# Tuesday 20 May 2025

# **Business Bulletin**

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# **Today's Business**

# Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Pastor Paul Coventry, Greenock Baptist Church

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions **followed by** Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2025

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:30 pm Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-17484 Beatrice Wishart: Radio Teleswitch Service Switch-off

# Committee Meetings

**8:30am** Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

**9:15am** Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

**9:30am** Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

**9:30am** Finance and Public Administration Committee

**9:45am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**10:40am** Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

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# **Meeting of the Parliament**

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

# followed by Topical Questions

**1. Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the Scottish Ministers will call in appeal PPA-002-2021 on the Flamingo Land Lomond Banks resort development. (S6T-02531)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2025

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

<u>S6M-17585</u> Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 4: 45 minutes

Groups 5 to 8: 1 hour 30 minutes

Groups 9 to 13: 2 hours.

<u>S6M-17584</u> Siobhian Brown: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Committee Announcements

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followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

<u>S6M-17484</u> Beatrice Wishart: Radio Teleswitch Service Switch-off—That the Parliament is concerned that the Radio Teleswitch Service (RTS), used by energy suppliers for some electricity meters, particularly in island and rural areas, to control heating and hot water systems, is set to

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end on 30 June 2025, with tens of thousands of customers across Scotland reportedly expected to be impacted as they are yet to have their RTS meter exchanged; understands that, in areas such as the Highlands and Islands region and other parts of rural Scotland, many households are still waiting for a meter exchange and that, as of the end of April 2025, Shetland still had 4,490 meters to be exchanged ahead of the deadline; further understands that energy companies are not replacing meters at the pace required before the deadline; considers that large areas of Scotland face technical issues with connecting smart meters and a lack of engineers; notes the view that functioning heating and hot water systems are fundamental to an adequate standard of living and that changes to metering technology should not leave households, particularly those in island and rural communities, financially worse off than they are on their current tariff, or facing the possibility of losing heating and hot water after the switch-off of the RTS signal; further notes the calls on local resilience partnerships to ready themselves for the potential adverse outcomes of the RTS switch-off, which may include thousands of homes being left without heating and hot water, and notes the calls to plug the gaps in smart meter coverage to ensure that rural areas are not disadvantaged due to their poor connectivity.

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# **Committee Meetings**

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

# Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 15th Meeting, 2025

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

 Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instruments— <u>Town and Country Planning (Fees for Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</u> (SSI 2025/124)

<u>Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations</u> 2025 (SSI 2025/125)

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Local Reviews) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/126)

2. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 4).

# Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 18th 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 3 and 4 in private.
- 2. Plans for future of Grangemouth (Project Willow study): The Committee will take evidence on hydrogen aspects of the study from—

Lewis Elder, Commercial Operations and Policy Director, Statera Energy Limited;

Bill Ireland, Chief Executive Officer, Logan Energy Limited;

Mark Bradley, Hydrogen Director, ScottishPower:

David Amos, Managing Director, PlusZero;

Tim Dumenil, Head of Business Development, Hydrogen, Storegga;

and then from-

Professor Stuart Haszeldine, Professor of Carbon Capture and Storage, School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh;

Nic Braley, General Manager, Acorn Project;

Professor Hannah Chalmers, Personal Chair of Sustainable Energy Systems, School of Engineering, Institute for Energy Systems, University of Edinburgh;

Professor Mercedes Maroto-Valer, Director UK Industrial Decarbonisation Research an Innovation Centre (IDRIC), Heriot-Watt University.

- 3. Plans for future of Grangemouth (Project Willow study): The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- 4. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025.

# **Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee** 13th Meeting, 2025

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

1. Civil Legal Aid Inquiry: The Committee will take evidence from—

Kevin Kane, Chief Executive, Shared Parenting Scotland;

Fiona McPhail, Lecturer in Social Justice, University of Glasgow;

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Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive, Scottish Women's Aid; Sabir Zazai, Chief Executive, Scottish Refugee Council;

and then from-

Professor Katie Boyle, Chair of Human Rights Law and Social Justice, School of Law, University of Strathclyde;

Dr Ben Christman, Legal Director, Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland; Megan Farr, Policy Officer, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland.

- 2. **Civil Legal Aid Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.
- 3. **British Sign Language Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will further consider its approach to the inquiry.

# Finance and Public Administration Committee 17th Meeting, 2025

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

- The Scottish budget process in practice: The Committee will take evidence from—
   Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Alasdair Black,
   Deputy Director, Budget and Fiscal Coordination, and Jamie MacDougall, Deputy
   Director, Spending and Pay Strategy, Scottish Government.
- 2. **Cost-effectiveness of Scottish public inquiries:** The Committee will take evidence from—Professor Sandy Cameron CBE.
- 3. Work programme (in private): The Committee will consider its work programme.

# Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 17th Meeting, 2025

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in private.
- 2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—Restitution Fund (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)

Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)

<u>Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Order</u> 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)

Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)

- Instruments subject to negative procedure: The Committee will consider the following— <u>Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Local Services Franchises</u>
   <u>Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</u> (SSI 2025/137)
- 4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

Act of Sederunt (Lands Valuation Appeal Court) 2025 (SSI 2025/140)
Act of Sederunt (Registration Appeal Court) 2025 (SSI 2025/141)

5. **Leases (Automatic Scotland etc.) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—

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Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Michael Paparakis, Policy and Bill Programme Manager, Private Law, and Lori Pidgeon, Constitutional and Civil Law, Scottish Government.

- 6. **Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill:** The Committee will consider the response from the Member-in-charge to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
- 7. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
- 8. **Care Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
- 9. **Planning and Infrastructure Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider correspondence regarding points raised with the UK and Scottish Government in relation to powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.
- 10. **Quarterly report:** The Committee will consider a draft report for the parliamentary quarter from 24 February to 12 May 2025.
- 11. Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 5.

# Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 15th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:40 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- 2. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence from—

Lesley de Jaeger, Director of People and Culture, Cornerstone attending on behalf of, Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland (CCPS);

Karen Hedge, Deputy Chief Executive, Scottish Care;

Dave Moxham, Deputy General Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress.

- 3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—Human Tissue (Supply of Information about Transplants) (Scotland) Regulations 2025
- 4. **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Morven Davidson, Lawyer, and Laura Zeballos, Deputy Director, Drugs Policy Division, Scottish Government.

- 5. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
- 6. **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.

