# Wednesday 21 May 2025 **Business Bulletin** *Iris Ghnothaichean*



# **Today's Business**

Meeting of the Parliament

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

# **Committee Meetings**

9:00am Economy and Fair Work Committee

**9:00am** Education, Children and Young People Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

**9:30am** Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

# **Meeting of the Parliament**

#### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

# 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic – Questions 1 and 3.

# Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

**1. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact on Scotland's economic growth of the UK Government white paper on immigration. (S6O-04672)

**2. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry. (<u>S60-04673</u>)

**3. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact on Scotland's labour market of the Prime Minister's recent statement on immigration policy. (S60-04674)

**4. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the effectiveness of its current export and investment support policies. (<u>S6O-04675</u>)

**5. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the economic impact of the closure of the Grangemouth oil refinery. (<u>S6O-04676</u>) **R** 

**6. Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the economy secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the potential impact on businesses and residents in the Highlands should a visitor levy be introduced. (<u>S6O-04677</u>)

**7. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what impact the National Strategy for Economic Transformation is having on the economy of the West Scotland region. (S6O-04678)

8. Emma Harper: [Withdrawn] (S6O-04679)

# **Finance and Local Government**

1. Stephanie Callaghan: [Not Lodged] (S6O-04680)

**2. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with the UK Government regarding the impact of the increase to employer national insurance contributions on local government finances. (<u>S60-04681</u>)

**3. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its decisions on local authority budget allocations, what discussions it has had with Midlothian and East Lothian councils regarding any impact on their budgets as a result of providing support in schools for additional support needs. (S6O-04682)

**4. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what it estimates the cost to local authorities has been since May 2021 of dealing with planning applications and appeals relating to new energy infrastructure, such as wind farms, pylons and battery storage facilities. (<u>S6O-04683</u>)

**5. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government how much additional funding Inverclyde Council has received since 2016, over and above its annual funding allocations. (S6O-04684)

**6. Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the impact of its Scottish income tax policy on the median income in Scotland, in light of this estimated to be £29,750 in 2025-26, based on its current policy. (S6O-04685)

**7. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the setting of budget allocations, what discussions the finance secretary has had with NHS boards regarding the National Resource Allocation Formula. (<u>S6O-04686</u>)

**8. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to allocate additional funding to Argyll and Bute Council, in light of reports of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership's funding deficit. (<u>S6O-04687</u>)

# followed by Ministerial Statement: Proposed Grangemouth Flood Protection Scheme

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

<u>S6M-17598</u> 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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-17598.2 Jamie Halcro Johnston: Empowering Scotland's Island Communities—As an amendment to motion S6M-17598 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Empowering Scotland's Island Communities), leave out from first "welcomes" to end and insert "raises significant concerns about the lack of reliable ferry services for many island communities and the challenges that this creates for islanders and businesses, as well as the absence of a long-term plan to provide solutions and funding for a much-improved ferry network; draws attention to the Scottish Human Rights Commission, which found that Scotland's islanders face a number of human rights challenges; emphasises the acute difficulties that islanders face, including in relation to the increased cost of living for households and businesses, access to health and social care, housing, fisheries, farming and island education; notes the widespread concern about depopulation and considers that not enough has been done to tackle it; highlights criticism raised about the national islands plan in terms of a lack of benefits and progress; appreciates the valuable role that the islands play in Scotland's tourist industry; raises concern about the potential impact of the Scottish Government's visitor levy on tourism; recognises the benefits brought by the energy sector on Scotland's islands, but notes that this sometimes comes into conflict with communities, and urges the Scottish Government to take clear action to tackle all challenges."

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recognises that depopulation is a major issue impacting the islands and that not enough work has been undertaken to counteract this; notes that the Scottish Government has not used the powers available to it to 'island proof' policy, resulting in the need to shelve policies such as Highly Protected Marine Areas, the ban on wood burning stoves, and the island bonds plans; believes that the Scottish Government-caused ferry fiasco has had a disastrous effect on the economy, wellbeing and future of many islands; further believes that a new procurement plan that ensures the timely replacement of all ferries is vital; recognises that islanders are best placed to make the decisions affecting their communities, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to empower island communities and ensure that there is proper local representation on ferry boards for CalMac and CMAL."

# followed by Business Motions

#### <u>S6M-17607</u> Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme— That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business-

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 Debate: Growing Community Owned Energy in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

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 Ministerial Statement: Galloway and Ayrshire National Park Proposal
- followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS Grampian
- followed by Ministerial Statement: Responding to RAAC in the Public Sector Across Scotland
- followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Tobacco and Vapes Bill UK Legislation
- followed by Business Motions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 4.50 pm Decision Time
- Tuesday 3 June 2025
- 2.00 pm Time for Reflection
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
- followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Public Participation Inquiry
- followed by Committee Announcements
- followed by Business Motions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by Members' Business
- Wednesday 4 June 2025
- 2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs; Education and Skills
- 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 5 June 2025
- 11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 11.40 am General Questions
- 12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 12.45 pm Decision Time
- followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 26 May 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

<u>S6M-17608</u> Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 20 June 2025.

<u>S6M-17609</u> Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 27 June 2025.

# followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

<u>S6M-17610</u> Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership—That the Parliament agrees that Patrick Harvie be appointed to replace Gillian Mackay as a member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

<u>S6M-17611</u> Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that Mark Ruskell be appointed to replace Gillian Mackay as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

<u>S6M-17612</u> Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

# followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

#### followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

**S6M-17172 Clare Adamson: The Harm of Gambling Addiction**—That the Parliament notes reports of the concerning rise of gambling addiction in Scotland, including in the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency; believes that gambling can have adverse impacts on the health and wellbeing of individuals, families, communities and society, such as loss of employment, debt and a deterioration of physical and mental health, and that this can lead to increased risk of suicide among individuals affected by problem gambling; understands that approximately 1% of the adult population in Scotland, around 55,000 people, is estimated to be experiencing severe gambling problems, with a further 3.8% at risk of developing gambling-related issues, according to the *Scottish Health Survey 2020*; further understands that gambling-related crime, often driven by financial desperation, poses a threat to public safety and community wellbeing, with GamCare's annual statistics report suggesting that more than 50% of individuals seeking help for gambling addiction also reported committing criminal acts to fund gambling activities; considers gambling addiction to be a significant public health issue and notes the view that it requires sustained policy intervention; believes with concern that there is an unprecedented variety of gambling apps,

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websites, online games, lotteries and social media platforms; notes with further concern marketing campaigns that promote gambling, despite the reported myriad public health concerns, and commends organisations, such as GamCare and the John Hartson Foundation, for their commitment and dedication to reducing the harm of problem gambling.

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# **Committee Meetings**

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

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

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

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

1. **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— <u>Teachers' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</u> <u>Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendment and Revocation)</u> <u>(Scotland) Regulations 2025</u>
- 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.

# Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 17th Meeting, 2025

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

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- 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-

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;

Jenny Munro, Policy and Practice Officer, Royal Town Planning Institute; 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.

# **Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 9th 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 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.

# Public Audit Committee 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.

- 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.

# Criminal Justice Committee 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.

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

# **Future Meetings of the Parliament**

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 14 May 2025

# 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

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Response to the Housing Emergency

**followed by** Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Committee Effectiveness Inquiry

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 followed by Business Motions followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions 5:00 pm Decision Time followed by Members' Business

# 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
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
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

#### 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—

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.

- Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instrument— <u>The Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations</u> <u>2025 (SSI 2025/112)</u>
- 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.

# Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Claire Menzies on 85219 or at claire.menzies@parliament.scot

#### 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 fromCommittees | Comataidhean

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.

#### Proposed future business

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

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

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

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

Frances Guy, Chief Executive, Scotland's International Development Alliance and Chair, Scottish 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

# **Motions**

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

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#### **Motions for Debate**

<u>S6M-17598</u> 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

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\*<u>S6M-17598.1</u> Rhoda Grant: Empowering Scotland's Island Communities—As an amendment to motion S6M-17598 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Empowering Scotland's Island

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Communities), leave out from first "welcomes" to end and insert "notes the first ever national islands plan; believes that much more needs to be done to support island communities; recognises that depopulation is a major issue impacting the islands and that not enough work has been undertaken to counteract this; notes that the Scottish Government has not used the powers available to it to 'island proof' policy, resulting in the need to shelve policies such as Highly Protected Marine Areas, the ban on wood burning stoves, and the island bonds plans; believes that the Scottish Government-caused ferry fiasco has had a disastrous effect on the economy, wellbeing and future of many islands; further believes that a new procurement plan that ensures the timely replacement of all ferries is vital; recognises that islanders are best placed to make the decisions affecting their communities, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to empower island communities and ensure that there is proper local representation on ferry boards for CalMac and CMAL."

#### Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

#### \*S6M-17486 Brian Whittle: Securing the Long-term Sustainability of Scotland's Health

Service—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Scottish Fiscal Commission (SFC) 2025 Fiscal Sustainability Report, which was published on 22 April 2025; notes with concern that the report indicates the potential for growing fiscal pressures over the next 50 years, largely due to the combination of Scotland's ageing population and increasingly poor public health driving up health spending; understands from the research that health spending, which is already the largest area of spending within the Scottish Budget, is projected to grow from 34% of devolved public spending in 2029-30 to 47% by 2074-75; notes the view that, as a result of demographic change, the Scottish Budget will face a significant challenge within the next 20 years unless action is taken soon to address rising levels of preventable illness, including long-term chronic conditions; further notes the view that, without any intervention, the worst case scenario set out by the SFC would leave a future Scottish administration being forced to choose between cuts to the health service or sacrificing other public services to sustain health spending; notes the view that helping people across Scotland, including in the South Scotland region, to live longer, healthier lives can reduce growth in healthcare costs as the population ages; further notes the view that this can be achieved through the delivery of a robust, preventative health agenda, integrated across multiple policy portfolios, that promotes inclusion, physical activity and good nutrition; notes the view that it is essential for the Scottish Government to set out how it proposes to address the issues identified in the 2025 Fiscal Sustainability Report, in particular the specific steps that it will take to address the forecast gap resulting from poor public health, and further notes the view that politicians from across the political spectrum need to have a shared commitment to improving public health if that goal is to be achieved.

#### Other new and altered motions and amendments

\*<u>S6M-17612</u> Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

\*<u>S6M-17611</u> Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that Mark Ruskell be appointed to replace Gillian

Mackay as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

\*<u>S6M-17610</u> Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership—That the Parliament agrees that Patrick Harvie be appointed to replace Gillian Mackay as a member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

\*<u>S6M-17609</u> Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 27 June 2025.

