success in the near future.

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***[S6M-16889](#) Jackie Dunbar: ONE SeedPod Launched in Aberdeen Donside—**That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the ONE SeedPod, which is a food and drink industry innovation hub located at Scotland's Rural College Craibstone Campus; notes that the state-of-the-art facility contains a product development kitchen, demonstration kitchen, food-safe pilot plant, process testing spaces and 11 manufacturing kitchens, as well as co-working, event and meeting spaces; understands that £21 million facility received £10 million joint capital funding from the Scottish and UK governments through the Aberdeen City Region Deal, £5.4 million was provided by Opportunity North East, £3.1 million was awarded through the Scottish Government's Just Transition Fund and £2 million came from Scottish Enterprise; understands that food and drink is north east Scotland's second largest industry, employing 22,000 people and turning over £2.4 billion each year; further understands that ONE SeedPod aims to increase sector turnover by 5% per annum, increase inward investment and become a hub for regional and national growth; applauds all who enabled ONE SeedPod to become a reality, and sends its best wishes to everyone taking the project forward.

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***[S6M-16888](#) Jackie Dunbar: Northfield Academy Indoor Climbing Wall Reactivated—**That the Parliament welcomes the reactivation of the indoor climbing wall situated at Northfield Academy; understands that the indoor climbing wall was originally installed at the school in 2017, but unfortunately fell out of use due to staff turnover, including the loss of qualified staff to support climbing sessions; notes that, in an attempt to bring the wall back into use, Sport Aberdeen's Active Schools and Community Sport teams submitted an application for funding from Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership's Health Improvement Fund, which led to the award of £4,000 to cover the cost of recertifying the wall, in addition to helping to train 32 people to deliver bouldering sessions; understands that, to date, more than 50 young people have taken part in school taster sessions, which have led to the proposed establishment of school lunch club sessions, as well as an all-girls bouldering group; notes that future plans include attracting further support and funding for reactive roped rock climbing, embedding the activities as a regular part of the curricular offering at the school, supporting local clubs to develop performance pathways and enabling other external groups in the community to use the climbing wall outwith school hours; commends the efforts of Sport Aberdeen, Northfield Academy and others involved in the successful reactivation of the wall, and wishes them the best for the future.

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***[S6M-16885](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Alan Reid Presented with Lifetime Achievement Award at Chief Scientific Officer Awards—**That the Parliament congratulates the retired principal clinical scientist, Alan Reid, on being presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award at this 2025 Chief Scientific Officer Healthcare Science Awards; understands that the award is presented personally by the Chief Scientific Officer for Scotland and recognises a lifetime of incredible contribution to the NHS in Scotland that has made a substantial positive impact on both the NHS and population health; recognises that Alan worked in the Biochemistry department at NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde as a principal clinical scientist and was the scheme organiser for UK NEQAS Cardiac Markers, which is a service that was established by Alan in 1997 to provide an external quality assessment service to improve cardiac biomarker investigations in the clinical laboratory sector for the benefit of patients; notes that Alan has been commended for demonstrating excellence in workforce collaboration and clinical leadership throughout his career; commends Alan for his accomplishments in clinical science, and wishes him all the best for the future. **R**

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***[S6M-16884](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Claire Tarbert Wins Excellence in Clinical Leadership Award at Chief Scientific Officer Awards 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates Claire Tarbert, who is a clinical scientist in medical physics at NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, on winning the Excellence in Clinical Leadership award at the Chief Scientific Officer's Healthcare Science Awards; notes that the national awards ceremony is held as part of healthcare science week to celebrate the skills and expertise of healthcare scientists across Scotland; understands that Claire has been commended for her positive impact on the work of the specialist team, providing medical devices to support patient care, and works to ensure that healthcare science is afforded the same visibility as other professions; commends Claire for all of her hard work and dedication, and wishes her all the best for the future. **R**

