Monday 31 March 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



Royal Assent

The Budget (Scotland) Act 2025 received Royal Assent on 28 March 2025.

Today's Business

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Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

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There are no meetings today.

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There are no meetings today.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 26 March 2025

Tuesday 1 April 2025

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Laura Gillespie, Humanist

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

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Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 1 April 2025 13th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
- 2. **Scottish Water (Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24):** The Committee will take evidence from—

Deirdrie Michie, Chair, Alex Plant, Chief Executive, Peter Farrer, Chief Operating Officer, and Professor Simon Parsons, Director of Environment, Planning and Assurance, Scottish Water.

- 3. **Petition PE2123:** The Committee will consider the following petition—
 Update air quality standards in Scotland to align with 2021 World Health Organisation quidelines.
- 4. **Scottish Water (Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 2.
- 5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Peter McGrath on 85232 or at peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot

Finance and Public Administration Committee 1 April 2025 12th Meeting, 2025

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

- 1. **The Scottish budget process in practice:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, Professor Francis Breedon, Commissioner, John
 Ireland, Chief Executive, and Claire Murdoch, Head of Fiscal Sustainability and Public Funding, Scottish Fiscal Commission.
- 2. **Scottish Fiscal Commission: annual evidence session:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, and John Ireland, Chief Executive, Scottish Fiscal Commission.

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3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Joanne McNaughton, at FPA.committee@parliament.scot.

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Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 1 April 2025 11th Meeting, 2025

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

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

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Alex Bruce on 85229 or at Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 1 April 2025 12th Meeting, 2025

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
- Instruments subject to affirmative procedure: The Committee will consider the following— <u>Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Group Relief and Sub-sale Development Relief Modifications) (Scotland) Order 2025</u> (SSI 2025/Draft)
- Instruments subject to negative procedure: The Committee will consider the following— <u>Recognition of Overseas Qualifications (Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</u> (SSI 2025/67)
 - Railway Closure (Exclusion) (Hairmyres) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/81)
- 4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 5, Saving and Transitional

Provision) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/73 (C.7))

Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Act 2024

(Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/79 (C.8))

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Ordinary Cause Rules 1993

Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2025 (SSI 2025/80)

Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 5, Saving and Transitional

Provision) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/84 (C.9))

- 5. **Evidence session with the Minister for Parliamentary Business:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Parliamentary Business, Douglas Kerr, Deputy Legislation Co-ordinator, Scottish Government Legal Department, and Steven MacGregor, Head of Parliament and Legislation Unit, Scottish Government.
- 6. **Evidence session with the Minister for Parliamentary Business:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Greg Black at Greg.Black@parliament.scot

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Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 1 April 2025 9th Meeting, 2025

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 to 6 in private.
- 2. **Scottish Human Rights Commission:** The Committee will take evidence on the Commission's report on progress in moving people from institutions to independent living from—

Jan Savage, Executive Director, Oonagh Brown, Participation and Policy Officer, and Cathy Asante, Legal Officer - Human Rights based approach, Scottish Human Rights Commission.

- 3. **Scottish Human Rights Commission:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.
- 4. **British Sign Language Inquiry:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.
- 5. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR): The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of the Human Rights Consortium Scotland's report submitted to the UN Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights.
- 6. **EU Law Tracker:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.
- 7. **Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received on the inquiry.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Euan Donald on 85204 or at euan.donald@parliament.scot

Economy and Fair Work Committee 2 April 2025 11th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- 2. **Skills Delivery:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Ian Hughes, Engagement Director, Scotland, Construction Industry Training Board; Andrew Lamond, Director, Energy Training Academy;

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Susan Love, Strategic Engagement Lead, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants:

Kellie Zdanowicz, Vice Chair, Scottish Training Federation.

- 3. **Skills Delivery (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- 4. **Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
- 5. **City and Regional Growth Deals:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Anne Peat on 85182 or at anne.peat@parliament.scot

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Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 2 April 2025 12th Meeting, 2025

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

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Mark Ruskell will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Mark Lodge, Senior Planning and Strategies Officer, Argyll & Bute Council; Grant Moir, Chief Executive Officer, Cairngorms National Park Authority; Gordon Watson, Chief Executive Officer, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority.

3. **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at emma.johnston@parliament.scot

Criminal Justice Committee 2 April 2025 12th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 4).

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at Stephen.Imrie@parliament.scot

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 2 April 2025 6th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
- 2. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport

Nicola Blaney, Head of Strategic Transport Planning, Transport Scotland

Alasdair Graham, Head of Design, Procurement and Contracts, Transport Scotland Lawrence Shackman, Director of Major Projects, Transport Scotland

The Committee will be taking evidence on the following petitions—

PE1657: A77 upgrade;

PE1610: Upgrade the A75;

PE1916: Request a public inquiry into the management of the rest and be thankful project;

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PE1967: Protect Loch Lomond's Atlantic oakwood shoreline by implementing the High Road option for the A82 upgrade between Tarbet and Inverarnan, and PE2132: Publish a timeline for the dualling of the A96 between Inverness and Nairn by Easter 2025.

3. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—

PE1885: Make offering Community Shared Ownership mandatory for all windfarm development planning proposals;

PE1919: Ban the sale of high caffeine products to children for performance enhancement;

PE2030: Review cultural funding arrangements to enable Scotland to contribute to the Venice Biennale in 2024:

PE2085: Introduce a statutory definition of residency for Fatal Accident Inquiries into the deaths of Scots abroad; and

PE2091: Provide funding to have a CAHMS worker and a nurse based within Scottish high schools.

 Consideration of new petitions: The Committee will consider the following new petitions— PE2135: Implement the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) in Scottish legislation, and

PE2140: Introduce a parking badge for pregnant women

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

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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jyoti Chandola on 85227 or at jyoti.chandola@parliament.scot

Education, Children and Young People Committee 2 April 2025 12th Meeting, 2025

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

- 1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument— <u>Recognition of Overseas Qualifications (Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</u>
- 2. Subordinate legislation:

The Committee will take evidence on the Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland)
Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] from—

Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Laura Meikle, Head of Support and Wellbeing Unit, and Stuart Pescodd, Free Schools Meals Expansion - Implementation Manager, Scottish Government;

Nico McKenzie-Juetten, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills to move—S6M-16753—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

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- 4. **Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Nicola Killean, Commissioner, Gina Wilson, Head of Strategy, and Nick Hobbs, Head of Advice and Investigations, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland.
- 5. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.
- 6. Work programme (in private): The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot

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Motions for Debate

*S6M-17003 Angela Constance: Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill.

Supported by: Siobhian Brown*

*S6M-17000 John Swinney: Motion of Condolence—That the Parliament expresses its deep sadness at the death of Christina McKelvie MSP; offers its profound sympathy and condolences to her family and friends, and recognises her significant and widely appreciated contribution to Scottish politics and public life through years of dedicated service to her constituents in Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse, as a champion for social justice, as a convener of two Scottish Parliament committees, and as a Scottish Government minister since 2018.

Supported by: Humza Yousaf*, Lorna Slater*, Patrick Harvie*, Russell Findlay*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*S6M-16969 Marie McNair: NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Teams Recognised at Holyrood Connect Digital Health and Care Awards—That the Parliament congratulates the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's Cancer Pathway Management Solution, Patient Pathway Plus, on winning the Industry Collaboration Award category, and the Fracture Liaison Service on winning the Digital Service Transformation category at the recent Holyrood Connect Digital Health and Care Awards; understands that the annual awards focus on digital innovation within Scotland's health, social care and third sector services; further understands that Patient Pathway Plus technology, codeveloped by the supplier, Insource, helps to reduce the number of patients with the longest waiting times for treatment and diagnosis; recognises the Fracture Liaison Service application, developed in partnership with eHealth, West of Scotland Innovation Hub, clinical teams and the supplier, Redstar, for what it sees as its significant contribution to addressing the impact of osteoporosis-related fractures in the ageing population, and celebrates the success of the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde teams in integrating advanced technology to ensure that patient care and clinical expertise are at the forefront of their practice.

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*S6M-16968 Marie McNair: Vicki's "Boogie for the Beatson" Fitness Classes Continue to Raise Funds for the Beatson Cancer Charity—That the Parliament recognises Vicki Houston for her ongoing efforts to raise money for the Beatson Cancer Charity; notes that over £24,000 has been raised, supporting a number of charities but predominantly the Beatson, by her CardioFunk and new Booty Core Barre fitness classes, as Vicki and her class members are on a mission to "Boogie for the Beatson"; understands that Vicki works full time in the defence sector and that her fundraising fitness classes began in 2022; further understands that Vicki was recently able to present a £10,000 cheque to the Beatson Cancer Charity; celebrates Vicki's dedication, enthusiasm and endurance as a fitness instructor and volunteer fundraiser, and congratulates all the class participants from Bearsden, Milngavie, Westerton and beyond on helping to continue to raise funds for what it sees as such a worthy cause.

*S6M-16964 Brian Whittle: DART Completes the Corner Clear Up with a Mural of Sir Alexander Fleming—That the Parliament recognises the efforts of the Darvel Area Regeneration Team (DART) to complete a programme of refurbishment works, known locally as the Corner Clear Up; understands that the Corner, an award-winning community and event space in Darvel, managed by a team of local volunteers, was damaged in the record high winds during Storm Eowyn; notes that the programme of works included repairs from Twinfix, a manufacturer and installer of glazed roofing systems, cleaning of the stonework by CGM Total Property Maintenance, a family-run property maintenance business from Galston, and the creation of a mural by Rogue-one, a Glasgow street artist; acknowledges that all suppliers for the programme of works are British; notes that the subject of the mural was selected from local suggestions, with an overwhelming preference for the depiction of Sir Alexander Fleming and the discovery of penicillin, a major part of Darvel's local history as the birthplace of Sir Alexander Fleming; welcomes the attention to regeneration on the Main Street of Darvel and the dedication to embracing local history; commends the DART volunteers on their hard work in completing the Corner Clear Up before the first official event on 9 April 2025, and wishes them all the best in the future.