\*<u>S6M-17608</u> Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 20 June 2025.

#### \*S6M-17607 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme— That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business-

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 Debate: Growing Community Owned Energy in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

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 Ministerial Statement: Galloway and Ayrshire National Park Proposal
- followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS Grampian
- followed by Ministerial Statement: Responding to RAAC in the Public Sector Across Scotland
- followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Tobacco and Vapes Bill UK Legislation
- followed by Business Motions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 4.50 pm Decision Time
- Tuesday 3 June 2025
- 2.00 pm Time for Reflection
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
- followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Public Participation Inquiry
- followed by Committee Announcements
- followed by Business Motions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by Members' Business
- Wednesday 4 June 2025
- 2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs; Education and Skills
- 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 5 June 2025
- 11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 11.40 am General Questions
- 12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 12.45 pm Decision Time

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# followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 26 May 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

\*S6M-17583 Carol Mochan: Carers Week 2025—That the Parliament welcomes Carers Week 2025, which is an annual campaign that, in 2025, will take place from 9 to 15 June and is on the theme, Caring About Equality, for people to come together to recognise the contribution of 627,715 unpaid carers in Scotland, including 28,000 young carers under the age of 18; understands that it is organised by six charities in Scotland, which are Carers Scotland, Carers Trust Scotland, MND Scotland, Oxfam Scotland, the Lewy Body Society and Age Scotland; further understands that there will be hundreds of events held across the country, which will reach out to thousands of unpaid carers and young carers; recognises the significance of the contribution of unpaid carers who, it believes, are the backbone of Scotland's health and social care system, and without whom it would collapse; recognises what it sees as the inequalities faced by unpaid carers, including a greater risk of poverty, social isolation, poor mental and physical health, and believes that unpaid carers can miss opportunities in their education, careers or personal lives, just because of their caring role; considers that the unpaid labour that carers in Scotland provide saves the economy £15.9 billion each year, a figure that has reportedly increased by 19.4% since 2011; believes that every effort should be made to recognise this contribution and ensure that unpaid carers of all ages receive the support that they need to address and prevent the inequalities that they experience, and wishes Carers Week every success.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Sarah Boyack\*, Katy Clark\*, Pam Gosal\*, Beatrice Wishart\*, Liam McArthur\*, Finlay Carson\*

\*S6M-17582 Paul Sweeney: Scottish Opera's Breath Cycle Wins Prestigious International Innovation Award—That the Parliament congratulates Scottish Opera on winning the worldwide Classical:NEXT Innovation Award for its pioneering health and arts initiative, Breath Cycle; understands that Breath Cycle, established in 2012, provides vital support to people with various respiratory illnesses and conditions, now including long COVID; notes that the programme has benefited nearly 2,500 participants across Scotland and further afield; recognises the reported improvements in participants' mental and physical health, energy levels and confidence; understands that this prestigious international award recognises Breath Cycle as "a groundbreaking project that is shaping the future of classical music worldwide" and celebrates its commitment to progress through "bold, yet thoughtful and effective, experimentation in ideas, planning, and action"; commends Scottish Opera for its leadership in demonstrating what it sees as the significant health and wellbeing benefits of the arts, and considers this achievement as a testament to Scotland's innovative contributions to both cultural excellence and public health.

Supported by: Clare Adamson\*

\*S6M-17581 Gordon MacDonald: Heriot-Watt University Opens New £2.5 Million Optical

**Ground Station**—That the Parliament welcomes the opening of the new £2.5 million Quantum Communications Hub Optical Ground Station (HOGS) on 2 May 2025, which is located at Heriot-Watt University's research park; believes that this cutting-edge facility represents a significant leap forward in the UK's space and quantum capabilities; understands that HOGS uses advanced laser technology to communicate with satellites in ways that could make data breaches a thing of the past; further understands that the ground station marks a transition from traditional radio frequency communications to optical links that offer significantly higher data rates and improved security; notes that the facility will also monitor and track space debris, which, it understands, is a growing

concern as Earth's orbit becomes increasingly congested; believes that the facility will also pioneer new techniques in high-speed optical communications that could power future 6G networks and beyond; considers that the new facility is not only an academic research tool but an economic catalyst, which further enhances Heriot-Watt University's leading expertise in quantum communications; believes that the ground station represents a major step towards the creation of a space cluster at Heriot-Watt University's Edinburgh campus; understands that HOGS is part of the Quantum Communications Hub project, funded through the UK National Quantum Technologies Programme, and involves collaboration with the universities of Bristol, Strathclyde and York, and wishes everyone associated with the project success in developing next-generation secure communications and helping produce the space workforce of tomorrow.