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***[S6M-16883](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Brian McGill Named Support Worker of the Year at Chief Scientific Officer Awards 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates the assistant physiologist, Brian McGill, on winning Support Worker of the Year at the Chief Scientific Officer's Healthcare Science Awards; understands that the national awards ceremony is held as part of healthcare science week to celebrate the skills and expertise of healthcare scientists across Scotland; recognises that Brian is an assistant physiologist in women and children's services at NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; notes that Brian has been recognised for his tireless work to promote change, make cost savings and streamline processes while taking excellent care of his patients; commends Brian for all of his hard work and dedication, and wishes him all the best for the future. **R**

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***[S6M-16882](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Mark Mason Awarded HealthCare Scientist of the Year Accolade at Chief Scientific Officer Awards 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates the biomedical scientist, Mark Mason, on winning the coveted HealthCare Scientist of the Year award at the Chief Scientific Officer's Healthcare Science Awards; notes that the national awards ceremony is held as part of healthcare science week to celebrate the skills and expertise of healthcare scientists across Scotland; understands that Mark is a prominent biomedical scientist at Sandyford Sexual Health Services, and allows the clinic to offer a world class satellite laboratory for near-patient microscopy; further understands that Mark is also involved in academic research, which, it believes has been critical in improving treatment options and outcomes for patients; commends Mark for all of his hard work and dedication, and wishes him all the best for the future. **R**

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***[S6M-16873](#) Douglas Lumsden: Celebrating Scotland's First Head of AI in Medicine at the University of Aberdeen**—That the Parliament commends the University of Aberdeen on

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appointing Professor Gerald Lip as Scotland's first Head of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Clinical Practice; acknowledges what it sees as this pioneering role's significance in enhancing medical education and healthcare delivery across Scotland; recognises what it sees as Professor Lip's distinguished contributions, including leading the landmark GEMINI project, which demonstrated the effectiveness of AI in significantly improving cancer detection rates; commends the University of Aberdeen for its continued leadership and innovation in medicine, reflected in its ranking as first in the UK for medicine by *The Guardian* University Guide for 2024 and 2025; believes that integrating AI training into medical education will equip clinicians with essential skills for modern healthcare, improve patient outcomes, and foster further advancements in medical research, and wishes Professor Lip and the University of Aberdeen every success in this groundbreaking initiative.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-16917 Clare Adamson: SCIAF Wee Box Appeal 2025 (lodged on 25 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Clare Haughey*, Rona Mackay*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annabelle Ewing*, John Mason*, David Torrance*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Colin Beattie*, Liam McArthur*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*, Kenneth Gibson*, Tim Eagle*

S6M-16916 Clare Adamson: Cambusnethan Primary School Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award (lodged on 25 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Martin Whitfield*, Miles Briggs*, Clare Haughey*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*, Tim Eagle*

S6M-16915 Pauline McNeill: Remembering Keith Hammond (lodged on 25 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Clare Adamson*

S6M-16914 Clare Haughey: CamGlen Radio Celebrates 10 Years of FM Broadcasting (lodged on 25 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*, Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Clare Adamson*

S6M-16904 Marie McNair: Clydebank Woman Raises Funds for St Margaret of Scotland Hospice and CHAS (lodged on 25 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Rona Mackay*, Bob Doris*, Clare Haughey*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Jackie Dunbar*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Pam Gosal*, Colin Beattie*, Clare Adamson*, Tim Eagle*

S6M-16900 Douglas Lumsden: Commending Police Scotland and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (lodged on 25 March 2025)

New Support: Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Jeremy Balfour*, Meghan Gallacher*, Annie Wells*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Douglas Ross*, Pam Gosal*, Tim Eagle*

S6M-16897 Humza Yousaf: St Paul's RC High School's Participation in the 2025 SP Energy Networks Warriors School Championship (lodged on 25 March 2025)

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New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16896](#) Clare Adamson: Motherwell Gym Raises £18,000 for Beatson Cancer Charity After 24-hour Challenge (lodged on 25 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Kevin Stewart*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-16895](#) Liam McArthur: Remembering Jake the Cat, William Shearer's Shop, Orkney (lodged on 25 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*, Pam Gosal*, Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Dunbar*, Clare Adamson*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-16894](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Dr Ijeoma Okoliegbé (lodged on 25 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Dunbar*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Foyso Choudhury*, Colin Beattie*, Rhoda Grant*, Clare Adamson*, Bill Kidd*, Monica Lennon*