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# **Future Meetings of the Parliament**

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 14 May 2025

# Wednesday 21 May 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

Finance and Local Government

followed by Ministerial Statement: Proposed Grangemouth Flood Protection Scheme

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Empowering Scotland's Island Communities

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-17172 Clare Adamson: The Harm of Gambling Addiction

# Thursday 22 May 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-17330 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen to Welcome the Tall Ships Races

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Committee

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followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

# Tuesday 27 May 2025

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

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# Wednesday 28 May 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands: Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

# Thursday 29 May 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Business

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5:00 pm Decision Time

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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

# **Economy and Fair Work Committee** 21 May 2025 **16th Meeting, 2025**

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

- **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 1. and 5 in private.
- 2. Grangemouth's Industrial Future: The Committee will take evidence from— Michael Shanks MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Energy), UK

Camilla Pierry, Deputy Director Energy Security, UK Government.

- Grangemouth's Industrial Future: The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier 3. in the meeting.
- Skills Delivery (in private): The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish 4. Government and the Education, Children and Young People Committee.
- **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year 5. from 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025.

## **Proposed future business**

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

# **Education, Children and Young People Committee** 21 May 2025 **17th Meeting, 2025**

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

Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

> Sarah Collins, National Officer for Further Education, Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS);

Liam Davenport, Industrial Officer, PCS Union;

Nicola Jackson, UNISON Steward, Skills Development Scotland;

Mary Senior, Scotland Official, UCU Scotland;

John Lewis, Scottish Funding Council Workplace Representative, Unite the Union; and then from-

Vikki Manson, Deputy Head of Policy Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses; Paul Campbell, General Manager, Scottish Water and SAAB Employer Engagement Group Chair, representing Scottish Apprenticeship Advisory Board (SAAB); Carolyn Currie, Chief Executive, Women's Enterprise Scotland.

Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instruments— 2.

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Teachers' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendment and Revocation) (Scotland) Regulations 2025

- 3. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
- 4. **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, at Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot

# Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 21 May 2025 17th 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 6 in private.
- 2. Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will take evidence from—

Dr Caroline Brown, Director of Scotland, Ireland & English Regions, Royal Town Planning Institute;

Jacqueline Cook , Planning and Development Committee Vice Chair, Scottish Property Federation:

Sarah Cowie, Senior Policy Manager Climate, Land and Business, National Farmers Union Scotland:

Emily Johns, Nature Strategy Manager, SSEN Transmission;

Stuart Goodall, Chief Executive, Confor;

Elspeth Macdonald, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen's Federation;

Dr Caroline McParland, Vice President for Scotland, Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management;

Stephen Young, Director of Policy, Scottish Land and Estates.

- 3. **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—Maurice Golden, Member in Charge of the Bill, Ezgi Denli, Solicitor, Legal Services, and Neil Stewart, Senior Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, Scottish Parliament.
- 4. **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- 5. **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- 6. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025.

# **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at <a href="mailto:emma.johnston@parliament.scot">emma.johnston@parliament.scot</a>

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 21 May 2025 9th Meeting, 2025

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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 4, 5 and 6 in private.
- 2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—

PE2020: Provide fertility treatment to single women;

PE2025: Improve the support available to victims of domestic violence, who have been forced to flee their home:

PE2088: Help eliminate cervical cancer through improved and at home HPV testing;

PE2093: Review and update the Scottish Ministerial Code;

PE2108: Obtain a second medical opinion before detainment under the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003; and

PE2111: Fund early learning and childcare from 9 months.

3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—PE2141: Support the neurodiverse community by providing funding for psychoeducation;

PE2144: Ban the sale and use of artificial sweeteners in food and drinks;

PE2145: Bring in compulsory microchipping for cats in Scotland; and

PE2148: Improve Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services to Adult Mental Health Services transition.

- 4. **Consideration of report:** The Committee will consider the draft report: A blueprint for participation embedding deliberative democracy in the work of the Scottish Parliament.
- 5. **End of session planning:** The Committee will consider its end of session planning.
- 6. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025.

# **Proposed future business**

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

Public Audit Committee 21 May 2025 16th Meeting, 2025

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
- 2. Scottish Government's approach to financial interventions: Strategic Commercial Assets Division: The Committee will take evidence from—

Gregor Irwin, Director-General Economy, Colin Cook, Director of Economic Development, and Dermot Rhatigan, Deputy Director, Strategic Commercial Assets Division, Scottish Government.

3. Scottish Government's approach to financial interventions: Strategic Commercial Assets Division: The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Carole Grant, Audit Director, and Dharshi Santhakumaran, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

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4. Scottish Government's approach to financial interventions: Strategic Commercial Assets Division: The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

5. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025.

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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katrina Venters at Katrina. Venters @ Parliament.scot

# Criminal Justice Committee 21 May 2025 16th Meeting, 2025

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. **Non-fatal strangulation:** The Committee will take evidence on non-fatal strangulation, including on Petition PE2136 to make this a standalone criminal offence in Scotland, from—Fiona Drouet, Petitioner and CEO and Founder of EmilyTest;

Fiona McMullen, Operations Manager, ASSIST;

Professor Cath White, Medical Director, Institute for Addressing Strangulation; and then from—

Dr Emma Forbes, National Lead for Domestic Abuse, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;

Liliana Torres Jimenez, Criminal Policy Executive and Secretary of the Criminal Law Committee, Law Society of Scotland;

Detective Chief Superintendent Sarah Taylor, Head of Public Protection, Police Scotland;

Detective Superintendent Lindsay Fisher, Public Protection Branch, Police Service of Northern Ireland.

- 3. **Non-fatal strangulation (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
- 4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

# **Proposed future business**

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

# Social Justice and Social Security Committee 22 May 2025 16th Meeting, 2025

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
- 2. **Financial considerations when leaving an abusive relationship:** The Committee will take evidence from—

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Kaukab Stewart, Minister for Equalities, Simon Coote, Head of Cross Cutting Policy Unit, Janine Kellett, Head of Homelessness Unit, James Messis, Council Tax and Reform Policy Team Leader, and Eileen Flanagan, Policy Manager, Scottish Government.

- 3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

  <u>The Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations</u>

  2025 (SSI 2025/112)
- 4. **Financial considerations when leaving an abusive relationship (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.
- 5. **Child poverty statistics and next delivery plan:** The Committee will consider written evidence received.
- 6. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025.
- 7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Claire Menzies on 85219 or at <a href="mailto:claire.menzies@parliament.scot">claire.menzies@parliament.scot</a>

# Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 22 May 2025 9th Meeting, 2025

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- 2. **Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Dr Ben Stanford, Senior Lecturer in Law, Liverpool John Moores University;

Professor Alistair Clark, Professor of Political Science, Newcastle University;

Dr Nick McKerrell, Senior Lecturer in Law, Glasgow Caledonian University;

and then from-

Annabel Mullin, Director of Communications, Elect Her;

Juliet Swann, Nations and Regions Programme Manager, Transparency International UK;

Willie Sullivan, Director, Electoral Reform Society.

