

Tuesday 27 May 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Dr Yahya Barry, Imam, Shah Jalal Mosque

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 — S6M-16194 Elena Whitham: Common Ground Forum on Deer

Committee Meetings

8:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

9:00am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:00am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:00am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

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S6M-17648 Gillian Martin: Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland—That the Parliament believes that Scotland must increase community-owned energy production, and supports communities being aided to achieve this; welcomes that, since its inception, the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) has advised over 1,300 organisations and provided over £67 million in funding to support over 990 projects; notes that the new Community Energy Generation Growth Fund will provide up to £8 million to boost community energy in Scotland, and believes that the development of renewables at all scales in Scotland should benefit consumers, communities and the economy.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-17648.3 Douglas Lumsden: Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-17648 in the name of Gillian Martin (Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland), insert at end “; recognises that community consent needs to be at the heart of energy production; notes with concern that pylons and other electricity infrastructure are increasingly being built without the support of residents, and calls on the Scottish Government to give these communities more say over local energy production.”

S6M-17648.1 Sarah Boyack: Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-17648 in the name of Gillian Martin (Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland), insert at end “; welcomes the £4 million in funding from Great British Energy to fund half of the Community Energy Generation Growth Fund; believes that, as well as community groups, councils and public sector organisations are well placed to host, or collaborate on, community renewables projects, community heat projects, municipal ownership and co-operative models; further believes that land reform should mean the chance for communities to be able to have priority access to land when it becomes available; notes that there are a range of different technologies that could be utilised for community-owned energy projects, including wind, solar and hydro schemes among others, in both urban and rural Scotland; acknowledges that the Scottish Government could help to grow the sector by opening up the government electricity supply contract to community generators, which are currently denied access to the market, whether directly through conditions of tender or indirectly through procurement; calls on public bodies to create space for community ownership where possible by making public land and buildings available to community energy groups, and calls on the Scottish Government to work productively with the UK Government to create further opportunities for communities to own a meaningful stake in energy infrastructure through partnering with Great British Energy.”

S6M-17648.2 Patrick Harvie: Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-17648 in the name of Gillian Martin (Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland), insert at end “; acknowledges that any significant increase in public,

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community and shared ownership of energy infrastructure will require new and increased forms of support from the Scottish Government, including making public land available for energy projects and diversifying the ownership of existing energy assets; considers that community ownership of heat networks offers further opportunities to maximise the social, economic and environmental benefit of heat decarbonisation, and calls on the Scottish Government to build on its relationship with Denmark to draw on its experience of both shared ownership of renewables and developing heat networks built and operated on a not-for-profit basis."

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-16194](#) Elena Whitham: Common Ground Forum on Deer—That the Parliament recognises the recent Nature of Scotland Award for Innovation to the Common Ground Forum for its work addressing challenging conflicts and relationships in the deer management sector; welcomes that the forum has brought together stakeholders, including land managers and conservationists, to build consensus and common understanding; notes what it sees as the importance of effective deer management, both in achieving nature restoration and the viability of rural businesses in many parts of the country, including in Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, and notes the view that all sides of the deer sector should continue to embed the Common Ground Forum's approach.

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Committees Comataidhean				

Committee Meetings

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

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 16th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/124) and the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Local Reviews) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/126) from—
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Thomas Barratt, Head of Development Management, Scott Ferrie, Deputy Director, Chief Report Planning Environmental Appeals, Andy Kinnaird, Head of Transforming Planning, and Chris Sinclair, Policy Manager, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/124)
[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Local Reviews\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/126)
- Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 5).
- Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 12 May 2024 to 13 May 2025.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 18th Meeting, 2025

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

- Care Reform (Scotland) Bill: Financial Summary:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Maree Todd, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, John Paul Liddle, Deputy Director for the National Care Service, Ryan Anderson, Head of Digital Health and Care Policy and Strategy Unit, and Lee Flannigan, Head of National Care Service Finance, Scottish Government.
- Cost-effectiveness of Scottish public inquiries:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Rt Hon. Lord Hardie, Former Chair, Edinburgh Tram Inquiry;
Rebecca McKee, Senior Researcher, Institute for Government;
Dr Emma Ireton, Associate Professor, Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University;
and then from—
Michael Clancy, Director of Law Reform, Law Society of Scotland;
Laura Dunlop KC, Convener, Law Reform Committee, Faculty of Advocates;
Richard Pugh KC, Compass Chambers.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 16th Meeting, 2025