Supported by: Clare Adamson\*

\*S6M-17580 Martin Whitfield: Forces Children's Rights Charter—That the Parliament celebrates the incorporation of the *Forces Children's Rights Charter* by Forces Children Scotland after the Month of the Military Child in April 2025; commends the co-production of the Charter by children and young people as a testament to the vision and values of children and young people who refuse to be left out of the conversation; supports the need for decision-makers to consider the impact of forces life upon children and young people, to hear their opinions, and to show how decisions and policies affect them, as set out under Articles 12, 13 and 42 of the Charter; further supports and celebrates their identity as forces children, as set out under Articles 7 and 15; acknowledges what it sees as the special circumstances faced by forces children in education, and the need for their education and development to be disrupted as little as possible, as set out under Articles 28 and 29, and recognises what it sees as the compatibility and interconnectedness with the rights expressed in the *Children's Forces Charter* with those enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart\*, Monica Lennon\*, Beatrice Wishart\*, Miles Briggs\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Bill Kidd\*, Liam McArthur\*, Clare Adamson\*

\*<u>S6M-17579</u> Sharon Dowey: Beat the Street Carrick Success—That the Parliament commends the work of Beat the Street Carrick, an interactive travel game that encourages walking, cycling and wheeling to get people moving, on a hugely successful programme; understands that Beat the Street was delivered from 12 February to 12 March 2025 in Dunure, Maybole, Maidens, Kirkmichael, Girvan, Ballantrae, Straiton, Colmonell, Barrhill, Dailly, Crosshill, Minishant and Kirkoswald; further understands that funding was provided by Paths for All's Community Transition Fund to Culzean Primary School and that the project was delivered by Intelligent Health on behalf of South Ayrshire Council; notes that over the four-week programme, there were 3,276 players, equating to over one fifth of the population of Carrick taking part, and that 40,554 collective miles were achieved through walking, wheeling and cycling; commends the work of all those involved in Beat the Street across Carrick, and wishes them every success in their future initiatives.

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#### \*S6M-17578 Douglas Lumsden: 50th Anniversary of the UK's First Oil Field Production—

That the Parliament notes that June 2025 will mark the 50th anniversary of the first commercial offshore oil production in the UK; understands that the Argyll field, located 190 miles south east of Aberdeen, began production in June 1975 following its discovery in 1971; acknowledges what it sees as the legacy of the offshore oil and gas industry in delivering jobs, growing the economy and

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contributing to the UK's energy security; celebrates that contribution, and believes that offshore oil and gas production should continue to be supported in order to continue to serve domestic oil and gas demand, create jobs and protect energy security.

Supported by: Douglas Ross\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Pam Gosal\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Annie Wells\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Colin Beattie\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Russell Findlay\*

\*S6M-17577 Clare Adamson: Calderbridge Primary School Sportscotland Gold School Sports Award—That the Parliament congratulates Calderbridge Primary School in Coltness on achieving the sportscotland Gold School Sports Award for the second time; understands that the sportscotland School Sports Award is a national initiative designed to encourage schools to continuously improve physical education (PE) and school sport, and that the Gold level recognises schools that demonstrate excellence across a range of areas, including leadership, pupil engagement, and a commitment to providing high-quality sporting opportunities for all; commends the dedication of the Calderbridge Sports Committee and the entire school community for their ongoing efforts to promote physical activity, health, and wellbeing among pupils; recognises the success of their recent Sports Week, which featured a range of high-energy events and new sporting experiences designed to foster fitness, fun, and teamwork, and wishes the school continued success in nurturing a lifelong love of sport and physical activity in its pupils.

\*<u>S6M-17576</u> Clare Adamson: James Paterson Runs Over 100 Miles for Charity — That the Parliament congratulates James Paterson, of Wishaw, on his outstanding fundraising efforts in support of Children 1st; understands that, less than a week after completing the London Marathon in a personal best time, he undertook a gruelling 24-hour running challenge, during which he covered nearly 100 miles; notes that James has taken part in the London Marathon every year since 2009, raising vital funds for Children 1st, which supports vulnerable children and families across Scotland; recognises the incredible physical and mental commitment required for such sustained efforts, and commends James for his dedication, endurance, and ongoing support of a cause that it believes is making a meaningful difference to the lives of children.

\*<u>S6M-17575</u> Paul Sweeney: Congratulations to Colston Wellpark Church on its 110th Anniversary —That the Parliament congratulates Colston Wellpark Church in Glasgow on a successful event to mark the 110th anniversary of its establishment; believes that the Colston Wellpark Church has provided a haven for the local community since 1915 by practicing the inclusive love and radical kindness that was modelled by Jesus; understands that Colston Wellpark Church is particularly dedicated to treating others with Christ-like compassion; commends the Colston Wellpark Church leadership for its dedication to the wellbeing of the community as a whole, and wishes all those who are part of the Colston Wellpark Church community a very happy 110th anniversary.

\*<u>S6M-17574</u> Stephanie Callaghan: Welcoming the Breathing Space Bench to Uddingston

**Station**—That the Parliament welcomes the unveiling of a new Breathing Space bench at Uddingston Train Station as part of Mental Health Awareness Week; recognises what it sees as the importance of providing spaces that encourage individuals to pause, reflect, and engage in meaningful conversations about their mental health; notes that Uddingston is one of five stations across Scotland to receive the latest Breathing Space benches, bringing the national total to 12; commends the collaborative efforts of Network Rail, ScotRail, NHS 24's Breathing Space service, the Samaritans, and local authorities in delivering this initiative; considers the value of such inclusive and accessible spaces in fostering a culture of openness and support around mental health; expresses gratitude to all those involved in bringing the project to life, and hopes that the

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bench will be embraced by the community of Uddingston and beyond as a lasting symbol of care, connection, and collective resilience.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour\*, Monica Lennon\*, Rona Mackay\*, Colin Beattie\*, Miles Briggs\*, Bill Kidd\*, Karen Adam\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stuart McMillan\*, David Torrance\*