- 3. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
- 4. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025.

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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at <a href="mailto:catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot">catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot</a>

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 22 May 2025 17th Meeting, 2025

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. Gaza: The Committee will take evidence from—

Frances Guy, Chief Executive, Scotland's International Development Alliance and Chair, Scotlish Government's Humanitarian Emergency Fund Panel;

- Saleh Saeed, Chief Executive, and Jayne Crow, Head of Programmes, Disasters Emergency Committee.
- 3. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

# **Proposed future business**

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

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# **Motions for Debate**

\*S6M-17598 Mairi Gougeon: Empowering Scotland's Island Communities—That the Parliament recognises Scotland's islands' invaluable contribution to Scotland's economy, culture and identity; welcomes the investments that have accompanied Scotland's first ever national islands plan; recognises the positive impact that the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 has had, but notes the need for further action to tackle island challenges; welcomes the extensive community engagement to develop the new national islands plan, and notes that measures to address depopulation and create community wealth should be key themes of the new plan; further welcomes the positive progress and impact of the Carbon Neutral Islands project, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work towards prosperous and sustainable island communities.

Supported by: Jim Fairlie\*

\*<u>S6M-17584</u> Siobhian Brown: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill be passed.

Supported by: Angela Constance\*

#### Other new and altered motions and amendments

\*S6M-17589 Ben Macpherson: Congratulating Rohan Seilman of A.R.Ts Afternoon on Scottish Charity Awards Nomination—That the Parliament congratulates Rohan Seilman, project lead and development worker at A.R.Ts Afternoon, based in Leith, on being shortlisted as a finalist in the People's Choice Award in the Employee of the Year category at the Scottish Charity Awards 2025, which will take place at the Radisson Blu hotel, Glasgow, on 19 June 2025; recognises Rohan's nearly 30 years of inspiring young people across Edinburgh and the Lothians through his work with A.R.Ts Afternoon, which aims to break down socio-economic barriers to participation in the arts and music, ensuring accessibility for all; notes the organisation's commitment to supporting young people who may face discrimination, poverty and health challenges, particularly in areas of high deprivation, and believes that access to inclusive and vibrant creative outlets, such as samba drumming, can help build confidence and foster collaboration and joy; commends Rohan for his dedication to improving the lives of young people

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in Edinburgh Northern and Leith through the creative arts, and wishes him every success at the awards ceremony.

\*S6M-17585 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 4: 45 minutes

Groups 5 to 8: 1 hour 30 minutes

Groups 9 to 13: 2 hours.

# \*S6M-17572 Douglas Lumsden: Port of Aberdeen Celebrates Strong Financial

**Performance**—That the Parliament congratulates the Port of Aberdeen on what it regards as its strong financial performance for 2024; understands that the Port is the UK's oldest existing business; believes that the opening of the new South Harbour has contributed to the port's continued growth; acknowledges reports that turnover, vessel arrivals, tonnage and ferry passenger numbers all increased; celebrates that this was achieved during what it believes were challenging market conditions, and recognises that, as a trust port, all profits are reinvested into the port's development, helping to support the economic growth of Aberdeen and the wider north east.

\*S6M-17571 Gillian Mackay: Recognising Unpaid Carers—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the essential role of unpaid carers in Scotland, who provide crucial care and support to family members and loved ones, saving, it understands, the Scottish economy an estimated £15.9 billion annually; recognises the financial hardship faced by many unpaid carers due to what it considers inadequate social security payments, lack of employment opportunities, and rising living costs; notes the findings of the Carers Scotland and IPPR Scotland report on the feasibility of a Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) for unpaid carers, which highlights the need for urgent financial support and pilot schemes to test the effectiveness of a MIG; welcomes the recommendation that unpaid carers providing 20 hours or more of care per week should receive financial support that ensures their income does not fall below an acceptable standard; calls on the Scottish Government to implement a pilot programme to deliver a MIG for unpaid carers, integrating this support with existing Adult Carer Support Plans and benefits maximisation initiatives, and urges the UK Government to work in collaboration with the Scottish Government to prevent any loss of financial support due to benefit interactions.

\*S6M-17570 Alexander Burnett: Burnett Arms Receives Highly Recommended Accolade in the Best Pub Category at The Entertainment and Hospitality Awards. —That the Parliament congratulates The Burnett Arms for receiving a highly recommended accolade in the Best Pub Category at The Entertainment and Hospitality Awards 2025; understands that the Banchory pub received this high recommendation due to endorsement first and foremost by customers; commends the Burnett Arms on its achievement, and wishes it all the best as it continues its mission to provide high-quality goods and services to the public.

\*S6M-17568 Ariane Burgess: Congratulations to Tighean Innse Gall on Becoming Living Wage Employers—That the Parliament congratulates Tighean Innse Gall, based in Stornoway,

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on its achievement of becoming Living Wage employers; acknowledges what it sees as the significant contribution that it makes to the local community through the delivery of energy efficiency measures, provision of an energy advice service, and the direct development of affordable homes for rent or ownership; recognises what it sees as the positive impact of its work in promoting healthy, independent living and assisting communities and businesses to be more sustainable, and commends its commitment to fair pay and improving the quality of life for its employees.

\*S6M-17567 Jackie Baillie: Welcoming the New Report by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Scotland (RCPCH)—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of a new report by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Scotland (RCPCH), Collaborative Healthcare in Scotland: Delivering the services children need in the community; notes that the report follows the publication of its Worried and Waiting: A Review of Paediatric Waiting Times in Scotland 2024; recognises what it sees as the pressures community child health services are currently under in Scotland; believes that immediate action is needed to address service and workforce issues outlined in the report; considers that delays in accessing community child health services can have long-lasting impact on children and families; recognises RCPCH Scotland's recommendations that centre around five core themes of the urgent need for data, creating a sustainable child health workforce, collaborative care, positive transitions to adult services, and neurodevelopmental services; calls on the Scottish Government to engage with RCPCH to further understand the issues, and commends RCPCH, Dr Mairi Stark and the children and young people for their calls to improve community paediatric and child health services in Scotland.