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The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Patrick Harvie will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 and 7 in private.
3. **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Douglas Ross, Member in Charge of the Bill, Alison Fraser, Solicitor, Legal Services, and Neil Stewart, Senior Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, Scottish Parliament.
4. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum [LCM-S6-53a](#) from—
Maree Todd, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Stephen Garland, Unit Head, Fair Work Division, Lucy McMichael, Head of Branch, Social Care Legal Services Unit, and Martin Reid, Unit Head, Adult Social Care Workforce and Fair Work, Scottish Government.
5. **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3 and the evidence heard at its last meeting.
6. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4, the evidence heard at its last meeting and a draft report on supplementary legislative consent memorandum [LCM-S6-53a](#).
7. **Annual Report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 19th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 9 in private.
2. **Planning and Infrastructure Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S6)56 from—
Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, Alan Brogan, Head of Operational Delivery, Energy Consents Unit, and Robert Martin, Policy and Administration Team Leader, Energy Consents Unit, Scottish Government;
Nick Gosling, Head of Maritime Policy, Transport Scotland;
Anne Cairns, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2025](#) and the [Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland \(Designation of Scheme Administrator\) Order 2025](#) from—
Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, Giles Hendry, Policy Officer, Deposit Return Scheme, Ailsa Heine, Solicitor, and Haydn Thomas, Producer Responsibility Unit Head, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy) to move—S6M-17469—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy) to move—S6M-17470—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

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6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Environmental Regulation \(Enforcement Measures\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025](#) from—
Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, Alex Brown, Packaging Senior Policy adviser, Ailsa Heine, Solicitor, and Haydn Thomas, Producer Responsibility Unit Head, Scottish Government.
7. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy) to move—S6M-17471—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] be approved.
8. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—[Public Service Vehicles \(Registration of Local Services\) \(Local Services Franchises Transitional Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/137)
9. **Planning and Infrastructure Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 18th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—[Home Detention Curfew \(Amendment of Specified Time Periods\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Bankruptcy and Diligence \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Consequential Amendments and Forms\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/145)
[Health Boards \(Membership and Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/147)
[Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(Highland Council\) Designation Amendment Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/148)
[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/150)
[St Mary's Music School \(Aided Places\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/151)
[Seed \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/154)
[Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/155)
[Scotland Act 1998 \(Agency Arrangements\) \(Specification\) \(Recognition of Qualifications\) Order 2025](#) (SI 2025/555)
4. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025.
5. **Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the themes arising from evidence heard during its scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 14th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Civil Legal Aid Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Colin Lancaster, Chief Executive, and Marie-Louise Fox, Director of Strategic Development, Scottish Legal Aid Board;
and then from—
Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Martin Brown, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Simon Stockwell, Family Law Unit Head, and Susan Young, Access to Justice Unit Head, Scottish Government.
3. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025.
4. **Civil Legal Aid Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 21 May 2025

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 Debate: A New Plan for Scotland's Teaching Workforce

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Debate: Addressing the Inadequate Provision for Neurodevelopmental Conditions

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 — S6M-16452 Sharon Dowey: Improving Access to Hearing Care for Scotland's Ageing Population

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 — S6M-17419 Michelle Thomson: 30 Years on from the Bosnian Genocide in Srebrenica

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

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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

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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>

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

28 May 2025

18th Meeting, 2025

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

- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Town and Country Planning (Marine Fish Farming) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/draft) from—
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, and Joseph Triscott, Aquaculture Development Policy Lead, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance to move—S6M-17363—
That the Rural affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Town and Country Planning (Marine Fish Farming) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/draft) be approved.
- Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Annie Breden, Director of Corporate Operations, Crown Estate Scotland;
Brendan Callaghan, Director of Operational Delivery, Scottish Forestry;
Alex Flucker, Chief Operating Officer, Data, Evidence, and Innovation, Scottish Environment Protection Agency;
Dr Katherine Leys, Head of Biodiversity and Geodiversity, NatureScot;
Dr Chris Tuckett, Chief Officer for Strategy and Impact, Joint Nature Conservation Committee;
and then from—
Alan Hunt, Head of Policy Analysis and Horizon Scanning, and Neil Langhorn, Head of Strategy and Analysis, Environmental Standards Scotland.
- Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard.

Proposed future business

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

Economy and Fair Work Committee

28 May 2025

17th Meeting, 2025

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- Regional Inequalities and Productivity:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies;

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Simon Pittaway, Senior Economist, The Resolution Foundation;
Professor Bridgette Wessels, Professor in the Sociology of Inequalities, The Productivity Institute.