[S6M-16887](#) Edward Mountain: Outstanding Work of Highland BlindCraft (lodged on 24 March 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16886](#) Maggie Chapman: Solidarity with University of Dundee Trade Unions (lodged on 24 March 2025)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-16881](#) Jackie Dunbar: P&J Live Achieves A Greener Arena Certification (lodged on 24 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16880](#) Paul O'Kane: Two Pupils from Woodfarm High School Excel in Public Speaking Competition (lodged on 24 March 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16879](#) Pam Gosal: Helensburgh Youth Complete Duke of Edinburgh Award at RNLI (lodged on 24 March 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-16878](#) Pam Gosal: Helensburgh's Gordon Reid Wins Men's Wheelchair Tennis Doubles at the 2025 Cajun Classic in Louisiana, USA (lodged on 24 March 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Clare Adamson*

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[S6M-16876](#) Ruth Maguire: North Ayrshire Pupils Pitchin' In at Rugby Park (lodged on 24 March 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16875](#) Ruth Maguire: London Marathon Challenge for Kilwinning's Mhairi McCandless (lodged on 24 March 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16874](#) Fulton MacGregor: The Plight of Albion Rovers and Preserving Scotland's Historic Football Clubs (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16871](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Professor Gerald Lip (lodged on 25 March 2025)

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

[S6M-16870](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Ramblers Scotland 60th Anniversary (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16868](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Wildfire Awareness (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16866](#) Maurice Golden: WeeCOOK Success at the British Pie Awards (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16865](#) Christine Grahame: Happy 100th Birthday to Broughton and District Bowling Club (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Sharon Dowey*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16864](#) Willie Rennie: Fife's Sight Loss Charity Seescape Celebrates its 160th Anniversary (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alexander Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Sharon Dowey*, Miles Briggs*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Clare Adamson*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-16863](#) Liam Kerr: Ferryhill Railway Heritage Trust Celebrates 175th Anniversary of the First Railway Reaching Aberdeen (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Sharon Dowey*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16862](#) Humza Yousaf: Fourth Annual Govan Music Festival (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Emma Harper*, Audrey Nicoll*, Clare Haughey*, David Torrance*, Annabelle Ewing*, Karen Adam*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16853](#) Alexander Burnett: A Bear Named Buttony Celebrates 10th Anniversary in May 2025 (lodged on 20 March 2025)

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New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16851](#) Karen Adam: The Importance of Macduff Harbour (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16850](#) Kenneth Gibson: Isle of Arran Music School Celebrates Pipe Band Victory (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Sharon Dowey*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16849](#) Ariane Burgess: Recognising the Potential of Cohousing in Scotland (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*, Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-16848](#) Maggie Chapman: Celebrating the Success of Brass Bands from the North East (lodged on 25 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16847](#) Karen Adam: Scotland's Strongest Woman (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Sharon Dowey*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16846](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Holi Festival of Colours Celebration 2025 (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16843](#) Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Kaleb Mbise, from Dumbarton, on Winning Foundation Apprentice of the Year (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16842](#) Humza Yousaf: Commemorating Belarusian Freedom Day on 25 March (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16841](#) Jackson Carlaw: Isobel Mair School Delivers Two Winning Entries in National Garden Competition (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16840](#) Jackson Carlaw: Team of Female Pupils from Mearns Castle High Win Respected Investment Competition (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16837](#) Mercedes Villalba: River Carron Salmon Conservation (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16836](#) Kevin Stewart: Impact of National Insurance Hikes on Pharmacies (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

S6M-16827 Alexander Stewart: Commending NHS Forth Valley Lead Parkinson's Nurse, Kay Mair (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Clare Adamson*

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: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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: Clare Adamson*

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

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New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[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: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[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: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16807](#) Edward Mountain: 50th Anniversary of Balintore Community Fire Station (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16800](#) David Torrance: Kinghorn RNLI Celebrates 60 Years of Saving Lives at Sea (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Mark Ruskell*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*, Sarah Boyack*, Karen Adam*, Martin Whitfield*, Rona Mackay*, Kenneth Gibson*, Gordon MacDonald*, Tim Eagle*