\*S6M-17565 Annie Wells: Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland Launches New Tartan in Partnership with ScotlandShop—That the Parliament congratulates Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland on the launch of its first official tartan, which was created in partnership with ScotlandShop during Stroke Awareness Month 2025; understands that the bespoke tartan, in blue, green, purple and white, features a single pink line representing the one in five people in Scotland living with a chest, heart or stroke condition or with long COVID; believes that the collaboration not only raises awareness of, but also directly supports, the charity's vital work, with 10% of each sale donated to Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland; understands that every penny raised by the organisation remains in Scotland, to support people in communities across the country, and notes that the tartan will be featured on a range of items available online and in stores, with the first collection launching to coincide with the charity's major fundraising event, the Tartan Tea Party, on 21 May 2025.

\*S6M-17564 Annie Wells: Glasgow's First Merchant Navy Memorial Unveiled—That the Parliament congratulates all those involved in the unveiling of Glasgow's first memorial to the men and women of the Merchant Navy, which took place on 11 May 2025 at the Govan-Partick bridge; acknowledges what it sees as the profound significance of this tribute, unveiled 80 years after the end of the Second World War, to honour the sacrifice of the 55,000 Merchant Navy personnel who lost their lives, including many who departed from the Clyde and never returned; recognises the Merchant Navy's vital role in transporting troops, delivering supplies and supporting war efforts, under constant threat from enemy attack, particularly during the Battle of the Atlantic and the Arctic convoys; believes that the bravery of these civilian and volunteer seafarers has long been under-recognised, and that this memorial is a long-overdue symbol of respect and remembrance, and notes that the memorial, which includes lines from the poem *In Waters Deep*, by Eileen Mahoney, will be recorded at the Imperial War Museum, ensuring that Glasgow's maritime history and the courage of Merchant Navy seafarers past, present and future, are preserved for generations to come.

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\*S6M-17563 Annie Wells: Glasgow Organist's Tribute to City's 850th Anniversary—That the Parliament congratulates Bill Hutcheson on marking over 55 years of outstanding service as an organist at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow, where he has become a much-loved and familiar figure for generations of visitors; acknowledges the significance of his special recital on 14 May 2025, delivered as part of the Glasgow 850 celebrations, which mark the 850th anniversary of the city, and coincides exactly with his performance on the same date, in 1975, for the Glasgow 800 celebrations; recognises what it sees as Bill Hutcheson's extraordinary contribution to Scotland's cultural life, his role in maintaining the tradition of what it understands is the world's longest-running free daily organ recital, and his ability to engage diverse audiences with music, ranging from classical pieces to contemporary and popular tunes; believes that Mr Hutcheson's passion for music was nurtured from a young age, and that his long-standing commitment to public performance has enriched the lives of countless Glaswegians and visitors alike, and considers that such tributes reflect the enduring importance of community, culture and creativity in celebrating Glasgow's rich musical heritage during this milestone anniversary year.

\*S6M-17562 Craig Hoy: Welcoming Portman Group's "Taking responsibility for alcohol regulation" 2024 Report—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Portman Group's report, *Taking responsibility for alcohol regulation 2024*, which provides insights into alcohol marketing and regulation across the UK; notes the report's findings on industry compliance with the Code of Practice, the handling of complaints and the promotion of responsible drinking; understands that the Portman Group engaged with policymakers in the Scottish Parliament to ensure that the voice of responsible producers is heard; notes the view that substantial progress has been made in promoting responsible drinking across Scotland, as well as tackling alcohol misuse on the ground by promoting local partnership schemes, and encourages the Scottish Government to consider the report's findings.

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\*S6M-17561 Christine Grahame: Peeblesshire Foodbank—That the Parliament commends the invaluable work of Peeblesshire Foodbank and recognises what it sees as the essential role that food banks play in supporting individuals and families experiencing hardship in Scotland; understands that 72% of those referred to food banks in Scotland are in receipt of the UK Government benefit, Universal Credit; believes that the current level of Universal Credit is so low that some people in receipt of it, many of whom are in employment, cannot afford the basic food and essentials of life; calls for urgent reform of the UK social security system to ensure that it provides adequate support to meet the cost of living, and reduces the need for emergency food aid, and commends Peeblesshire Foodbank, and other food banks, and volunteers throughout Scotland, for what it sees as the vital service that they provide.

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\*S6M-17560 Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Fascination of Plants Day 2025—That the Parliament welcomes Aberdeen Fascination of Plants Day, which is taking place from 12 to 18 May 2025; notes that Fascination of Plants Day, which was founded in 2012, is a global event highlighting the important role that plants play in society, and encouraging people to give more recognition to the impact that plants have on people's lives and the wider environment, with organisations from 56 countries taking part in the biennial celebration; understands that events will be taking place throughout the week at venues across Aberdeen, including the David Welch

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Winter Gardens, the Zoology building at the University of Aberdeen and the Cruickshank Botanic Garden, with events being organised by the University of Aberdeen, Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), the James Hutton Institute, Friends of the Cruickshank Botanic Garden, Friends of Duthie Park as well as the Duthie Park Ranger Service; believes that activities range from a spring plant sale to educational sessions; congratulates Dr Morag McFadyen, honorary lecturer at Robert Gordon University (RGU), who, alongside colleagues from Aberdeen City Council and Duthie Park rangers, pulled together an informative and exciting programme of events for all generations, and wishes them the best for the events.

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\*S6M-17559 Emma Harper: Garden of Remembrance, Dumfries—That the Parliament congratulates The People's Project in Dumfries, which has created a Garden of Remembrance to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day; recognises that the garden, on Brooms Road, across from St Michael's church, was created for the Royal British Legion Scotland to provide a peaceful space that honours the lives of all those who took part in the Second World War in Europe; acknowledges that the opening of the garden was undertaken after a service of commemoration at St Michael's and South Church on 11 May 2025, and that the garden was then officially opened by Lord-Lieutenant Fiona Armstrong; understands that the construction and development of the garden involved a collaboration of local supporters, which included skilled craftsmen in masonry, wood and landscaping, to bring together a reflective space to honour those who fought for the country, and wishes The Peoples Project continuing success in making Dumfries and Galloway "The Queen of the South".