3. **Regional Inequalities and Productivity:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee

28 May 2025

18th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 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—
Graeme Dey, Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans, Andrew Mott, Head of Legislation and CLD unit, and Cath Henderson, Apprenticeship team leader, Scottish Government;
Alison Martin, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Regional Strategic Bodies and Regional Colleges (Glasgow and Lanarkshire) Order 2025 [draft] from—
Graeme Dey, Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans, and Jess Dolan, Head of Institutional Governance and Reform, Scottish Government;
Alison Martin, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Graeme Dey, Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans, to move—S6M-17468—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the Regional Strategic Bodies and Regional Colleges (Glasgow and Lanarkshire) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.
4. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
5. **Annual report (in private):** 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, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot

Public Audit Committee

28 May 2025

17th 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 and 4 in private.
2. **Scottish National Investment Bank:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

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Cornilius Chikwama, Audit Director, Catherine Young, Senior Manager, and Kirsty Ridd, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

3. **Scottish National Investment Bank:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Cornilius Chikwama, Audit Director, Catherine Young, Senior Manager, and Kirsty Ridd, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Scottish National Investment Bank:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard and agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Proposed future business

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

Criminal Justice Committee

28 May 2025

17th 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 4 in private.
2. **Inquiry into the harm caused by substance misuse in Scottish Prisons:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Detective Chief Superintendent Raymond Higgins, Police Scotland;
John Mooney, Consultant in Public Health, Public Health Scotland;
Kirsten Horsburgh, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Drugs Forum;
Stephen Coyle, Head of Operational Delivery, and Suzy Calder, Head of Health and Wellbeing, Scottish Prison Service.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Firefighters' Pensions \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/113)

[Police Pensions \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/114)
4. **Inquiry into the harm caused by substance misuse in Scottish Prisons:** 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, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at Stephen.Imrie@parliament.scot

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

29 May 2025

18th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Ofcom:** The Committee will take evidence from—

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Cristina Nicolotti Squires, Group Director, Broadcasting and Media Group, and Glenn Preston, Director, Scotland, Ofcom.

- BBC:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Hayley Valentine, Director, BBC Scotland;
Rhodri Talfan Davies, Director of Nations, BBC;
Luke McCullough, Corporate Affairs Director, Nations BBC and Head of Corporate Affairs, BBC Scotland.
- 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, James Johnston on 85215 or at james.johnston@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

29 May 2025

17th Meeting, 2025

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- Eradicating Child Poverty:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Julie Humphreys, Director Tackling Child Poverty & Social Justice, and Ann McKenzie, Unit Head, Tackling Child Poverty Policy Unit, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Social Security \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \[draft\]](#) from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Ruth Steele, Unit Head, Social Security Futures, and Kirsten Simonnet-Lefevre, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice) to move—
S6M-17467—That the Social Justice and Social Security Committee recommends that the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.
- Eradicating Child Poverty:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.

Proposed future business

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

SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

29 May 2025

13th Meeting, 2025

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

- SPCB supported bodies landscape review:** The Committee will consider the approach to its draft report.

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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, David Millett on 85244 or at David.Millett@parliament.scot

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Motions

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

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Motions for Debate

***[S6M-17670](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Addressing the Inadequate Provision for Neurodevelopmental Conditions**—That the Parliament recognises the scale of the mental health emergency in Scotland; notes with concern the lack of adequate provision for neurodevelopmental conditions, particularly in the context of a sharp rise in demand for neurodiversity assessments and treatment for adults and children following the COVID-19 pandemic; further notes the additional pressure on services caused by the global shortage of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) medication, which has led to the closure of titration clinics in some areas and significantly impacted waiting times and access to care; recognises the profound distress and disruption this causes for individuals and families who are left without timely diagnosis or support; acknowledges the knock-on effects on child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS), as well as the wider economic consequences of rising levels of economic inactivity linked to unmet mental health needs; notes the pressure that this puts on GPs and primary care; further notes with concern the widespread removal of shared care arrangements where patients who obtained a private diagnosis could receive ongoing care and medication through the Scottish NHS; expresses disappointment at the Scottish Government's failure to meet its commitment to allocate 10% of NHS spending to mental health and 1% to CAMHS; calls on the Scottish Government to work urgently with NHS boards and local authorities to devise a robust protocol on the use of shared care arrangements to allow for their use where appropriate, and further calls on the Scottish Government to create neurodevelopmental pathways and stepped care models, as recommended by the National Autism Implementation Team and Royal College of Psychiatrists in the 2021 National Clinical ADHD Pathway Feasibility Study.