*S6M-16962 Marie McNair: Recognising Clydebank Social Enterprise Crafting Together—
That the Parliament recognises the founders, Elaine McIlree and Linda Murray, of Crafting
Together in Clydebank; understands that the social enterprise offers adults with additional support
needs an opportunity to learn new skills by making jewellery, textiles, homeware and other
products, which are available to buy online and in various stores across Scotland; further
understands that latest figures from the Fraser of Allander Institute show that employment rates for
adults with additional support needs are as low as 4%; celebrates organisations such as Crafting
Together for highlighting the deficit of employment opportunities for people with additional support
needs, and acknowledges what it sees as a proactive, inclusive approach to ensure that everyone
has an opportunity to enter the workforce.

*S6M-16961 Marie McNair: Clydesdale Harriers Celebrate 140th Anniversary—That the Parliament celebrates the oldest athletics club in Scotland, the Clydesdale Harriers, on its 140th anniversary; understands that the athletics club, which was founded in 1885, first moved to Clydebank in the 1920s and provides athletes aged eight to 80 years old with coaching and support in track, field and road and hill racing; recognises the outstanding achievements of the Clydesdale Harriers over their many years of being established; congratulates the historic, community-focused, inclusive athletics club, and wishes the club many more years of being able to provide sporting opportunities and achievements that the people of Clydebank can be proud of.

*S6M-16959 Monica Lennon: Public Health Scotland's Scottish Burden of Disease Study Report on the Future Prevalence and Burden of Chronic Liver Disease—That the Parliament

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welcomes the Public Health Scotland Scottish Burden of Disease study report, *Future prevalence* and burden of chronic liver disease; acknowledges the report's projection of a 54% increase in chronic liver disease between 2019 and 2044, meaning that, compared to 2019, 23,100 more people will be living with chronic liver disease in 2044; notes the finding that the majority, over 70%, of cases of chronic liver disease are caused by alcohol and that regularly drinking over 14 units a week increases the risk of developing such a condition; understands that any further increase in prevalence of chronic liver disease in Scotland is likely to increase demand for services; recognises the importance of effective prevention in reducing the number of people impacted by this condition and the need to improve early detection, such as by expanding the provision of non-invasive liver testing in community alcohol settings; considers that with alcohol-specific deaths at a reported 15-year high, there is need for an urgent government response and a new alcohol strategy, which includes primary, secondary and tertiary prevention measures, and believes that this will prevent future cases of chronic liver disease and enable those at high risk to be identified sooner and provided with care and support.

*S6M-16958 Kevin Stewart: Stop Treating Scotland as an Afterthought—That the Parliament condemns the reported decision by Great British Energy to make its first awards of renewable energy funding almost entirely to England; notes reports that Great British Energy, in partnership with the UK Government, has announced funding of £100 million to schools in England, £80 million to hospitals in England and £6.8 million to local net zero hubs in England, but just £4.85 million for renewable energy schemes in Scotland; believes that this is evidence that the UK Government is operating an "England-first" policy that does not prioritise the best interests of Scotland or its people; posits that, for decades, oil recovered from the Scottish sector of the North Sea has been the backbone of the British economy; understands that Labour's manifesto for the 2024 General Election said that it would "make Scotland a clean energy super power", promising "investment in Scotland's clean energy potential" as well as "69,000 jobs in Scotland's clean energy industries", and calls on the UK Government to start making good on these promises by directing Great British Energy to focus its investments in Scotlish renewable energy projects and for the UK Government to stop treating Scotland as what it sees as an afterthought.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Kenneth Gibson*, John Mason*, James Dornan*

*S6M-16956 Kevin Stewart: The Success of Seagully Blonde—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that the Aberdeen Student Show's 2025 production, Seagully Blonde, will support 50 charities from across the north east of Scotland, with chosen organisations spanning a wide range of aims and objectives; notes that the show will be performed at His Majesty's Theatre in Aberdeen from 23 to 26 April 2025; understands that it raised a record-breaking £156,323.96 for charities in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire with its previous production; further understands that the chosen charities include Down's Syndrome Scotland Aberdeen, which was chosen as the People's Choice Charity through a public vote; believes that four additional charities, SANDS, Hamish Dear's Warm Hugs, LATNEM and CLAN, have been awarded gold-level funding, which will see them receive the highest level of support packages from the student-led society; hopes that the production raises another record-breaking total for the chosen charities, and wishes the organisers and performers all the very best with the production.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Mercedes Villalba*, Stuart McMillan*, Kenneth Gibson*, Miles Briggs*

*S6M-16955 Karen Adam: Recognition of Scottish Fishing Industry Leader—That the Parliament congratulates Ian Gatt, who is the chief executive of the Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's Association, on being appointed a CBE; considers that this honour reflects Ian's significant contribution to Scotland's fishing sector, providing leadership, advocacy and wise counsel over

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decades; thanks Ian for his outstanding efforts as an ambassador for Scotland's fishing industry and heritage, and wishes him many more years of championing and promoting Scotland's world-class seafood and fishing sector.