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\*S6M-17546 Jeremy Balfour: Scots Selected for Upcoming British and Irish Lions Rugby Tour in Australia—That the Parliament congratulates the eight Scottish Rugby players selected for the British and Irish Lions squad for its upcoming tour of Australia, namely Scott Cummings, Zander Fagerson, Pierre Shoeman, Huw Jones, Blair Kinghorn, Finn Russell, Sione Tuipulotu and Duhan Van der Merwe; acknowledges the honour of being selected for such a prestigious touring squad and the individual achievement of representing Scotland on this stage; values what it sees as the promotion of Scottish Rugby excellence worldwide through the players selected for the Lions squad; commends the effort and dedication of the eight selected Scotland players in order to achieve this selection; believes that the players' recent positive contributions to both their domestic clubs and the Scottish national team have enabled these selections; further believes that the Scotland players will play a pivotal role in the overall success of the Lions team both on and off field, and wishes the British and Irish Lions the best of luck in their tour of Australia

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\*S6M-17529 Alexander Burnett: Aberdeenshire farmer, Jilly Grant, Wins Innovation Award —That the Parliament congratulates Jilly Grant, from Newton of Ardoyne, Oyne, on winning the Innovator of the Year award at the National Women in Agriculture (NWA) awards in London; understands that this award recognises her trailblazing achievements as co-founder of agritech firm Herd Advance, which she set up in 2018 with her husband, Murdoch Duncan, at their farm; further understands that these awards aim to strengthen the network of women in UK agriculture

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and throw a spotlight on their achievements; notes that Herd Advance and its Stockman technology allows farmers to monitor livestock in real-time and to sort cattle automatically, effectively digitising their herds and ultimately giving farmers better data and help with decision-making, and wishes Jilly and her husband every success in the future.

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\*S6M-17528 Colin Beattie: Lisbon Maru Sinking, 1942—That the Parliament recognises the work of Chinese authorities in building a memorial to honour the brave Chinese fishermen of Zhoushan who, it understands, rescued hundreds of British prisoners of war in 1942, including many men from The Royal Scots, from the sinking of the Lisbon Maru, while under fire from Japanese soldiers; understands that the memorial was built in response to a request to China's President, Xi Jinping, from the daughter of the last survivor of the Lisbon Maru, and further understands that the unveiling is scheduled to take place on 20 May 2025, and will be attended by the British Ambassador to China.

\*S6M-17522 Foysol Choudhury: Celebrating Andrew Ashe's 48th Anniversary of Service at Bidfood Wholesalers in Edinburgh —That the Parliament congratulates Andrew Ashe on 48 years of service with Bidfood Wholesalers in Edinburgh; recognises that Andrew began his career on 17 May 1977 as a customer order processer in Bidfood's predecessor, the United Yeast Company; understands that Andrew met his wife in the early 1990s when she worked in the finance department; further understands that, following changes in ownership, the business was moved from Kirkliston to Newbridge industrial estate, where he currently works as a warehouse operative within the goods-in team; notes that Andrew has become a qualified forklift instructor responsible for the training of new recruits and refresher courses, alongside being a respected first-aider for over 20 years; considers Andrew to be a valued member of staff at Bidfood, and hopes for the continued success of Andrew and the rest of the Bidfood team.

\*S6M-17483 Pam Gosal: Celebrating EKTA Group's 25th Anniversary—That the Parliament congratulates the EKTA Group on its 25th anniversary; notes that the organisation was founded by Mrs Adarsh Khullar, who created the group to encourage the female members to be sociable, learn new skills, be self-sufficient and to take part in social and cultural events around the country, further introducing yoga workshops and NHS-supported initiatives; understands that a celebration dinner will take place in Glasgow on 25 May 2025; appreciates the efforts of the volunteers, who, it understands, have dedicated countless hours to evolve the group into a well-respected, community-based organisation, which has won several awards over the years; acknowledges the support that it provides in difficult subject areas including domestic violence, mental health and loneliness in BAME communities, and wishes everyone involved in the EKTA group, the very best of success for the future.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

<u>S6M-17557</u> Finlay Carson: Cycling in Dumfries and Galloway Moving in Right Direction (lodged on 16 May 2025)

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New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Emma Harper\*, Clare Adamson\*, Brian Whittle\*, Pam Gosal\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Douglas Ross\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Colin Beattie\*, Bill Kidd\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Miles Briggs\*, Meghan Gallacher\*

<u>S6M-17556</u> Stephen Kerr: Grangemouth Taxi Firm Helps Elderly Residents Celebrate VE **Day** (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Clare Adamson\*, Tim Eagle\*, Russell Findlay\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**S6M-17555** Paul O'Kane: Christian Aid Week 2025 (lodged on 15 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Foysol Choudhury\*, Clare Adamson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-17554</u> Kenneth Gibson: Congratulations to the Village Inn, Fairlie, on Winning the CAMRA Pub of the Year Award (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Colin Beattie\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Miles Briggs\*, Rona Mackay\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Bill Kidd\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Emma Harper\*, Clare Adamson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-17553</u> Claire Baker: Clackmannanshire and Stirling Community Link Worker Team Wins National Award (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Clare Adamson\*, Mark Ruskell\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Paul O'Kane\*

<u>S6M-17551</u> Mercedes Villalba: Commemorating the Life of José 'Pepe' Mujica (lodged on 15 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Foysol Choudhury\*, Clare Adamson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-17550</u> Stephanie Callaghan: Commending South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership's Family Nurse Practitioner Programme (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Clare Adamson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

S6M-17548 Colin Beattie: Inveresk Community Speed Watch (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Clare Adamson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Miles Briggs\*, Stuart McMillan\*

<u>S6M-17547</u> Jeremy Balfour: Commemorating the Late Sir Tom Farmer and his Contribution to Scotland (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Douglas Ross\*, Annie Wells\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Brian Whittle\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Miles Briggs\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Craig Hoy\*, Pam Gosal\*, Bob Doris\*, Monica Lennon\*, Bill Kidd\*, Colin Beattie\*, Liam Kerr\*, Liam McArthur\*, Foysol Choudhury\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Ben Macpherson\*, Clare Adamson\*, Tim Eagle\*, Russell Findlay\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Paul O'Kane\*

S6M-17545 Humza Yousaf: Lourdes Secondary School First Culture Fest Day (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Clare Adamson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-17544</u> Humza Yousaf: Third Year of Culture and Diversity Day in Govan (lodged on 16 May 2025)

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New Support: Emma Harper\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Clare Adamson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-17543</u> Humza Yousaf: The Govan Community Project's Food For All Group (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Rona Mackay\*, Clare Adamson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Colin Beattie\*

<u>S6M-17542</u> Murdo Fraser: Inaugural Country Sport Scotland Conference (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Craig Hoy\*, Miles Briggs\*, Pam Gosal\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Douglas Ross\*, Brian Whittle\*, Colin Beattie\*, Annie Wells\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Liam Kerr\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Tim Eagle\* **R**, Russell Findlay\*