***[S6M-17669](#) Willie Rennie: A New Plan for Scotland's Teaching Workforce**—That the Parliament acknowledges the work carried out by Scotland's teachers in schools across the country and commends them for all they do; recognises that the subjects that they teach provide important foundations for knowledge and skills in sectors that can be vital for Scotland's economy; notes with concern, however, that there has been a sharp decline in the number of teachers in key subjects, such as maths, physics and modern languages, and that targets to train teachers in STEM subjects have been continuously missed; believes that, should these targets continue to be missed, and the decline in the number of teachers continues, it will add to the strain on the teaching workforce, Scottish education will suffer and Scotland's ability to compete globally in

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important sectors will be impacted; further believes that a lack of permanent contracts for teachers will further compound issues with recruitment and training; notes that there are also high levels of unemployment and underemployment of primary teachers and teachers for some secondary school subjects; further notes the failure of the Scottish Government to make sufficient progress on its 2021 commitment to recruit 3,500 more teachers, which is set to be missed by the end of the current parliamentary session in 2026, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to develop a new, urgent plan for the teaching workforce, working with stakeholders.

S6M-17648 Gillian Martin: Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland—That the Parliament believes that Scotland must increase community-owned energy production, and supports communities being aided to achieve this; welcomes that, since its inception, the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) has advised over 1,300 organisations and provided over £67 million in funding to support over 990 projects; notes that the new Community Energy Generation Growth Fund will provide up to £8 million to boost community energy in Scotland, and believes that the development of renewables at all scales in Scotland should benefit consumers, communities and the economy.

Supported by: Alasdair Allan

***S6M-17648.3 Douglas Lumsden: Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-17648 in the name of Gillian Martin (Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland), insert at end “; recognises that community consent needs to be at the heart of energy production; notes with concern that pylons and other electricity infrastructure are increasingly being built without the support of residents, and calls on the Scottish Government to give these communities more say over local energy production.”

***S6M-17648.2 Patrick Harvie: Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-17648 in the name of Gillian Martin (Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland), insert at end “; acknowledges that any significant increase in public, community and shared ownership of energy infrastructure will require new and increased forms of support from the Scottish Government, including making public land available for energy projects and diversifying the ownership of existing energy assets; considers that community ownership of heat networks offers further opportunities to maximise the social, economic and environmental benefit of heat decarbonisation, and calls on the Scottish Government to build on its relationship with Denmark to draw on its experience of both shared ownership of renewables and developing heat networks built and operated on a not-for-profit basis.”

***S6M-17648.1 Sarah Boyack: Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-17648 in the name of Gillian Martin (Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland), insert at end “; welcomes the £4 million in funding from Great British Energy to fund half of the Community Energy Generation Growth Fund; believes that, as well as community groups, councils and public sector organisations are well placed to host, or collaborate on, community renewables projects, community heat projects, municipal ownership and co-operative models; further believes that land reform should mean the chance for communities to be able to have priority access to land when it becomes available; notes that there are a range of different technologies that could be utilised for community-owned energy projects, including wind, solar and hydro schemes among others, in both urban and rural Scotland; acknowledges that the Scottish Government could help to grow the sector by opening up the government electricity supply contract to community generators, which are currently denied access to the market, whether directly through conditions of tender or indirectly through procurement; calls on public bodies to create space for community ownership where possible by making public land and

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buildings available to community energy groups, and calls on the Scottish Government to work productively with the UK Government to create further opportunities for communities to own a meaningful stake in energy infrastructure through partnering with Great British Energy."

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S6M-17558](#) Stephen Kerr: Data Collection by the Scottish Government**—That the Parliament believes that there is a lack of comprehensive, centrally collected data by the Scottish Government across key devolved policy areas, in particular health, education and social security; considers that a lack of basic data hinders transparency and undermines the ability for MSPs to scrutinise policy and hold the Scottish Government to account; believes that a lack of data also limits the ability for evidence-based policy-making, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to establish a coordinated framework for the collection, standardisation and publication of data, and to ensure that it is timely, consistent and publicly accessible, to inform decision-making and enhance public trust and confidence, including in the Central Scotland region.

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-17662](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Congratulations to Tottenham Hotspur Football Club on Winning the 2025 UEFA Europa League Final**—That the Parliament congratulates Tottenham Hotspur Football Club on winning the 2025 UEFA Europa League Final in Bilbao, securing the club's first European trophy for 41 years, and further congratulates the club's players, staff and supporters, including Spurs' many fans and supporters' groups from across Scotland.

***[S6M-17650](#) Ross Greer: Calling for a Recall of the Flamingo Land Loch Lomond Resort Proposal**—That the Parliament notes with disappointment the recent notice of intention of the Scottish Government reporter, which, it considers, would overturn the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park board's unanimous decision to refuse planning permission for Flamingo Land's mega-resort proposals, an application which, it believes, would be destructive to the world-famous local environment at Loch Lomond; understands that the plans were opposed by over 155,000 members of the public, as well as Woodland Trust Scotland, Ramblers Scotland, the National Trust for Scotland, local community councils and SEPA; further understands that national park planning officials recommended that the application be rejected, and that the recommendation was unanimously supported by the national park board; agrees with the views expressed by objectors that the development would pose an unacceptable risk to nature, biodiversity and local businesses; further agrees with the SEPA assessment, and believes that the development is incompatible with flooding policies, as set out in the fourth National Planning Framework; believes that the Scottish Ministers should take a proactive approach to a planning application with what it sees as such significant public interest, and demands that ministers use their powers under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to recall the appeal and reject this application.