Supported by: Martin Whitfield*, Marie McNair*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Annabelle Ewing*, Miles Briggs*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Liam McArthur*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Tim Eagle*

*S6M-16954 Karen Adam: Buckie RNLI lifeboat Commitment to Maritime Safety—That the Parliament commends the Buckie RNLI lifeboat coxswain, Davie Grant, and his fellow crew members, Mike Rennie, Graeme Gault, Gavin Hyne and Stuart Mack, on being awarded The King's Medal in recognition of their decades of dedicated and selfless service to saving lives at sea; acknowledges Davie's remarkable 30 years with the RNLI and his leadership as coxswain since 2021, including his swift response to a Mayday call just 72 hours after assuming the role; welcomes new crew member, Bruce Scott, as he embarks on his lifesaving journey, having already responded to his first call-out within days of joining; recognises the invaluable contribution of RNLI volunteers, without whom vital life-saving operations would not be possible, and expresses gratitude to all at Buckie RNLI for their unwavering commitment to maritime safety.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Annabelle Ewing*, Rona Mackay*, Martin Whitfield*, Marie McNair*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Audrey Nicoll*, Tim Eagle*

*S6M-16953 Karen Adam: Portsoy Ice Cream Best in Aberdeenshire—That the Parliament congratulates everyone at Portsoy Ice Cream on winning the award for Best Dessert Shop in Aberdeenshire at the regional Scotland Business Awards and on progressing to the national finals in November 2025; notes that Scotland's Business Awards is an independent competition and one of the largest business contests in the country; encourages all to visit the beautiful coastal town of Portsoy and sample what it considers is its delicious, award-winning ice cream, and wishes the team at Portsoy Ice Cream continued success in the years ahead.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Emma Roddick*, Jeremy Balfour*, Martin Whitfield*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Tim Eagle*

*S6M-16952 Elena Whitham: Congratulating Derek Montgomery —That the Parliament applauds Derek Montgomery, who is from Cumnock, for his extensive efforts in raising funds for charity; recognises that Derek has been raising money for approximately 14 years for charities, including Cancer Research UK, Children with Cancer UK and Macmillan Cancer Support, and that he is currently raising funds for the Ayrshire Hospice; congratulates Derek for running 10 London marathons for cancer charities; understands that he became committed to fundraising following the loss of his brother and father to cancer; congratulates Derek on raising £56,000 since 2010, and wishes him the very best for the future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Craig Hoy*, Annabelle Ewing*, Audrey Nicoll*, Karen Adam*, Martin Whitfield*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*

*S6M-16951 Jeremy Balfour: Congratulating PAMIS on Becoming Sole Chair of the Changing Places Toilet Consortium—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that PAMIS will become the sole chair of the Changing Places Toilet Consortium from the end of March 2025; recognises what it sees as the vital work of PAMIS, as co-founders of the campaign, in promoting inclusion and accessibility for people with complex disabilities and the significant contribution of Muscular Dystrophy UK as co-chair since 2017, and welcomes its ongoing support

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for the consortium; commends the impact of the campaign, including securing Scottish Government investment and increasing the number of changing places toilets across the UK; notes the Scottish Government's reintroduction of the previously promised £10 million investment to expand the provision of these essential facilities, ensuring more people can participate fully in society with dignity and respect; welcomes the development of a quality charter to establish high standards for changing places toilets nationwide, and calls on the Scottish Government, local authorities and businesses to continue prioritising accessibility and the right to appropriate toilet facilities for all.

Supported by: Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Martin Whitfield*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*, Pam Gosal*, Jamie Greene*, Douglas Ross*, Murdo Fraser*, Annie Wells*, Russell Findlay*, Elena Whitham*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Stuart McMillan*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Tim Eagle*, Paul O'Kane*

*S6M-16949 Tim Eagle: Oban Open Hits the Bullseye—That the Parliament congratulates the Oban and District Darts League (ODDL) for successfully organising and hosting its third Oban Open darts competition; notes that the Claredon Hotel hosted the men's tournament and that The View bar hosted the ladies open; understands that the professional player, Willie Borland, won the men's event, while Liz Humphries won the ladies event; recognises that, as a result of the successful growth of the Oban Open over the last three years since its inauguration, the tournament will evolve into the Oban Darts Festival in 2026, with the inclusion of youth and girls tournaments and a doubles event; acknowledges that darts is reportedly the UK's fastest growing sport, with 35% more people interested in it than there were two years ago, and wishes all involved at the ODDL well for its future events.

Supported by: Mercedes Villalba*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tess White*, Murdo Fraser*, Pam Gosal*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Douglas Ross*

*S6M-16948 Alex Rowley: Children in Palestine Deserve the Chance to Live—That the Parliament is deeply concerned by reports that over 15,000 children and young people under 18 have been killed since the start of Israeli military operations in Gaza in October 2023; understands that, according to the most recent figures from the Gaza health ministry, of the 15,613 children killed, 890 were under the age of one, 274 were born and died during the course of the war and just over a quarter, 26%, were under five; recognises that the Gaza health ministry has recently reported the death toll of Palestinians in Gaza now reaching over 50,000, but believes that this figure is likely to be higher, with many thousands of bodies reported to still be under rubble; acknowledges the finding from a peer-reviewed study, which was published in *The Lancet* by researchers from a leading health research university, that the number of people killed may be significantly higher than the figure reported by authorities, by up to 41%; understands that the true number of deaths will also be significantly higher due to the disruption to healthcare and insufficient food, clean water and sanitation, as well as disease outbreaks; believes that the reporting from the UN that around 70% of all deaths in Gaza have been women and children is devastating; further believes that this situation cannot continue and constitutes one of the greatest humanitarian crises in current times, and calls on the UK Government to stop all arms sales to Israel and expand its efforts for a permanent ceasefire to all hostilities.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