<u>S6M-17541</u> Liam Kerr: Operator Offshore Helicopter Services UK completes 1,000 Life-saving Missions (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Clare Adamson\*, Tim Eagle\*, Russell Findlay\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**S6M-17540** Pauline McNeill: Increasing Risk of Famine in Palestine (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Elena Whitham\*, Monica Lennon\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Ben Macpherson\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Clare Adamson\*, Humza Yousaf\*

<u>S6M-17538</u> Alexander Stewart: Forth Valley Community First Responders' 20th Anniversary (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Craig Hoy\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Clare Adamson\*, Tim Eagle\*, Russell Findlay\*

<u>S6M-17537</u> Alexander Stewart: Friends of CHAS Clackmannanshire Spring Fayre in **Muckhart** (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Craig Hoy\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Clare Adamson\*, Tim Eagle\*, Russell Findlay\*

<u>S6M-17527</u> Alex Rowley: Welcoming the Permanent End of Peak Fares on Trains (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

<u>S6M-17526</u> Liam Kerr: Congratulating Gray & Adams on Receiving the King's Award for Enterprise for Innovation 2025 (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Edward Mountain\*, Craig Hoy\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Tim Eagle\*, Russell Findlay\*, Brian Whittle\*

<u>S6M-17520</u> Evelyn Tweed: International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick\*, Emma Harper\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Clare Adamson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Paul O'Kane\*

<u>S6M-17519</u> Sandesh Gulhane: Scotland's Role in the Success of NATO Exercise Steadfast Dart 25 (lodged on 15 May 2025)

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New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

S6M-17518 Humza Yousaf: Tea in the Pot's 20th Anniversary (lodged on 15 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Clare Adamson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

S6M-17517 Jackie Baillie: Welcoming the Free Trade Agreement Between the UK and India

(lodged on 15 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

S6M-17516 Kevin Stewart: New Riverbank School (lodged on 15 May 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper\*, Clare Adamson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

S6M-17515 Kevin Stewart: Welcoming the Big Belmont Bash (lodged on 15 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Clare Adamson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

S6M-17514 Kevin Stewart: Welcoming the Umbrella Project (lodged on 15 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Clare Adamson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-17513</u> Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Fennex Limited (lodged on 15 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Clare Adamson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

S6M-17512 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Congratulations to 999 RE:SET for Supporting the

Wellbeing of Emergency Responders (lodged on 14 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

<u>S6M-17511</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: Congratulating Blackhall Children's Sports Committee

(lodged on 14 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**S6M-17509** Gordon MacDonald: Heriot-Watt University Team to Compete in the Monaco

Energy Boat Challenge (lodged on 14 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Emma Harper\*

S6M-17505 Paul O'Kane: Johnstone Restaurant Named Best Family Restaurant in Scottish

Entertainment and Hospitality Awards (lodged on 13 May 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury\*

S6M-17504 Paul O'Kane: Include Me 2 Club Family Festival to Take Place in Cowan Park,

Barrhead (lodged on 13 May 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury\*

S6M-17503 Paul O'Kane: Barrhead Primary School Awarded Funding for Tree Planting

**Initiatives** (lodged on 13 May 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury\*

<u>S6M-17484</u> Beatrice Wishart: Radio Teleswitch Service Switch-off (lodged on 08 May 2025)

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New Support: Ariane Burgess\*, Emma Harper\*

<u>S6M-17460</u> Murdo Fraser: Scotch Whisky Industry Heralds Free Trade Agreement Between India and the UK (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay\*

S6M-17458 Annie Wells: ME Awareness Week 2025 (lodged on 14 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Liam Kerr\*

<u>S6M-17449</u> Douglas Lumsden: Congratulating Trump International Golf Links Aberdeenshire Hosting the Scottish Championship (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle\*, Russell Findlay\*

<u>S6M-17445</u> Michael Matheson: Falkirk Football Club Secures Promotion to the Scottish Premiership (lodged on 14 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

<u>S6M-17435</u> Claire Baker: Culross Primary School Wins in the Fife Category of a UK-wide The Big Walk and Wheel Competition (lodged on 07 May 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury\*, Mark Ruskell\*, Paul O'Kane\*

<u>S6M-17430</u> Karen Adam: Cross-Party Group Report on How to Reverse the Fall in the Number of Qualified Teachers of Deaf Children (lodged on 15 May 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*, Colin Beattie\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Miles Briggs\*, Rona Mackay\*, Bill Kidd\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Clare Adamson\*, Emma Roddick\*

S6M-17339 Kevin Stewart: Microplastics in Chewing Gum Research (lodged on 30 April 2025)

New Support: Michelle Thomson\*

<u>S6M-17229</u> Gillian Mackay: Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland Locum Psychiatry Survey – Report & Recommendations (lodged on 22 April 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Willie Rennie\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Sue Webber\*, Michelle Thomson\*, Finlay Carson\*

<u>S6M-17191</u> Tess White: Stonehaven Outdoor Pool to Host International Ice Swimming Association GB Championships Winter 2025 (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

<u>S6M-17190</u> Tess White: Aberdeen International Airport Launches New Krakow Service (lodged on 16 April 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

S6M-17056 Annie Wells: Celebrating Glasgow's Culinary Heritage with Taste the Place (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

**S6M-17028** Annie Wells: Rosco McClelland Wins Sir Billy Connolly Spirit of Glasgow Award

(lodged on 01 April 2025) New Support: Sue Webber\*

S6M-17027 Annie Wells: Clyde Side Model Railway Club Receives £500 Donation from the Allied Vehicles Charitable Trust (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

S6M-17026 Alexander Stewart: The Scotland Hat Walk for Brain Tumour Research Returns to Pittencrieff Park (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

S6M-17023 Douglas Ross: National Awards for Fochabers Ice Cream Parlour (lodged on 01

April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

S6M-17021 Douglas Ross: Remembering David Whalley (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

S6M-17015 Alexander Stewart: Commending Police Scotland Forth Valley Clackmannanshire Schools' Drop-in Sessions (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

S6M-17014 Sharon Dowey: 99th Ayrshire Music Festival Success (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

S6M-17013 Sharon Dowey: 2025 Fiddlers Concert Success (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

S6M-17005 Clare Adamson: George Parvin Takes the Golden Gloves at the Scottish Schoolboys Championships (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

S6M-16986 Clare Haughey: R:evolve Recycle Celebrates 10-year Anniversary (lodged on 01