[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: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16788](#) Maggie Chapman: International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[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: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-16502 Clare Haughey: Beyond Brotherhood Group Launches in Rutherglen (lodged on 20 February 2025)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

S6M-16396 Tess White: Burnside Brewery Secures New Premises (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 02 April 2025

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- 1. Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent engagement it has had with the UK Government regarding how to ensure the protection of Scotch whisky. ([S6O-04512](#))
- 2. Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is engaging with Highlands and Islands communities on the future of land reform policy. ([S6O-04513](#))
- 3. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its consideration of a fisheries management plan for the future management of wild wrasse. ([S6O-04514](#))
- 4. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee report, *Follow-up inquiry into salmon farming in Scotland*. ([S6O-04515](#))
- 5. Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has made an assessment of the potential loss of agricultural land in the North East Scotland region as the result of development. ([S6O-04516](#))
- 6. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the breeding of disease resistant ash trees. ([S6O-04517](#))
- 7. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to progress its ambition for Scotland to be a world leader in sustainable and regenerative agriculture practice. ([S6O-04518](#))
- 8. Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its policy position in relation to an independent Scotland seeking to rejoin the EU includes rejoining the Common Fisheries Policy. ([S6O-04519](#))

Health and Social Care

- 1. Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government how many NHS boards have designated single-sex spaces for women. ([S6O-04520](#))
- 2. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of action 42 in the *Cancer Action Plan 2023 to 2026* to carry out a clinically led review on cancer waiting times. ([S6O-04521](#))
- 3. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to renewing the Heart Disease Action Plan. ([S6O-04522](#))
- 4. Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it was aware that, prior to NHS Highland taking over responsibility for vaccination services from GPs, there were reported concerns that the NHS board's system did not allow GPs to know their patients' vaccination status and that this could lead to a heightened patient risk. ([S6O-04523](#))
- 5. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government how many patients in hospital are waiting for a social care package assessment from North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership. ([S6O-04524](#))

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6. Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government what support is in place for people with the condition, Turnpenny-Fry syndrome. ([S6O-04525](#))

7. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to improve GP retention. ([S6O-04526](#))

8. Marie McNair: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment has been made regarding the potential impact that community link workers have on the social determinants of health. ([S6O-04527](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 03 April 2025

Social Justice

1. Michelle Thomson: [Not Lodged]

2. Foyso Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working to promote the benefits of volunteering, in light of the recent research from Volunteer Scotland indicating that regular participation in volunteering can have wellbeing benefits worth approximately £1,000 per person per year. ([S6O-04537](#))

3. David Torrance: To ask the Scottish Government what impact it believes the UK Government's Spring Statement will have on the provision of social security in Scotland. ([S6O-04538](#))

4. Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government how it monitors the effectiveness of Social Security Scotland. ([S6O-04539](#))

5. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to increase house building. ([S6O-04540](#))

6. Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how much it projects to spend on social security by 2029-30, including how much of this it estimates will arise from Barnett consequential funding. ([S6O-04541](#))

7. Alexander Burnett: [Not Lodged]

8. Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to provide continuity of funding through the Rural and Islands Housing Fund. ([S6O-04543](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 03 April 2025

1. Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the reported prevalence and trend of crimes committed where the perpetrator was wearing a disguise, particularly in relation to antisocial behaviour. ([S6O-04528](#))

2. Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Protecting Vulnerable Groups scheme, including the most recent data for the number of registered persons with PVG certificates. ([S6O-04529](#))

3. Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on staffing at ScotRail ticket offices. ([S6O-04530](#)) R

4. Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will accelerate the full implementation of bus franchising powers in the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019. ([S6O-04531](#))

5. Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it will publish its Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan. ([S6O-04532](#))

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6. Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the reported rising childcare costs on families, particularly those on low and middle incomes, in light of recent research by the Coram Family and Childcare charity. ([S6O-04533](#))

7. Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the potential impact of the UK Government's Spring Statement on the Scottish Budget. ([S6O-04534](#))

8. Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to ensure adequate provision of teaching staff in secondary schools in Dundee. ([S6O-04535](#))

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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 26 March 2025

S6W-36315 Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the impact of taking ScotRail into public ownership, in light of the forthcoming third anniversary of this taking place.