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

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New Support: Mark Griffin*, Bill Kidd*, Monica Lennon*, Paul Sweeney*, Annabelle Ewing*, Martin Whitfield*, Foysol Choudhury*, Mercedes Villalba*, Stuart McMillan*, Gillian Mackay*, Carol Mochan*, Paul O'Kane*

<u>S6M-16963</u> Murdo Fraser: 400th Anniversary of the Accession of King Charles I (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, Annie Wells*, Craig Hoy*, Jamie Greene*, Russell Findlay*

S6M-16957 Audrey Nicoll: Marking Andy Hogg's Passing (lodged on 26 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-16947</u> Meghan Gallacher: Keep Scotland Beautiful Eco-Schools Success for Greengairs Primary School (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Craig Hoy*, Jamie Greene*, Russell Findlay*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Tess White*

<u>S6M-16940</u> Jackie Baillie: Congratulating MCR Pathways on the Success of its Schools-based Mentoring Programme (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Sarah Boyack*, Jeremy Balfour*, Martin Whitfield*, Pam Gosal*, Colin Beattie*, Foysol Choudhury*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Paul O'Kane*

<u>S6M-16939</u> Stephanie Callaghan: University Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire Marks Successful First Year of its Frailty Strategy 2024-29 (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Annabelle Ewing*, Miles Briggs*, Karen Adam*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*

<u>S6M-16938</u> Kevin Stewart: Construction Industry and SAMH Collaboration (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*, Mercedes Villalba*, Stuart McMillan*

<u>S6M-16937</u> Kevin Stewart: The Art and Science of Pharmacy: 100 Years of Charles Michie's (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-16936</u> Finlay Carson: Scotland's National Chef Gary Maclean Gains Prestigious Honour (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Craig Hoy*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Tess White*

<u>S6M-16935</u> Michelle Thomson: Murray Leslie Named Recipient of Community Achievement Award (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*

<u>S6M-16934</u> Sandesh Gulhane: Scotland Wins Bronze at the Kabaddi World Cup 2025 (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*

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<u>S6M-16933</u> Humza Yousaf: Recognising Maslow's Community Shop, Govan (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-16931</u> Colin Beattie: Staggs Pub Named Edinburgh and Lothians Pub of the Year (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*

<u>S6M-16930</u> Colin Beattie: Midlothian School Shares First Place in Keep Scotland Beautiful Annual Pocket Garden Design Competition (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*

<u>S6M-16928</u> Maggie Chapman: Celebrating 100 Years of Wellbeing in Dundee (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-16927</u> Claire Baker: Congratulating Brigid Soares, Girlguiding Scotland Member from Cupar, as the First Guide in the Area to Win a Gold Award (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Tess White*

S6M-16926 Annie Wells: Celebrating the Success and Community Impact of Girish's Premier Store in Barmulloch (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Craig Hoy*, Tess White*

<u>S6M-16924</u> Marie McNair: Clydebank Groups Receive £250,000 in National Lottery Community Funding (lodged on 26 March 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Kenneth Gibson*

<u>S6M-16922</u> Clare Adamson: Network Rail and Scottish Football Association Show Trespassing the Red Card (lodged on 26 March 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*

<u>S6M-16920</u> Kenneth Gibson: Marine Conservation Society Publishes 2024 State of our Beaches Report (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Alexander Stewart*, Mercedes Villalba*, Foysol Choudhury*

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

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

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

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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

New Support: Kevin Stewart*

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<u>S6M-16913</u> Jackson Carlaw: Maths Tutoring Centre Opens in Newton Mearns (lodged on 26 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-16912</u> Jackson Carlaw: Woodfarm High School's Girls Volleyball Team Reach Scottish School's Cup Final (lodged on 26 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-16911</u> Jackson Carlaw: Mother Earth Hindu Temple Organises Activity for British Science Week (lodged on 26 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-16910</u> Jackson Carlaw: Willamwood High School Pupils Win Maths Competition (lodged on 26 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-16909</u> Jackson Carlaw: The Malletsheugh Named as Best Restaurant at People's Choice Business Awards (lodged on 26 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-16903 Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating the Coatbridge Garage, TDC Autos, on Raising Funds for Children's Hospices Across Scotland (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*

<u>S6M-16902</u> Claire Baker: Celebrating the Associate of the Year 2025 Award to the Dunfermline-based Company, Cress Co, at the Farm Retail Association Awards (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Tess White*