\*<u>S6M-17573</u> Clare Adamson: Team CVHS Kiltwalk 2025—That the Parliament commends staff of Clyde Valley High School (CVHS), in Wishaw, for participating in the Glasgow Kiltwalk's Mighty Stride on 27 April 2025 to raise funds for St Andrew's Hospice; understands that the staff began their Kiltwalk from Glasgow Green, walking 23 miles to Balloch Castle Country Park and raising funds of £3,833; recognises that Team CVHS has participated in the Kiltwalk five times, raising a total of £28,717.86; further understands that Kiltwalk is a unique fundraising organisation, which supports many charities across Scotland, and that it has become one of the best-known and most well-attended charity events in Scotland; notes that St Andrew's Hospice provides specialist palliative care to people living with life-limiting illnesses, and that its mission, which is to provide support not only for patients but also for their loved ones and carers, is central to its ethos, and thanks Clyde Valley High School and all those who have donated to this cause.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Monica Lennon\*, Bill Kidd\*, David Torrance\*, Miles Briggs\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*

\*<u>S6M-17569</u> Paul O'Kane: Arthurlie FC Wins West of Scotland Football League First Division Trophy—That the Parliament congratulates Barrhead's Arthurlie Football Club on its fantastic season culminating with a draw against Petershill FC to secure the West of Scotland Football League First Division; commends Arthurlie Football Club on its hard-fought campaign, which saw it need only one point out of its final four games to succeed in its title push; acknowledges the amount of work and dedication that has gone into this season from coach, Kevin Rutkiewicz, and all of his players; further congratulates everyone involved in the club, its supporters and the whole community, and wishes them every success in the Premier division campaign next season and beyond that.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Gillian Mackay\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Martin Whitfield\*, Colin Beattie\*, Miles Briggs\*

\*<u>S6M-17536</u> Ash Regan: Congratulating Dawn Craig on Winning Outstanding Community Link Worker of the Year—That the Parliament congratulates Dawn Craig on being named Outstanding Community Link Worker of the Year at the Scottish Community Link Worker Network Conference; notes that Dawn joined Carr Gomm in Edinburgh in October 2023 and has since worked closely with patients who experience significant health inequalities and financial hardship; recognises what it sees as her vital contribution to the team at Carr Gomm, where her work has helped to address these inequalities and support improved health and wellbeing within the community; commends her commitment to compassionate, person-centred care, particularly her strength in working closely with vulnerable patients, and recognises what it sees as the invaluable role and dedication of community link workers across Scotland.

#### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

<u>S6M-17589</u> Ben Macpherson: Congratulating Rohan Seilman of A.R.Ts Afternoon on Scottish Charity Awards Nomination (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

# <u>S6M-17572</u> Douglas Lumsden: Port of Aberdeen Celebrates Strong Financial Performance (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

# <u>S6M-17571</u> Gillian Mackay: Recognising Unpaid Carers (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

<u>S6M-17570</u> Alexander Burnett: Burnett Arms Receives Highly Recommended Accolade in the Best Pub Category at The Entertainment and Hospitality Awards. (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Tess White\*

<u>S6M-17568</u> Ariane Burgess: Congratulations to Tighean Innse Gall on Becoming Living Wage Employers (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

<u>S6M-17567</u> Jackie Baillie: Welcoming the New Report by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Scotland (RCPCH) (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

<u>S6M-17565</u> Annie Wells: Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland Launches New Tartan in Partnership with ScotlandShop (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Liam McArthur\*, Craig Hoy\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Douglas Ross\*, Edward Mountain\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Colin Beattie\*, Bill Kidd\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Miles Briggs\*, Tim Eagle\*, Brian Whittle\*, Russell Findlay\*, Karen Adam\*, Liam Kerr\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Pam Gosal\*, Tess White\*

<u>S6M-17564</u> Annie Wells: Glasgow's First Merchant Navy Memorial Unveiled (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Craig Hoy\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Miles Briggs\*, Douglas Ross\*, Edward Mountain\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Colin Beattie\*, Bill Kidd\*, John Mason\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Tim Eagle\*, Brian Whittle\*, Russell Findlay\*, Karen Adam\*, Liam Kerr\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Pam Gosal\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Tess White\*

<u>S6M-17563</u> Annie Wells: Glasgow Organist's Tribute to City's 850th Anniversary (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Craig Hoy\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Miles Briggs\*, Edward Mountain\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Douglas Ross\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Colin Beattie\*, Bill Kidd\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Tim Eagle\*, Brian Whittle\*, Russell Findlay\*, Liam Kerr\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Pam Gosal\*, Tess White\*

<u>S6M-17562</u> Craig Hoy: Welcoming Portman Group's "Taking responsibility for alcohol regulation" 2024 Report (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Tess White\*

S6M-17561 Christine Grahame: Peeblesshire Foodbank (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Karen Adam\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

<u>S6M-17560</u> Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Fascination of Plants Day 2025 (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, David Torrance\*, Karen Adam\*

# <u>S6M-17559</u> Emma Harper: Garden of Remembrance, Dumfries (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, David Torrance\*, Karen Adam\*, Alex Rowley\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

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

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Graham Simpson\*, Craig Hoy\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Tim Eagle\*, Russell Findlay\*, Liam Kerr\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Tess White\*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Tess White\*