***[S6M-17631](#) Rachael Hamilton: Euroquiz 2025 Final – Celebrating Educational Achievement and Cultural Understanding**—That the Parliament congratulates the P6 students at St Boswells Primary School on reaching the final of the Euroquiz 2025, which will take place on 9 June from

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1.00 pm to 4.00 pm at McEwan Hall, Edinburgh; recognises the dedication, perseverance, and passion of the P6 pupils who have worked tirelessly, both in school and at home, to prepare for this event, using a wide range of resources including EU websites, books, and language apps like Duolingo to expand their understanding of European cultures and history; acknowledges what it sees as the importance of the Euroquiz in promoting cross-cultural understanding, collaboration, and learning among young people across Scotland; applauds the teachers, parents, and organisers for their ongoing support and encouragement, and wishes all the participants the very best of luck as they represent their schools and local authorities in this prestigious competition, which fosters a deeper appreciation of Europe's diverse cultures.

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***S6M-17628 Karen Adam: 100 Years of Findochty Town Hall—**That the Parliament celebrates 100 years of Findochty Town Hall being at the heart of community life in Findochty, Banffshire and Buchan Coast; notes its origins as a Masonic Hall, its transfer to community ownership by the former Findochty Town Council in 1948, and its ongoing role as a place of celebration, gathering, and local pride; commends the Findochty Town Hall Group for stepping up to form a charitable trust and purchasing the mothballed building from Moray Council in 2022, working tirelessly to transform it into a vibrant, welcoming community asset; believes that the true legacy of the hall lies with the generations of local people whose dedication, hard work, and community spirit have sustained it for a century, and thanks all involved, past and present, for their commitment to keeping the hall at the heart of Findochty life.

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***S6M-17625 Alexander Burnett: The Boat Inn Nominated for National Pub & Bar Award—**That the Parliament congratulates The Boat Inn on its nomination for a National Pub & Bar Award; acknowledges that the event features a wide range of UK venues by awarding 94 venues as the best in each county; understands that The Boat Inn will be competing against Newmachar's Beekies Neuk for the award for Aberdeenshire; acknowledges that the nominated venues must possess several elements such as design, service, digital presence, investment and marketing, all of which affect the customer experience; notes that the National Pub & Bar Awards grand final in June 2025 will be held at Big Penny Social in London, welcoming the nominated 256 venues across the UK for a celebration before the winners are announced, and wishes The Boat Inn all the best in its future endeavours.

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***S6M-17624 Tim Eagle: 19th Annual Women's Cancer Challenge in Stornoway—**That the Parliament congratulates all participants and organisers of the 19th annual Women's Cancer Challenge, which was held on 17 May 2025 in the Lews Castle Grounds, Stornoway; recognises the inspiring community spirit, with hundreds of runners, joggers and walkers of all ages raising over £3,000 for Cancer Research UK; commends organisers, Tony and Kirsty Wade, for their dedication to the event, and acknowledges the challenge as a powerful and meaningful tribute to those affected by cancer, while promoting health, hope and solidarity across the community.

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***S6M-17623 John Mason: Water Saving Week 2025—**That the Parliament welcomes Water Saving Week 2025, which took place from 12 to 16 May; commends the work of Waterwise, Home Energy Scotland and Scottish Water in promoting this annual campaign; notes that this year's theme, "Small Waste, Big Impact: be a water saving hero", highlights how small, everyday actions by individuals can collectively contribute to conserving one of the most precious resources; considers that, while Scotland is often associated with abundant rainfall, the unseasonably warm and dry weather experienced over Spring 2025 underscores the growing importance of water conservation in the face of climate change; encourages everyone in Scotland to keep in mind ways to save water, from fixing dripping taps to reducing shower times, and urges continued public engagement to promote sustainable water use now and for future generations.

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***S6M-17622 Tim Eagle: Tarbert Academy Pupil Organises Career Talk with Scottish Canals—**That the Parliament congratulates Ronan Murphy, a student from Tarbert Academy's P6/7 class, for his initiative in inviting Scottish Canals to speak to pupils about career opportunities, and the work life on the Crinan Canal; commends Ronan and his peers for their enthusiasm and interest in learning about the diverse career opportunities available, which resulted in three representatives from Scottish Canals visiting the class on 12 May 2025 to share insights into their roles and answer a wide range of questions from the students; understands that Scottish Canals recruits seasonal staff each summer, primarily from school leavers and students; appreciates the efforts of the P6/7 class teacher, Sharon MacDougall, and the Scottish Canals team for making this educational experience possible, and encourages other local schools to take advantage of similar opportunities to learn more about career opportunities on Scotland's canal network.