<u>S6M-16888</u> Jackie Dunbar: Northfield Academy Indoor Climbing Wall Reactivated (lodged on 26 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-16883</u> Sandesh Gulhane: Brian McGill Named Support Worker of the Year at Chief Scientific Officer Awards 2025 (lodged on 26 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-16878</u> 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: Jeremy Balfour*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Liz Smith*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Douglas Ross*, Foysol Choudhury*

<u>S6M-16876</u> Ruth Maguire: North Ayrshire Pupils Pitchin' In at Rugby Park (lodged on 24 March 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Stephanie Callaghan*

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<u>S6M-16875</u> Ruth Maguire: London Marathon Challenge for Kilwinning's Mhairi McCandless (lodged on 24 March 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Stephanie Callaghan*

<u>S6M-16848</u> Maggie Chapman: Celebrating the Success of Brass Bands from the North East (lodged on 25 March 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Paul O'Kane*

<u>S6M-16843</u> Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Kaleb Mbise, from Dumbarton, on Winning Foundation Apprentice of the Year (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

S6M-16838 Mark Ruskell: Support for Stella Maris (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Ross Greer*

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

New Support: Rhoda Grant*

<u>S6M-16706</u> David Torrance: Jack Vettriano Remembered Fondly for his Art and Connection with Kirkcaldy (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Claire Baker*

<u>S6M-16702</u> Jackson Carlaw: Williamwood High Wins National Badminton Tournament for Two Years in a Row (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-16701</u> Jackson Carlaw: Giffnock's Glasgow Hutcheson's Aloysians Rugby Team Wins League Title Undefeated (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-16666 Alexander Stewart: Jack Vettriano OBE (lodged on 04 March 2025)

New Support: Claire Baker*

<u>S6M-16651</u> Tess White: Strathmore Primary School Receives Scotland's First ADHD Friendly School Award (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-16633</u> George Adam: Celebrating the University of the West of Scotland's Groundbreaking Foundation Academy (lodged on 03 March 2025)

New Support: Stephanie Callaghan*

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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 28 March 2025

<u>S6W-36395</u> Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-34287 by Neil Gray on 27 January 2025, which outlined specific commitments relating to NHS renewal, when it will publish the operational improvement plan setting out more detail on delivery. **R**

Written questions lodged on 28 March 2025

<u>S6W-36191</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the (a) terms of reference, (b) instructions and (c) scope of the work given, as part of the commissioning process, to the person appointed to research and report on the dual role of the Lord Advocate.

<u>S6W-36192</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it responded, other than an acknowledgement, to the letter in February 2024 from the then Secretary of State for Scotland to the then First Minister requesting an update on "whether the dual functions of the Law Officers, as head of the independent prosecution service and principle legal advisers to the Scottish Government should be separated", and, if (a) so, whether it will publish its response and (b) not, when it plans to do so.

<u>S6W-36193</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether the practice of the Lord Advocate and/or Solicitor General attending meetings of the Cabinet is still in place; how many meetings one or both have attended in each of the last 10 years; what their current remit is when attending meetings, and whether the current arrangements are substantively the same, or different, to the arrangements under the previous two First Ministers.

<u>S6W-36194</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that the Lord Advocate remains independent in her capacity as the chief public prosecutor while also being politically accountable as the senior Law Officer.

<u>S6W-36209</u> **Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government how many body-worn cameras Police Scotland owns.

<u>S6W-36210</u> **Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to its commitment in the 2023-24 Programme for Government to "support Police Scotland in its plan to roll out body worn cameras to officers over the next two years, to over 14,000 officers and staff from 2024", by what date this will be achieved.

<u>S6W-36215</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many antisocial behaviour orders were issued in 2024, and how many of these orders resulted in imprisonment.

<u>S6W-36221</u> Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to protect (a) it and (b) public bodies from any internal activism that seeks to influence outward-facing policy, including through staff networks.

<u>S6W-36222</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of any United States tariffs on the Scotch whisky industry.

<u>S6W-36223</u> Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider changing the eligibility criteria for the Home Energy Scotland grant to install a heat source pump, to allow one application per homeowner regardless of this being their main residence, in order to bring this in line with the equivalent UK Government grant.

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<u>S6W-36224</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact on the average cost of childcare provision of increasing childcare staff-to-child ratios.

<u>S6W-36225</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many people are currently registered to vote in Scottish Parliament elections, and how many of those registered are foreign nationals.

<u>S6W-36226</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many businesses in Scotland have relocated (a) to the rest of the UK and (b) overseas since 2021.

<u>S6W-36227</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of public procurement contracts awarded in the last two years have gone to businesses located outside of Scotland.

<u>S6W-36228</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what community benefit requirements have been included in the contract for the Small Vessel Replacement Programme under the terms of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014.

<u>S6W-36229</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what sub-contracting opportunities are contained in the Small Vessel Replacement Programme, as defined by section 24 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014.

<u>S6W-36230</u> **Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on Professor Dame Carol Black's assessment in her report, *Review of drugs part two: prevention, treatment and recovery*, that "each £1 spent on [drug] treatment will save £4 from reduced demands on health, prison, law enforcement and emergency services".

<u>S6W-36231</u> **Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of its additional investment of £250 million under its National Mission on Drugs, including any estimated annual savings.