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

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy\*

<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: David Torrance\*, Karen Adam\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

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

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Karen Adam\*

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

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Karen Adam\*

<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: Karen Adam\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*, Karen Adam\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*, Alex Rowley\*, Karen Adam\*, Tess White\*

<u>S6M-17546</u> Jeremy Balfour: Scots Selected for Upcoming British and Irish Lions Rugby Tour in Australia (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Edward Mountain\*, Tess White\*

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

New Support: Karen Adam\*

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

New Support: Karen Adam\*

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

New Support: Emma Harper\*, David Torrance\*, Karen Adam\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*, Alex Rowley\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Alexander Burnett\* R

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*, Karen Adam\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Tess White\*

<u>S6M-17540</u> Pauline McNeill: Increasing Risk of Famine in Palestine (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Alex Rowley\*, Karen Adam\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Karen Adam\*, Douglas Lumsden\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Alex Rowley\*, Karen Adam\*, Douglas Lumsden\*

<u>S6M-17529</u> Alexander Burnett: Aberdeenshire farmer, Jilly Grant, Wins Innovation Award (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Karen Adam\*, Douglas Lumsden\*

S6M-17528 Colin Beattie: Lisbon Maru Sinking, 1942 (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Karen Adam\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, John Mason\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Miles Briggs\*, Audrey Nicoll\* **R**, Bill Kidd\*, David Torrance\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

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

New Support: Foysol Choudhury\*, Sarah Boyack\*, Monica Lennon\*, Pauline McNeill\*, Mercedes Villalba\*, Rhoda Grant\*, Carol Mochan\*

<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: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Karen Adam\*, Douglas Lumsden\*

<u>S6M-17522</u> Foysol Choudhury: Celebrating Andrew Ashe's 48th Anniversary of Service at Bidfood Wholesalers in Edinburgh (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing\*, Miles Briggs\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Bill Kidd\*

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

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Karen Adam\*, Mercedes Villalba\*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

<u>S6M-17505</u> Paul O'Kane: Johnstone Restaurant Named Best Family Restaurant in Scottish Entertainment and Hospitality Awards (lodged on 13 May 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Karen Adam\*

<u>S6M-17491</u> Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Donside Pupil Recognised with Kindness Award (lodged on 12 May 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy\*

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

New Support: Emma Roddick\*

S6M-17483 Pam Gosal: Celebrating EKTA Group's 25th Anniversary (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Annie Wells\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Craig Hoy\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Edward Mountain\*, Tim Eagle\*, Brian Whittle\*, Russell Findlay\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Tess White\*

<u>S6M-17477</u> Jackie Baillie: International Nurses' Day 2025 (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy\*

<u>S6M-17472</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: Celebrating Highlands and Islands' Success in the Gold School Sport Awards (lodged on 09 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

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

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Douglas Lumsden\*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

<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)

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New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Alex Rowley\*, Karen Adam\*

<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: Ben Macpherson\*, David Torrance\*

<u>S6M-17419</u> Michelle Thomson: 30 Years on from the Bosnian Genocide in Srebrenica (lodged on 13 May 2025)

New Support: Pauline McNeill\*

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

New Support: Emma Roddick\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Finlay Carson\*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*, Sandesh Gulhane\* **R**, Mercedes Villalba\*, Liz Smith\*, Brian Whittle\*

<u>S6M-17053</u> Katy Clark: Legislative Framework on Restraint and Seclusion. (lodged on 04 April 2025)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

<u>S6M-17043</u> Annie Wells: University of Strathclyde Retains the Glasgow Taxis Cup (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-17042</u> Annie Wells: Congratulating Govan Music Festival on a Successful Fourth Edition (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-17040</u> Annie Wells: Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust Super Sundays (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-17039</u> Annie Wells: Race for Life Returns to Glasgow (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-17038</u> Annie Wells: Glasgow Homeless Charity Wins Top UK Health Award (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-17037</u> Annie Wells: Texas's Sharleen Spiteri and BBC Newsreader to Receive Honorary Degrees from University of Glasgow (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-17036</u> Annie Wells: Care Home Regional Directors Compete in Charity Cook-off (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-17035</u> Annie Wells: St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School's Achievement in the START Competition (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-17034</u> Annie Wells: Promoting Camogie in the East End of Glasgow (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-17033</u> Annie Wells: Celebrating Free Screenings and Anniversary Events at the Glasgow Film Theatre (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-17031</u> Annie Wells: Glasgow Airport FlightPath Fund to Provide £130,000 in Community Support in 2025 (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-17030</u> Annie Wells: New Modelling Tool to Help Protect Wildlife from Offshore Developments (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-17029</u> Annie Wells: City Building Supports Over 50 Charities Across Glasgow (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-17024</u> Sandesh Gulhane: New £28 Million Animation Studio to Open in Glasgow (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16998</u> Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating Janet Dyer and her Dog Sophie on Success at Crufts 2025 (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16996</u> Sarah Boyack: 30 Years of Edinburgh's World Heritage Status (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16990</u> Ruth Maguire: Glasgow Kiltwalk Fundraiser in Memory of Ava Nelson (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16988</u> Ruth Maguire: Bourtreehill Park Woodland Trail, Irvine (lodged on 01 April 2025) New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16987</u> Ruth Maguire: Kilwinning Community Fire Station Fundraiser (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16975</u> Alexander Burnett: Jamie and Jo Embark on a Pilgrimage Around the British Isles (lodged on 31 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

<u>S6M-16974</u> Alexander Burnett: River Dee Walk Banchory to Milton of Crathes Named the Fifth Best Accessible Walk in the UK (lodged on 31 March 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

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

New Support: Elena Whitham\*

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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 20 May 2025

<u>S6W-35471</u> Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to assist NHS boards with the implementation of systems and record-keeping procedures to ensure patient safety in hospitals.