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***S6M-17621 Tim Eagle: Darren Clark Wins Young Fisherman of the Year Award—**That the Parliament congratulates Bunnah-burn-born fisherman, Darren Clark, on being awarded the prestigious Young Fisherman of the Year Award at the Fishing News Awards in Aberdeen on 7 May 2025; understands that Darren's journey in the fishing industry began at the age of 12 when he started creel fishing and assisting trawlers at night; notes that Darren, now 28 years old, has built a successful business based in Dunbeg, managing four boats and employing 11 people; believes that his determination and hardworking nature were pivotal in his achievement of this award; recognises that Darren's success has been driven by his ambition, from skippering the Kyrene to purchasing his first trawler, *The Islander*, at a young age; acknowledges the support of Darren's colleagues and family, who cheered him on during the award ceremony, and wishes Darren continued success in his career, looking forward to the future of his fishing business.

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***[S6M-17620](#) Karen Adam: Buckie Rovers Mental Health Support**—That the Parliament commends Buckie Rovers Football Club for organising a 24-hour sponsored cycle to raise funds for the local mental health charity, Feeling Blue; recognises the efforts of players, Ross Fiske and Rhys Thomson, in leading the initiative, and the wider team's commitment to promoting mental health awareness through sport and solidarity; acknowledges what it sees as the vital support of Motion Gym, Buckie, for hosting the event and backing the team throughout the challenge; applauds Feeling Blue for what it sees as its invaluable work in providing counselling and support to those facing mental health struggles, following its founding by Pauline and Allen Thain in memory of their son, Jody, and affirms the importance of initiatives like this in breaking stigma, encouraging conversation, and reinforcing the message that it's OK not to be OK.

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***[S6M-17618](#) Alexander Stewart: Three Young People from Clackmannanshire Make the Finals of Young Scot Awards**—That the Parliament acknowledges that three young people from Clackmannanshire have made the finals in the Young Scot Awards; understands that Kyle Blain is in the running for the entertainment and culture prize, which follows on from a highly successful couple of years for the artist, who regularly hosts exhibitions in the Wee County; further understands that a substantial part of his nomination was the work that he carried out at Forth Valley Royal Hospital by creating a mural for the hospital to thank staff for the treatment that they gave a member of Kyle's family when they were in intensive care; understands that Ellie Hodge has been named on the shortlist in the health and wellbeing category for what it sees as her exemplary work leading her school's breakfast club; notes that her application has stated that she is known as an inspiring young leader who has transformed her own shyness into a powerful force for good; understands that, once struggling to attend school, Ellie took on a leadership role at her school breakfast club, ensuring that students with extended additional support needs were included, and that she also learned Makaton to communicate with non-verbal students and helped to support school holiday activities; acknowledges that Seren McNaught has made the top three in the sport and physical activity award for her work volunteering with Active Clacks; understands that the Young Scot website describes her as showing outstanding dedication to her community with over four years of volunteering with Active Clacks and achieving her gold bar in Highland dancing whilst using her positivity and empathy to build strong relationships with children and make sport more inclusive; believes that Seren's kindness, energy and long-term commitment to helping others make her a valued role model and a truly inspiring nominee; commends the three young people for what it sees as their selfless dedication toward their peers, their communities and towards their own disciplines, and wishes them all the very best in the finals to be held at Glasgow's Platform venue in June 2025.

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***[S6M-17596](#) Michael Marra: Breakthrough in Parkinson's Disease Research at the University of Dundee**—That the Parliament congratulates researchers at the University of Dundee's MRC Protein Phosphorylation and Ubiquitylation Unit (MRC-PPU) and the School of Medicine on a significant breakthrough in Parkinson's disease research; understands that the team, supported by the Michael J. Fox Foundation, Medical Research Council, Wellcome Trust and EMBO, identified a new mechanism involving the HRI enzyme that could prevent the build-up of damaged mitochondria in brain cells, a major cause of Parkinson's-related neurodegeneration;

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further understands that this research builds on more than two decades of work on the PINK1 and Parkin genes and has uncovered a promising therapeutic strategy that may enhance mitochondrial repair and protect against brain cell loss; welcomes reports that drugs, such as ISRIB, previously developed for other conditions, could be rapidly repurposed for clinical trials in Parkinson's; acknowledges the leadership of Professor Miratul Muqit and the contribution of Dr Ian Ganley, Dr Adrien Rousseau and Dr Glenn Masson, and commends the University of Dundee for what it sees as its continued excellence in pioneering medical research, which, it believes, has the potential to transform the lives of those living with Parkinson's and related brain disorders.