Written questions lodged on 26 March 2025

S6W-36036 Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government, other than the Single-use Plastic Products (Scotland) Regulations 2021, what action it (a) has taken and (b) plans to take to reduce the use of plastic packaging and single-use plastics, and what specific policies or initiatives are or will be aimed at (i) reducing waste and (ii) promoting sustainable alternatives.

S6W-36037 Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what the composition is of the single-use coffee cups and lunch boxes used in the Parliament, and where the location is of the facility for composting such single-use packaging.

S6W-36038 Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking in rural areas, particularly in the Highlands, to improve (a) mental health services for vulnerable people and (b) adult social support.

S6W-36039 Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what tools, including enforcement mechanisms, it has to ensure that the ban on single-use plastics, which commenced on 1 June 2022 under the Single-use Plastic Products (Scotland) Regulations 2021, is fully implemented; whether it has carried out a review of the effectiveness of the ban and if, (a) so, whether it will publish the findings and (b) not, what plans it has to do so.

S6W-36045 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with local authorities regarding the potential for some of them to become AI investment zones.

S6W-36069 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how frequently it reviews the implementation status of fatal accident inquiry recommendations with relevant organisations or bodies.

S6W-36070 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it collects feedback from families involved in fatal accident inquiries regarding their experiences of the inquiry process, and how it uses any such information.

S6W-36071 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed any impacts on bereaved families of prolonged fatal accident inquiry processes.

S6W-36072 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many fatal accident inquiries have been delayed as a result of outstanding investigations or reports from external agencies in each of the last five years, broken down by agency.

S6W-36098 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks regarding the safety standards, including minimum clearance heights, proposed for the Tealing to Kintore upgrade project, and what the outcomes of those discussions were.

S6W-36099 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that the Tealing to Kintore upgrade project fully complies with the Construction (Design Management)

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Regulations 2015, specifically with regard to assessing and mitigating any safety risks to farmers and agricultural workers arising from overhead power lines.

[S6W-36100 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential impact on agricultural productivity and safety of the minimum pylon heights proposed by Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks for the Tealing to Kintore upgrade project.

[S6W-36101 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it is aware of any consultations conducted by Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks or its contractors with farmers regarding machinery heights routinely used along the route of the Tealing to Kintore upgrade project, and how any such information obtained has informed the project's safety design.

[S6W-36104 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will seek assurances from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks that the design of the Tealing to Kintore upgrade project will adequately address any future increases in the size of agricultural machinery.

[S6W-36105 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the design criteria for electricity infrastructure projects prioritise cost and visual impact at the expense of agricultural safety, and what representations it has made to regulators or electricity network companies regarding this issue.

[S6W-36106 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many incidents have occurred in each of the last three years involving agricultural machinery making contact with overhead power lines, and what assessment it has made of how the Tealing to Kintore upgrade project could impact these figures.

[S6W-36107 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, as part of planning considerations for major electricity infrastructure projects, whether it will introduce requirements for comprehensive risk assessments of farming operations to be carried out and taken into account at the design stage.

[S6W-36108 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what consultation it expects Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks to undertake with farmers and agricultural contractors regarding the safety impacts of overhead power lines, before the design freeze stage of the Tealing to Kintore upgrade project.

[S6W-36109 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that electricity infrastructure projects receiving public funding, such as the Tealing to Kintore upgrade project, comply with safety standards that adequately protect those working in the agriculture sector.

[S6W-36110 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks regarding the potential hazards associated with agricultural irrigators near high-voltage overhead power lines, and how these have influenced project design.

[S6W-36111 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will seek assurances that any safety risks identified by agricultural stakeholders are fully addressed in the final planning application for the Tealing to Kintore upgrade project.

[S6W-36112 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether safety standards, including minimum overhead clearance heights for new electricity infrastructure, should exceed the statutory minimum requirements to anticipate future developments in agricultural machinery.

[S6W-36113 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that any public concerns raised during consultations on electricity infrastructure projects are transparently addressed, and how it will monitor this in relation to the Tealing to Kintore upgrade project.