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New Support: Sue Webber\*

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

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16981</u> Rachael Hamilton: Support for the Reopening of Laidlaw Memorial Pool in **Jedburgh** (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16980</u> Karen Adam: Cullen Skink World Championship Title Stays in Cullen (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16976</u> Sandesh Gulhane: Aldi Initiative to Tackle Period Poverty (lodged on 31 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16973</u> Sandesh Gulhane: Celebrating the Pioneering Work of Cardiothoracic Surgeon Dr Vipin Zamvar (lodged on 31 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16972</u> Audrey Nicoll: National Award for NHS Grampian Clinical Scientist Dr Ijeoma Okoliegbe (lodged on 31 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16969</u> Marie McNair: NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Teams Recognised at Holyrood Connect Digital Health and Care Awards (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16968</u> Marie McNair: Vicki's "Boogie for the Beatson" Fitness Classes Continue to Raise Funds for the Beatson Cancer Charity (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16964</u> Brian Whittle: DART Completes the Corner Clear Up with a Mural of Sir Alexander Fleming (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

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

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16962</u> Marie McNair: Recognising Clydebank Social Enterprise Crafting Together (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16961</u> Marie McNair: Clydesdale Harriers Celebrate 140th Anniversary (lodged on 28 March 2025)

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New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16959</u> Monica Lennon: Public Health Scotland's Scottish Burden of Disease Study Report on the Future Prevalence and Burden of Chronic Liver Disease (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16955</u> Karen Adam: Recognition of Scottish Fishing Industry Leader (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16954</u> Karen Adam: Buckie RNLI lifeboat Commitment to Maritime Safety (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16951</u> Jeremy Balfour: Congratulating PAMIS on Becoming Sole Chair of the Changing Places Toilet Consortium (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

S6M-16949 Tim Eagle: Oban Open Hits the Bullseye (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

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

New Support: Sue Webber\*

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

New Support: Sue Webber\*

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

New Support: Sue Webber\*

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

New Support: Sue Webber\*

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

New Support: Sue Webber\*

S6M-16925 Pam Gosal: Celebration of Eid ul-Fitr 2025 (lodged on 24 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

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<u>S6M-16919</u> Monica Lennon: Congratulating Aldi as the First UK Supermarket to Introduce Free Period Products in Toilets, in Partnership with Bloody Good Period (lodged on 26 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16890</u> Finlay Carson: Financial Help Given to Improve Mental Health and Wellbeing in **Dumfries and Galloway** (lodged on 26 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16885</u> Sandesh Gulhane: Alan Reid Presented with Lifetime Achievement Award at Chief Scientific Officer Awards (lodged on 26 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16879</u> Pam Gosal: Helensburgh Youth Complete Duke of Edinburgh Award at RNLI (lodged on 24 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<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: Sue Webber\*

**S6M-16798 Jackie Dunbar: Purple Day 2025** (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16452</u> Sharon Dowey: Improving Access to Hearing Care for Scotland's Ageing Population (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

S6M-15136 Colin Smyth: Justice for the Fornethy Survivors (lodged on 06 November 2024)

New Support: Ross Greer\*

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#### **Oral Questions**

# **Topical Questions selected for answer on 20 May 2025**

**1. Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the Scottish Ministers will call in appeal PPA-002-2021 on the Flamingo Land Lomond Banks resort development. (S6T-02531)

# First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 22 May 2025

- 1. Russell Findlay: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-04090)
- 2. Anas Sarwar: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-04091)
- 3. Lorna Slater: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-04092)
- **4. Willie Coffey:** To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made, regarding any implications for its work to grow Scotland's economy, of analysis from Future Economy Scotland indicating that average earnings in Scotland are £15,000 less per year than they would have been if wages had not flatlined since the financial crisis. (S6F-04115)
- **5. Graham Simpson:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to The Hunter Foundation report, *Lessons from Singapore for Scotland's Economy*. (S6F-04113)
- **6. Foysol Choudhury:** To ask the First Minister, in light of recent reported incidents, how the Scottish Government is working to prevent knife crime. (S6F-04110)

## **Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 28 May 2025**

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 21 May 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 22 May 2025.

#### Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- 1. Murdo Fraser
- 2. Roz McCall
- 3. Stephen Kerr
- 4. Ash Regan
- 5. Pam Duncan-Glancy
- 6. Karen Adam
- 7. David Torrance
- 8. Douglas Ross

#### **Health and Social Care**

- 1. Pam Gosal
- 2. Ben Macpherson
- 3. Annabelle Ewing
- 4. Liz Smith
- 5. Sue Webber
- 6. Liam Kerr

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- 7. Martin Whitfield
- 8. Clare Adamson

# Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 29 May 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 21 May 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 22 May 2025.

#### **Social Justice**

- 1. Kevin Stewart
- 2. Mark Ruskell
- 3. Alexander Stewart
- 4. Paul Sweeney
- **5.** Rachael Hamilton
- 6. Christine Grahame
- 7. Graham Simpson
- 8. Stuart McMillan

# Members selected for General Questions on 29 May 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 21 May 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 22 May 2025.

- 1. Finlay Carson
- 2. Jamie Halcro Johnston
- 3. Pauline McNeill
- 4. Tim Eagle
- 5. Richard Leonard
- 6. Collette Stevenson
- **7.** Craig Hoy
- 8. Meghan Gallacher

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# **Written Questions**

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

# Written questions lodged on 19 May 2025

<u>S6W-37026</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its public service reform programme, what proportion of its planned £280 million savings by the end of 2024-25 will have come from reductions in pay costs for the board members of (a) public sector and (b) other non-departmental bodies.

<u>S6W-37635</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported findings from a survey by Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce that more than two thirds of voters want the UK and Scottish governments to adopt a "pragmatic, domestic-first approach" to energy.

<u>S6W-37641</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what urgent steps it is taking in light of reports that nearly one in five people abandoned their call to NHS 24 in 2024.

<u>S6W-37711</u> **Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what the average waiting time has been for social care services in each year since 2018, broken down by NHS board.

<u>S6W-37712</u> **Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it has issued to NHS boards on the maximum recommended waiting times for cataract procedures, and whether NHS boards are meeting those standards.

<u>S6W-37713</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of delayed cataract surgery on patient wellbeing, including risks of falls, injuries and social isolation, particularly among older patients.

<u>S6W-37714</u> **Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of any national strategies or funding initiatives aimed at increasing the number of cataract surgeries performed.

<u>S6W-37715</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what the longest recorded waiting time has been for a cataract operation in each of the last five years, broken down by NHS board.

<u>S6W-37717</u> **Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government how many patients (a) are currently waiting for cataract surgery and (b) have been on a waiting list for cataract surgery in each of the last five years, broken down by NHS board.