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***[S6M-17510](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulating Alfredo Nutini on his Retirement from Paisley Chip Shop**—That the Parliament congratulates Alfredo Nutini on his retirement from Castelveccchi chip shop in Paisley after running the family business for over 50 years; notes that the chip shop was first opened by Alfredo's grandfather, Giovanni, after moving to Paisley from Barga, Italy, in 1914; understands that Alfredo then started working in the family business 53 years ago and that he has helped it become part of Paisley's heritage with the chip shop now in its 111th year; notes that his final two customers, whom he served on his last shift, was his son, award-winning artist, Paolo Nutini, and BBC journalist, Billy Sloan, and understands that Alfredo has now passed the reigns of the chip shop over to a colleague and that he is looking forward to a well-deserved retirement with his wife, Linda.

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***[S6M-17490](#) Jackie Dunbar: Police Dog Zeus Receives National Bravery Award for Protecting Public**—That the Parliament congratulates police dog Zeus on receiving a National Bravery Award from the National Foundation for Retired Service Animals; understands that PD Zeus and his handler, Sergeant Paul Wigley, were called to respond to reports of a man with a knife in the Seaforth Road area in Aberdeen, where PD Zeus heroically put himself in harm's way to assist in apprehending his assailant, sustaining serious injuries in doing so; notes that PD Zeus has made a full recovery and that he and his handler are the first to receive the National Bravery Award; commends the brave actions of PD Zeus, and wishes him all the best as he returns to active duty.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-17637](#) Mercedes Villalba: Recognising International Day for Biological Diversity
(lodged on 21 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-17617](#) Alexander Stewart: Alloa Primary Teacher to Complete Cateran Yomp for Army Charity (lodged on 21 May 2025)

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New Support: Edward Mountain*, Russell Findlay*, Tess White*, Bill Kidd*, Craig Hoy*, Annabelle Ewing*, Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-17616 Alexander Stewart: Hundreds Walk in the Wee County to Raise Awareness for Dementia Month (lodged on 21 May 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Tess White*, Craig Hoy*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-17613 Alexander Stewart: Kieran Steer from Alva is Fundraising to Raise Funds to Represent Scotland in Powerchair Football Euros (lodged on 20 May 2025)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Russell Findlay*, Craig Hoy*

S6M-17605 Marie McNair: Clydebank Pupil Named Young Musician of the Year (lodged on 21 May 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Rona Mackay*, Audrey Nicoll*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Pam Gosal*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, Bob Doris*, Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-17604 Finlay Carson: The Gralloch 2025 Attracts Huge Numbers to Galloway Forest Park (lodged on 21 May 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Craig Hoy*, Edward Mountain*, Roz McCall*, Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-17603 Alexander Burnett: Marcus Humphrey Celebrates 60 Years of Contribution to the Aboyne Highland Games (lodged on 21 May 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Pam Gosal*, Tess White*, Liz Smith*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Craig Hoy*, Brian Whittle*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackson Carlaw*, Roz McCall*, Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-17600 Murdo Fraser: Tayside and Strathearn Help for Ukraine (lodged on 21 May 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Tess White*, Craig Hoy*, Stuart McMillan*, Roz McCall*, Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-17599 Keith Brown: Congratulations to Hibernian Women's Football Club on Winning Scottish Women's Premier League (lodged on 21 May 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Stuart McMillan*, Gillian Mackay*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Bob Doris*, Rona Mackay*, Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-17597 Mark Ruskell: Celebrating World Bee Day 2025 (lodged on 21 May 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Roz McCall*, Elena Whitham*, Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

S6M-17594 Mark Ruskell: Celebrating Buglife's New Campaign, Don't Neglect the Night (lodged on 21 May 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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S6M-17593 Ruth Maguire: 24-hour Challenge at Stevenson's Ardeer Golf Course (lodged on 21 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Marie McNair*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*, Pam Gosal*, Kevin Stewart*

S6M-17592 Ruth Maguire: Kilwinning Primary Pupil Reaches Final of the Voicebox Competition (lodged on 21 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Colin Beattie*, Marie McNair*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Pam Gosal*, Kevin Stewart*

S6M-17591 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Capital Allstars Cheer and Dance, Edinburgh (lodged on 21 May 2025)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-17590 Emma Roddick: Recognising Action for Brain Injury Week 2025 and Headway, the Brain Injury Association (lodged on 21 May 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Kevin Stewart*, Fulton MacGregor*, Marie McNair*