[S6W-36114 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it has undertaken or plans to undertake an independent review of the safety aspects and any agricultural impacts of the route selected for the Tealing to Kintore upgrade project.

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S6W-36115 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential economic impacts on farming businesses from safety restrictions required due to the construction of overhead power lines along prime agricultural land.

S6W-36116 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is aware of any requests from landowners or farming stakeholders for design changes to the Tealing to Kintore upgrade project on safety grounds, and how any such requests have been addressed.

S6W-36137 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, what its response is to the Shelter Scotland report, *In Their Own Words: Children's Experiences in Temporary Accommodation*, and what its position is on whether children living in such accommodation are having their best interest rights upheld, as per the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, including their right to (a) an adequate standard of living, (b) healthcare and (c) leisure and play.

S6W-36141 Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government what its policy goals are for pharmacists working in the community in relation to being able to access full clinical records for patients in their care to ensure safe prescribing, and when it expects these goals to be met. **R**

S6W-36142 Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government what the current arrangements are to allow pharmacists working in the community to access their patients' clinical records; which records they can see, and whether they can amend records to include consultations and items prescribed by the pharmacist. **R**

S6W-36143 Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason pharmacists working in communities reportedly do not have full access to clinical records for people in their care. **R**

S6W-36144 Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government what steps are being taken to review the current reported restrictions on pharmacists working in the community having access to full clinical records for patients in their care to ensure safe prescribing. **R**

S6W-36149 Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that eligible businesses in the hospitality sector are aware of and can secure the 40% business rates relief in 2025-26.

S6W-36150 Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that local authority areas are informing eligible business of the 40% business rates relief in 2025-26 to properties in the hospitality sector, including grassroots music venues with a capacity of up to 1,500.

S6W-36151 Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government what the final date is for eligible businesses in the hospitality sector to apply for 40% business rates relief in 2025-26.

S6W-36152 Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government when it will update the non-domestic rates relief webpage, mygov.scot, to include information on hospitality business rates relief.

S6W-36314 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how it is using AI to expedite the collation and publication of responses to its consultations.

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Amendments to Bills lodged on 26 March 2025

Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

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After section 27

Maggie Chapman

251 After section 27, insert—

<First-tier Tribunal's power to require payment of removal costs

First-tier Tribunal's power to require payment of removal costs

(1) The 2016 Act is modified as follows.

(2) After section 53 insert—

“53A First-tier Tribunal's power to require payment of removal costs

(1) This section applies where, on application by a landlord, the First-tier Tribunal finds that one or more of the following eviction grounds in schedule 3 applies in relation to a private residential tenancy—

- (a) that the landlord intends to sell the property,
- (b) that the landlord intends to live in the property,
- (c) that a family member intends to live in the property.

(2) The Tribunal may state in the eviction order—

- (a) that the landlord must pay to the tenant on a day specified in the order a specified amount for the tenant's removal costs which must be equal to 2 months' rent, or
- (b) that the tenant may withhold payment of the rent payable to the landlord under the tenancy beginning with the day that is two months before the day on which the tenant must leave the property for the purposes of the tenant's removal costs.

(3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations specify the evidence that the tenant must provide for the purposes of subsection (2).

(4) Regulations under subsection (3) are subject to the negative procedure.”.>

Section 29

Maggie Chapman

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

<(4) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide that a change of the type specified in subsection (5) is a category 1 change.

(5) The change is a reasonable change to an outdoor space connected to the let property to

which the tenant has lawful access for the purposes of promoting nature recovery, climate action and access to outdoor space, including—

- (a) cultivation of food and plants,
- (b) protection and promotion of animal and insect life,
- (c) promoting access to play spaces for children and young people.>

After section 31

Maggie Chapman

253 After section 31, insert—

<Payment of tenancy deposits

Payment of tenancy deposits: regulatory framework

- (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 121 (tenancy deposit schemes: regulatory framework), after subsection (3) insert—
 - “(4) Tenancy deposit regulations must include provision to ensure that a tenancy deposit is to be paid by the tenant directly to the scheme administrator.”.>