S6W-36232 Douglas Ross: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of the impact on the budget of (a) NHS Scotland, (b) other aspects of the healthcare sector, (c) Police Scotland, (d) the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, (e) the Scottish Prison Service, (f) other law enforcement agencies and (g) other emergency services, including any estimated annual savings, of each pound of additional investment in treatment for addiction to (i) drugs and (ii) alcohol, and what information it has regarding the impact on the budgets of (A) relevant charitable or voluntary organisations and (B) local authority social work departments.

<u>S6W-36233</u> **Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6O-04204 by Neil Gray on 16 January 2025, how much funding is proposed for alcohol and drug services in 2025-26, including NHS board baseline funding.

<u>S6W-36234</u> **Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government how much of its alcohol and drugs services budget for (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25 was spent on local authority social work services; what proportion of the budget this represented, and what the estimate is for 2025-26.

<u>S6W-36237</u> **Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on how much was spent by local authority social work departments in (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25 on services to help people recover from addiction to alcohol and/or drugs; what proportion of the budget this represented, and what the estimate is for 2025-26.

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Education (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Schedule 1

Ross Greer

In schedule 1, page 23, line 20, after <Ministers> insert <, a majority of whom must be registered teachers or college teaching staff providing relevant teaching or training>

Ross Greer

- 28 In schedule 1, page 23, leave out lines 30 and 31 and insert—
 - <() one or more persons who are under 26 years of age at the time of appointment and are undertaking, or have recent experience of undertaking, a Qualifications Scotland qualification,>

Ross Greer

29 In schedule 1, page 24, line 10, leave out <the interests of>

Ross Greer

30 In schedule 1, page 25, at beginning of line 24 insert < Subject to sub-paragraph (2A),>

Ross Greer

- 31 In schedule 1, page 25, line 25, at end insert—
 - <(2A) A member may not be appointed for consecutive periods totalling more than 8 years.>

Ross Greer

32 In schedule 1, page 27, line 29, after <advise> insert <the members and staff of>

Ross Greer

33 In schedule 1, page 28, line 6, after <advise> insert <the members and staff of>

Section 7

Ross Greer

- 34 In section 7, page 3, line 19, at end insert—
 - <() operate in a way which is transparent and accountable,>

Section 14

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Ross Greer

- 35 In section 14, page 7, line 2, at end insert—
 - <() Before preparing a corporate plan Qualifications Scotland must consult—
 - (a) persons who are undertaking, or have recent experience of undertaking, a relevant qualification,
 - (b) registered teachers and college teaching staff providing relevant teaching or training,
 - (c) employers,
 - (d) such other persons as Qualifications Scotland consider appropriate,

on how Qualifications Scotland can, in the exercise of its functions, align with the economic, social and environmental priorities of the Scottish Ministers.>

Section 15

Ross Greer

- 36 In section 15, page 7, line 28, after <include> insert <—
 - () a summary of advice offered to Qualifications Scotland by any of its committees during that year,
 - () the response of Qualifications Scotland to that advice, and

()>

Ross Greer

37 In section 15, page 7, line 33, after <Committee> insert <, other than advice provided by that Committee to Qualifications Scotland>

Section 36

Ross Greer

- 38 In section 36, page 15, line 9, at end insert—
 - <() such persons as the Chief Inspector considers representative of relevant educational establishments,>

Ross Greer

- 39 In section 36, page 15, line 16, at end insert—
 - <() such persons as the Chief Inspector considers representative of relevant educational establishments,>

Section 37

Ross Greer

40 In section 37, page 15, line 22, at end insert—

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- <() where the Chief Inspector considers it appropriate to do so, ensure that each such report is available in—
 - (i) a child friendly version,
 - (ii) other accessible formats appropriate to the persons receiving education in the educational establishment to which the report relates.>

Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

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Section 19

Maggie Chapman

257 In section 19, page 16, line 10, at end insert—

<43GA Minimum standards required for rent increase

- (1) The rent payable under a current tenancy may not be increased unless the let property meets minimum standards specified by the Scottish Ministers in regulations.
- (2) Specified minimum standards may in particular relate to—
 - (a) energy efficiency,
 - (b) quality,

of the let property.>

After section 23

Maggie Chapman

258 After section 23, insert—

< Rent increases: minimum standards

Private residential tenancies: minimum standards required for rent increase

- (1) The 2016 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 19 (frequency with which rent may be increased), insert—

"19A Minimum standards required for rent increase

- (1) The rent payable under a private residential tenancy may not be increased unless the let property meets minimum standards specified by the Scottish Ministers in regulations.
- (2) Specified minimum standards may in particular relate to—
 - (a) energy efficiency,
 - (b) quality,

of the let property.".>

Section 29

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Maggie Chapman

259 *In substitution for amendment 241—*

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

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

Maggie Chapman

260 *In substitution for amendment 242—*

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

<"assistance animal" means—

- (a) an animal which has been trained, or is in training, to guide a blind person,
- (b) an animal which has been trained, or is in training, to assist a deaf person,
- (c) an animal which has been trained, or is in training, by a registered charity to assist a person who—
 - (i) has a disability that consists of epilepsy or otherwise affects the person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects,
 - (ii) has a mental health condition, including, but not limited to, anxiety, depression and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder,
 - (iii) has a learning disability,
 - (iv) requires assistance in relation to seizures, diabetes or allergies,
 - (v) requires emotional support,
 - (vi) provides any other form of support to a person who is defined as disabled by section 6 of the Equality Act (2010).>