<u>S6W-37718</u> **Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what the current average waiting time is for patients requiring cataract surgery, broken down by NHS board.

<u>S6W-37719</u> **Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what the average waiting time has been for access to palliative care services in each of the last five years, broken down by NHS board.

<u>S6W-37720</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government how many patients waited longer than the recommended time for palliative care services to begin in each of the last five years, broken down by NHS board.

<u>S6W-37721</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what the average waiting time has been for specialist palliative care referrals to be actioned in each of the last five years, broken down by NHS board.

<u>S6W-37722</u> **Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to reduce waiting times for access to palliative and end-of-life care services across Scotland.

<u>S6W-37723</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government how many palliative care nursing and medical posts have remained unfilled in each of the last five years, broken down by NHS board.

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<u>S6W-37724</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the number of hours of palliative care that have not been delivered due to staff shortages in the last five years, broken down by (a) year and (b) NHS board.

<u>S6W-37725</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government whether any NHS boards have reported difficulty in recruiting specialist palliative care professionals in the last five years, and what actions it has taken in response.

<u>S6W-37726</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting NHS boards to maintain palliative care provision in the context of any wider reported workforce pressures, particularly in remote and rural areas.

<u>S6W-37727</u> **Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the average referral-to-treatment times for patients receiving palliative care in (a) hospital, (b) hospice and (c) community settings for each of the last five years, broken down by NHS board.

<u>S6W-37728</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government how many patients died while waiting to access specialist palliative care services in each of the last five years, broken down by NHS board.

<u>S6W-37731</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide figures for the vacancy rate within the social care workforce, including average time to fill posts, in each NHS board since 2018.

<u>S6W-37732</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what the total estimated number of care hours required was, and how many were delivered, in each year since 2018, also broken down by NHS board.

<u>S6W-37733</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government how many delayed discharge incidents from hospital were attributable to a lack of available social care packages, in each of the last five years, also broken down by NHS board.

<u>S6W-37734</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to reduce waiting times for the commencement of social care services following assessment, and what the current expected waiting time is compared with the targets, broken down by NHS board. <u>S6W-37735</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government how many people have been on a waiting list for a social care assessment in each year since 2018, also broken down by NHS board.

<u>S6W-37736</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what the average time has been between receiving a social care assessment and delivery of a social care package in each year since 2018, also broken down by NHS board.

<u>S6W-37737</u> **Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what any shortfall in the social care workforce has been, in terms of hours of unmet care, since 2018, broken down by NHS board.

<u>S6W-37738</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government how it is addressing any regional disparities in waiting times for assessed social care packages, and whether it will provide a breakdown of what efforts are being made by each NHS board to reduce waiting times.

<u>S6W-37739</u> **Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the number of unmet care hours due to a shortage of carers in each year since 2018, broken down by NHS board.

<u>S6W-37740</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government how many individuals assessed as eligible for social care support have not received their full entitlement in each year since 2018, and what proportion of individuals assessed as needing social care support received only a partial care package in each of the last five years, both broken down by NHS board. S6W-37741 Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide the

<u>S6W-37741</u> Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide the university intake targets for medicine for the financial years 2019-20 to 2025-26, broken down by the number of students from (a) Scotland, (b) the rest of UK and (c) outside of the UK. **R** 

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**S6W-37742 Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that four horses died after running in the Scottish Grand National, and what measures are taken to ensure the welfare of horses.

S6W-37743 Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when the outcomes of the Inshore Fisheries Management Improvement Programme will be published, and when the public consultation will open.

**S6W-37744 Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-36305 by Mhairi Gougeon on 29 April 2025, what progress it has made towards its aims in the Future Fisheries Management Strategy regarding fishing gear and technology, and how this progress was informed by the post-project monitoring.

**S6W-37745 Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-36305 by Mairi Gougeon on 29 April 2025, whether the post-project monitoring will be made publicly available.

S6W-37747 Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government when it was first informed that the MV Glen Rosa would be delayed until Q2 2026.

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# **New Subordinate Legislation**

# Subject to negative procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 19 May 2025 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (2025/154)

Laid under section 16 of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964.

Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (2025/155)

Laid under section 16 of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964.

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# **Progress of Legislation**

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

# https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Assisted Dying for Terminally III Adults (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 completed, 13 May 2025

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

Care Reform (Scotland) Bill (G) (introduced as the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill) Stage 2 completed, 4 March 2025

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 May 2025
Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
(legislationteam@parliament.scot)

# Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 30 April 2025

Lead committee - Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice

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

Introduced, 2 April 2025

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# Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 2 April 2025

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Criminal Justice Committee), 11 June 2025

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 5 June with the clerks in the Legislation Team (<u>legislationteam @parliament.scot</u>)

# **Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Introduced, 14 May 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)), 21 May 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (26th Report, 2025)

# **Education (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 completed, 7 May 2025

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

# **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.

# **Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Introduced, 23 April 2025

Lead committee - Rural Affairs and Islands

#### Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 4) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 20 May 2025

# Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee), 3 June 2025

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 28 May with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam @parliament.scot)

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

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Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 20 May 2025 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (12<sup>th</sup> Report, 2025)

# Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 21 May 2025 Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 April 2025

# Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 7 May 2025

# Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 20 May 2025

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (24th Report, 2025)

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

Introduced, 17 March 2025

Lead committee - Education, Children and Young People

# Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 20 May 2025 Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 11 March 2025 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62<sup>nd</sup> Report, 2024)

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

Stage 1 completed, 27 March 2025

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (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 (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 22 May 2025 Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 May 2025

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People), 21 May 2025 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (31st Report, 2025)

## **UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture)), 8 May 2025

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

Stage 2 completed, 2 April 2025

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 May 2025
Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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# Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 27 March 2025

# **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

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

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

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

Lodged on 12 March 2025

Meeting (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 6 May 2025 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27<sup>th</sup> Report, 2025)

# **Crime and Policing Bill LCM-S6-57**

Lodged on 16 May 2025

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

Lodged on 22 November 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 1 April 2025

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (2<sup>nd</sup> Report, 2025)

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

# **Employment Rights Bill LCM-S6-53**

Lodged on 11 December 2024

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (6th Report, 2025)

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

# **Employment Rights Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-53a**

Lodged on 3 April 2025

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport), 20 May 2025 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (32nd Report, 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

Meeting (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 22 April 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 May 2025

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

Lodged on 3 March 2025

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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

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 6 May 2025 Lead committee – Social Justice and Social Security

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

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Restitution Fund (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) (30 April 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) (30 April 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

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