<u>S6W-35472</u> Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to update any policies that it has on the procedures for NHS patients and staff to follow when (a) reporting and (b) raising concerns regarding sexual assault.

<u>S6W-36969</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the recommendation by the Care Inspectorate, in its *Guidance for children and young people's* services on the inclusion of transgender including non-binary young people, to "Use gender-inclusive language, such as 'come on everybody' instead of 'come on boys and girls'".

<u>S6W-36970</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the Care Inspectorate's *Guidance for children and young people's services on the inclusion of transgender including non-binary young people* is compatible with the value of free speech. <u>S6W-36971</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it has issued to the Care Inspectorate in relation to children in care and the protection of biological sex-based rights. <u>S6W-37030</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what due diligence or feasibility assessments it has conducted on the (a) costs, (b) risks and (c) implications of nationalising the Grangemouth oil refinery.

<u>S6W-37031</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential impact on investor confidence in (a) the Grangemouth oil refinery and (b) Scotland more broadly of the First Minister's recent remarks regarding nationalisation of the refinery.

<u>S6W-37085</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the reported ministerial pay rise of almost £20,000, whether it will publish the evidence base underpinning the reported comment by the Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport that "it won't cost the public purse a penny extra".

<u>S6W-37154</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take to ensure that all perspectives, including those of women's rights campaigners, are included in future stakeholder consultations on sex-based rights and equality policy.

<u>S6W-37156</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review future grant funding for any activist groups found to have been spreading misinformation and hostility in relation to the expression of gender-critical views.

<u>S6W-37248</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its work to promote Scottish businesses, and in light of its guidance on due diligence and human rights, whether the Minister for Business raised the issue of human rights on his recent trip to China.

<u>S6W-37252</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Minister for Business raised the issue of investment by Chinese companies in offshore wind infrastructure in Scotland during his recent trip to China.

<u>S6W-37598</u> Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has made of any impact that fire contaminants may have on the health of an unborn child.

<u>S6W-37604</u> Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its public sector pay policies and its commitment to fair work, what its position is on whether statutory maternity pay is adequate for a family to live on.

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<u>S6W-37615</u> Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recently published, *Allegations in Foster Care Toolkit*, by the Fostering Network, what its position is on what impact the investigation of unsubstantiated allegations will have on retaining and attracting foster carers.

<u>S6W-37616</u> Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting electric vehicle users, who live in properties without a private driveway, to charge their vehicles.

<u>S6W-37617</u> Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government how it is (a) promoting the (i) purchase and (ii) use of electric vehicles and (b) working with (i) car dealerships and (ii) manufacturers to make electric vehicles more affordable, in light of reports that the cost and lack of access to charging points is prohibitive for many.

<u>S6W-37620</u> Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding reducing the VAT rate that public electric vehicle chargers are subject to, in light of reports that this is one of the reasons why charging on rapid chargers can cost over 75p per kWh.

<u>S6W-37630</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether it is acceptable for different parts of the public sector to apply different policies regarding access to single-sex facilities.

<u>S6W-37631</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of what the risk of legal challenge would be for any public bodies that continue to apply policies of gender self-identification in relation to access to single-sex spaces.

<u>S6W-37664</u> Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-36183 by Mairi Gougeon on 9 April 2025, when it expects to finalise any requirement for remote electronic monitoring on (a) inshore and (b) offshore trawl fleets.

<u>S6W-37665</u> Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-36185 by Mairi Gougeon on 11 April 2025, how many boats have been allocated a quota for West of Scotland cod; and what specific selective fishing (a) gear and (b) methods that are associated with a lower environmental impact have been incentivised by the application method.

<u>S6W-37748</u> Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government which budget the additional funds, which Ferguson Marine has reportedly requested to complete the MV Glen Rosa by Q2 2026, will be drawn from.

<u>S6W-37749</u> Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to the urgent question by Kate Forbes on 14 May 2025, when it established the small review team to have oversight on the completion of the MV Glen Rosa.

<u>S6W-37750</u> Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to the urgent question by Kate Forbes on 14 May 2025, whether it will provide an outline of the work of the small review team that will now meet weekly to discuss the completion of the MV Glen Rosa.

<u>S6W-37757</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that £865,000 of bonuses were paid out to Scottish National Investment Bank staff, what its position is on whether this represents value for money.

<u>S6W-37758</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any oversight over the total level of bonuses paid out by the Scottish National Investment Bank.

<u>S6W-37759</u> Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-34497 by Alasdair Allan on 19 February 2025, by what date it will publish the Nature Conservation Order to protect the Parallel Roads of Lochaber Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) at Achnabobane.

<u>S6W-37760</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether Scotland's Railway should utilise surplus steel, in light of reports that there is several million

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pounds worth of surplus steel from the Edinburgh Glasgow Improvement Programme in long-term storage at Bridgeton Yard.