Maggie Chapman

- **261** In section 29, page 34, line 28, at end insert—
 - <(7) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify the meaning of "assistance animal" in subsection (6).
 - (8) Regulations under subsection (7) are subject to the negative procedure.>

Maggie Chapman

262 *In substitution for amendment 243—*

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

- <(4) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide that a change which meets the conditions in subsection (5) is a category 1 change.
 - (5) The conditions are that—
 - (a) the tenant is a disabled person, or is the parent, guardian, relative or carer of a

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disabled person,

- (b) the person mentioned in paragraph (a) occupies or intends to occupy the property as that person's only or main home, and
- (c) wishes to make a relevant improvement.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (5), an improvement to a property is a relevant improvement if, having regard to the disabled person's disability, it is likely to facilitate that person's enjoyment of, accessibility to, or safety on the premises.
- (7) In this section, "improvement" means an alteration in or addition to the property and includes—
 - (a) an addition to or alteration of the landlord's fittings and fixtures,
 - (b) an addition or alteration connected with the provision of services to the premises,
 - (c) the erection of a wireless or television aerial,
 - (d) carrying out of external decoration,
 - (e) the installation of aids to improve the accessibility or safety of the property for the disabled person, including, but not limited to—
 - (i) changes to make it wheelchair accessible,
 - (ii) accessible washing and cooking facilities,
 - (iii) facilities related to assistance animals,
 - (iv) guard and hand rails, and
 - (v) visual alarms and bells.
- (8) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision about the meaning of "improvement" for the purposes of this section.
- (9) Regulations under subsection (8) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

Section 30

Maggie Chapman

263 *In substitution for amendment 244—*

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

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

Maggie Chapman

264 *In substitution for amendment 245—*

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

<"assistance animal" means—

- (a) an animal which has been trained, or is in training, to guide a blind person,
- (b) an animal which has been trained, or is in training, to assist a deaf person,

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- (c) an animal which has been trained, or is in training, by a registered charity to assist a person who—
 - (i) has a disability that consists of epilepsy or otherwise affects the person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects,
 - (ii) has a mental health condition, including, but not limited to, anxiety, depression and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder,
 - (iii) has a learning disability,
 - (iv) requires assistance in relation to seizures, diabetes or allergies,
 - (v) requires emotional support,
 - (vi) provides any other form of support to a person who is defined as disabled by section 6 of the Equality Act (2010).>

Maggie Chapman

- **265** In section 30, page 42, line 8, at end insert—
 - <(5) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify the meaning of "assistance animal" in subsection (4).
 - (6) Regulations under subsection (5) are subject to the negative procedure.>

Schedule

Maggie Chapman

266 In the schedule, page 65, line 5, after <19(1)(a)> insert <, 19A(1)>

Maggie Chapman

267 In the schedule, page 65, line 6, after <43G(1)(b)(i), insert <43GA(1), >

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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 III 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)

Royal Assent, 28 March 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 (<u>legislationteam@parliament.scot</u>)

Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Economy and Fair Work Committee), 2 April 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 3) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), 3 April 2025

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

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

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

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

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 26 March 2025

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

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

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

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

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

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Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 28 January 2025

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 March 2025 Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Introduced, 17 March 2025

Lead committee - Education, Children and Young People

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

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

Stage 1 completed, 27 March 2025

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

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 11 December 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 12 March 2025

Lead committee - Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture

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

Stage 2 (Day 4) (Criminal Justice Committee), 2 April 2025

Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 27 March 2025

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Legislative Consent Memorandums

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https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/legislative-consent-memorandums

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)

Planning and Infrastructure Bill LCM-S6-56

Lodged on 27 March 2025

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

Lodged on 3 March 2025

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

Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

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

Lodged on 21 March 2025

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 19 February 2025

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

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

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Tobacco and Vapes Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-51a Lodged on 28 March 2025

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 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 23 April 2025

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

Subject to approval by 4 May 2025

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

Subject to approval by 18 May 2025

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

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 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)

<u>Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/42)</u> (20 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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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

<u>Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/48)</u> (21 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)

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Committee Reports

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 28 March 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The Environment Strategy for Scotland: Progress report on Environment Strategy March 2025 (SG/2025/68) laid under Section 47(12) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Police Service of Scotland Annual Police Plan 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026 (PSOS/2025/001) laid under section 35 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Scottish Canals - Annual Report & Accounts 2023/24 (SG/2025/12) laid under section 24(3) of the Transport Act 1962 and under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: The Social Security (Cross-border Provision, Case Transfer and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SCoSS/2025/04) laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: The Carer's Assistance (Young Carer Grant and Carer Support Payment) (Miscellaneous Amendment and Saving Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 – additional provision (SCoSS/2025/05) laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 28 March 2025—

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Tobacco and Vapes Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-51a)

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