After section 47

Ariane Burgess

254 After section 47, insert—

<Accommodation for agricultural workers

Officers to inspect accommodation

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may delegate to such public body as they consider appropriate the function of providing officers under the Agricultural Wages (Scotland) Act 1949 with the ability to—
 - (a) after giving reasonable notice, inspect any or all accommodation provided for workers to ensure it is fit for human habitation, and
 - (b) if not satisfied the accommodation is fit for human habitation, to notify the relevant local authority in order that they may serve, as the case may be, a notice under the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 or the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.
- (2) The functions delegated under subsection (1) may also provide the officer with the ability to—
 - (a) inspect that the accommodation—
 - (i) meets the Scottish tolerable standard (under the meaning of section 86 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987),
 - (ii) has satisfactory facilities for the washing and cleaning of laundry,
 - (b) review the form of agreement between the tenant and landlord, review what has been charged as part of the accommodation and how those charges will be taken as deductions from payslips,
 - (c) provide for a translator to accompany them on an inspection.

- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (2)—
 - (a) water, heating and power should be included in any accommodation charge with the option for the landlord to set a limit on services such as washing,
 - (b) any inspection reports must include—
 - (i) photographic documentation of the inspection,
 - (ii) interviews with workers selected at random by the inspector,
 - (iii) where an inspection has failed, a list of actions to address the reasons for failure and a time frame in which these actions must be concluded by,
 - (c) an inspection must only be passed if no actions are required as a result of the inspection,
 - (d) an inspection must be failed where there is a serious and immediate threat to health and safety.>

After section 51

Ariane Burgess

255 After section 51, insert—

<Land and buildings transaction tax

Housing co-operatives: relief from Additional Dwelling Supplement

- (1) The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 2A, after paragraph 9C insert—

“Relief for housing co-operatives

- 9D(1) A chargeable transaction to which this schedule applies by virtue of paragraph 2 is exempt from the additional amount if the buyer is a qualifying housing co-operative.
- (2) An entity is a qualifying housing co-operative for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) on any day if on that day—
 - (a) it is a registered society within the meaning of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, and
 - (b) the rules of the co-operative comply with sub-paragraph (3).
- (3) The rules of the co-operative must—
 - (a) restrict voting membership to persons who are tenants, or prospective tenants, of the co-operative,
 - (b) preclude the granting or assignment of tenancies to persons other than voting members,
 - (c) prevent voting members from transferring any of their shares,
 - (d) prevent voting members from receiving any more than the nominal value of their shares on a return of share capital,
 - (e) confer on voting members equal voting rights.
- (4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)(a), a prospective tenant is an

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individual who—

- (a) has been allocated a property within the co-operative, and
- (b) will take up residence at that property within the next 12 calendar months of being accepted into membership.”.>

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 25 March 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
[\(legislationteam@parliament.scot\)](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Economy and Fair Work Committee), 26 March 2025

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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

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

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

Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

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 2) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), 27 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 completed, 26 March 2025

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

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

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

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

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

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Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 28 January 2025

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

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

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

Introduced, 17 March 2025

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 25 March 2025

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

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

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

Stage 1 (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

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

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

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

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 12 March 2025

Lead committee – Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture

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

Stage 2 (Day 4) (Criminal Justice Committee), 26 March 2025

Amendments to section 39 onwards should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 27 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Lodged on 12 March 2025

Lead committee – Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice

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

Lodged on 22 November 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 1 April 2025

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

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

Employment Rights Bill 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

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

Lodged on 21 March 2025

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 19 February 2025

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

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

Tobacco and Vapes Bill 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 18 March 2025

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[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 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 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)

Subject to approval by 18 May 2025

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Group Relief and Sub-sale Development Relief Modifications\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (24 March 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 27 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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[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)

[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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

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

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

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

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

[Police Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/58\)](#) (6 March 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Documents

Committee Reports

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 26 March 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

3rd Annual Report: Developments in the UK Internal Market 2024-2025 (OIM/2025/04) laid under section 33 of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020

Consumer Scotland Work Programme 2025-2026 (CS/2025/01) laid under the Consumer Scotland Act 2020 subsection (4) section 14

**General practice: Progress since the 2018 General Medical Services contract
A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2025/3)** laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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