<u>S6W-37761</u> Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve data collection across (a) social care, (b) general practice and (c) NHS services.

<u>S6W-37764</u> Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government when its review into nursing student finance will conclude, and when it will publish the findings.

<u>S6W-37775</u> Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports of a six-fold increase in ferry cancellations due to technical faults on the Clyde and Hebrides routes, what specific measures it is taking to improve service reliability and maintain consistent connectivity for island communities.

<u>S6W-37777</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what actions it has taken to ensure that vulnerable adults receive their spring COVID-19 vaccine.

<u>S6W-37781</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to expand the deployment of solar panels across the NHS Scotland estate.

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# **New Bills and Accompanying Documents**

# New Bills introduced or reprinted on 20 May 2025

**Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make it an offence to obtain the performance of sexual acts by a person; to repeal offences of solicitation and provide for the quashing of certain convictions for offences of solicitation; to provide for support for persons in prostitution; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 69) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Ash Regan

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 69–EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 69–FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 69–PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 69–DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 69–LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

**Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed. (SP Bill 25B) (Government Bill)

#### New accompanying documents printed on 20 May 2025

Education (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2) — A Supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum has been printed. (SP Bill 49A–DPM)

# **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

Lead committee – Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice

# 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 (26<sup>th</sup> 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 (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.

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

Introduced, 23 April 2025 Lead committee – Rural Affairs and Islands

# Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 5) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 27 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 (<u>legislationteam@parliament.scot</u>)

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

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

# Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 20 May 2025

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

Passed, 20 May 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 (<u>legislationteam@parliament.scot</u>) Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (14<sup>th</sup> 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 (31<sup>st</sup> 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 (<u>legislationteam@parliament.scot</u>)

# 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 (6<sup>th</sup> Report, 2025)

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

Lodged on 11 December 2024 Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (6<sup>th</sup> Report, 2025) Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (16<sup>th</sup> 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 (32<sup>nd</sup> Report, 2025)

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022) Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27<sup>th</sup> 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

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

# 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) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024) Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)

# **Tobacco and Vapes Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-51a**

Lodged on 28 March 2025

Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (3<sup>rd</sup> Report, 2025) Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (29<sup>th</sup> Report, 2025)

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

#### Affirmative instruments

#### Subject to approval by 18 May 2025

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

#### Subject to approval by 3 June 2025

Town and Country Planning (Marine Fish Farming) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) (25 April 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

#### Subject to approval by 8 June 2025

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)

#### Subject to approval by 9 June 2025

Regional Strategic Bodies and Regional Colleges (Glasgow and Lanarkshire) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) (1 May 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

#### Subject to approval by 10 June 2025

Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) (2 May 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) (2 May 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) (2 May 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

# Subject to approval by 24 June 2025

Home Detention Curfew (Amendment of Specified Time Periods) (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) (16 May 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

# **Negative instruments**

Subject to annulment 26 May 2025 Lead committee report due by 19 May 2025

Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Saving Provisions) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/101) (1 April 2025) (Criminal justice Committee)

#### Subject to annulment 28 May 2025 Lead committee report due by 26 May 2025

Disease Control (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/108) (3 April 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

#### Subject to annulment 2 June 2025 Lead committee report due by 26 May 2025

Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/112) (24 April 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/113) (24 April 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Police Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/114) (24 April 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

<u>Teachers' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/121)</u> (24 April 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 6 June 2025 Lead committee report due by 2 June 2025

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/124) (28 April 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/125) (28 April 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Local Reviews) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/126) (28 April 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

# Subject to annulment 9 June 2025 Lead committee report due by 2 June 2025

Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendment and Revocation) (Scotland) <u>Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/136)</u> (1 May 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Local Services Franchises Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/137) (1 May 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

#### Subject to annulment 10 June 2025 Lead committee report due by 9 June 2025

Human Tissue (Supply of Information about Transplants) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/139) (2 May 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

# Subject to annulment 21 June 2025 Lead committee report due by 16 June 2025

Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) (Recognition of Qualifications) Order 2025 (SI 2025/555) (13 May 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

# Subject to annulment 23 June 2025 Lead committee report due by 23 June 2025

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (2025/149) (15 May 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Education (Appeal Committee Procedures) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (2025/144) (15 May 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments and Forms) Regulations 2025 (2025/145) (15 May 2025) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

<u>Valuation (Proposals Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (2025/146)</u> (15 May 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

<u>Health Boards (Membership and Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (2025/147)</u> (*15 May 2025*) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Highland Council) Designation Amendment Order 2025 (2025/148) (15 May 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

#### Subject to annulment 24 June 2025 Lead committee report due by 23 June 2025

Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/150) (15 May 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

<u>St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/151)</u> (*15 May 2025*) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

<u>Teachers' Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/152)</u> (15 May 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

# Subject to annulment 27 June 2025 Lead committee report due by 23 June 2025

Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (2025/154) (19 May 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (2025/155) (19 May 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

# Document subject to parliamentary control

# Subject to approval by 23 June 2025

<u>SPSO Statement Complaint Handling Principles</u> (23 April 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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# **New Documents**

#### **Committee Reports**

The following report will be published on 22 May 2025-

Criminal Justice Committee, 4th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Criminal Justice Committee 2024-25 (SP Paper 790)

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

#### **Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 20 May 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Climate Change Plan Update Monitoring Report 2025: Electricity (SG/2025/73) laid under section 35(b) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

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