S6M-17587 Ben Macpherson: Congratulating Hibernian on SWPL 2025 Title Win (lodged on 21 May 2025)

New Support: Neil Bibby*, Kevin Stewart*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-17583 Carol Mochan: Carers Week 2025 (lodged on 20 May 2025)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-17582 Paul Sweeney: Scottish Opera's Breath Cycle Wins Prestigious International Innovation Award (lodged on 20 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

S6M-17578 Douglas Lumsden: 50th Anniversary of the UK's First Oil Field Production (lodged on 20 May 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*

S6M-17577 Clare Adamson: Calderbridge Primary School Sportscotland Gold School Sports Award (lodged on 20 May 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-17576 Clare Adamson: James Paterson Runs Over 100 Miles for Charity (lodged on 20 May 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-17575 Paul Sweeney: Congratulations to Colston Wellpark Church on its 110th Anniversary (lodged on 20 May 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Pam Gosal*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Alexander Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Bob Doris*, Sharon Dowey*

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[S6M-17574](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Welcoming the Breathing Space Bench to Uddingston Station (lodged on 20 May 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-17573](#) Clare Adamson: Team CVHS Kiltwalk 2025 (lodged on 20 May 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-17572](#) Douglas Lumsden: Port of Aberdeen Celebrates Strong Financial Performance (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-17571](#) Gillian Mackay: Recognising Unpaid Carers (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Patrick Harvie*, Christine Grahame*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-17569](#) Paul O'Kane: Arthurlie FC Wins West of Scotland Football League First Division Trophy (lodged on 20 May 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-17568](#) Ariane Burgess: Congratulations to Tighean Innse Gall on Becoming Living Wage Employers (lodged on 19 May 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-17543](#) Humza Yousaf: The Govan Community Project's Food For All Group (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-17542](#) Murdo Fraser: Inaugural Country Sport Scotland Conference (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-17541](#) Liam Kerr: Operator Offshore Helicopter Services UK completes 1,000 Life-saving Missions (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-17538](#) Alexander Stewart: Forth Valley Community First Responders' 20th Anniversary (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-17537](#) Alexander Stewart: Friends of CHAS Clackmannanshire Spring Fayre in Muckhart (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-17536](#) Ash Regan: Congratulating Dawn Craig on Winning Outstanding Community Link Worker of the Year (lodged on 20 May 2025)

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New Support: Kevin Stewart*

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

New Support: Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-17526](#) Liam Kerr: Congratulating Gray & Adams on Receiving the King's Award for Enterprise for Innovation 2025 (lodged on 16 May 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-17523](#) Jeremy Balfour: National Epilepsy Week and Epilepsy Scotland's "A Seizure That Stole a Future" Campaign (lodged on 21 May 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Craig Hoy*, Edward Mountain*, Roz McCall*, Liam Kerr*, Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-17519](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Scotland's Role in the Success of NATO Exercise Steadfast Dart 25 (lodged on 15 May 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-17486](#) Brian Whittle: Securing the Long-term Sustainability of Scotland's Health Service (lodged on 20 May 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Craig Hoy*, Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-17430](#) 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: Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-17417](#) Jackie Dunbar: Congratulates Streetsport on Reaching the National Youth Work Awards 2025 (lodged on 07 May 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-17347](#) Jackie Baillie: Coeliac Awareness Month 2025 (lodged on 30 April 2025)

New Support: Beatrice Wishart*

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Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 04 June 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 28 May 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 29 May 2025.

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1. Emma Roddick
2. Richard Leonard
3. Jamie Halcro Johnston
4. David Torrance
5. Elena Whitham
6. Douglas Ross
7. Sharon Dowey
8. Liam McArthur

Justice and Home Affairs

1. Annabelle Ewing
2. Emma Harper
3. Pam Gosal
4. Alexander Stewart
5. Douglas Lumsden
6. Mark Ruskell
7. Roz McCall
8. Willie Coffey

Education and Skills

1. Murdo Fraser
2. Kevin Stewart
3. Alex Rowley
4. Katy Clark
5. Alexander Burnett
6. Oliver Mundell
7. Craig Hoy
8. Ben Macpherson

Members selected for General Questions on 05 June 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 28 May 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 29 May 2025.

1. Colin Beattie
2. Jeremy Balfour
3. Jackie Dunbar
4. Foyso Choudhury

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5. Maggie Chapman
6. Collette Stevenson
7. Rona Mackay
8. Sarah Boyack

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Written Questions

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Written questions lodged on 22 May 2025

S6W-37405 Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6O-04594 by Siobhan Brown on 1 May 2025, and in light of reported concerns that battery energy storage system facilities pose emerging fire risks, including potential explosions and toxic gas releases, what its position is on whether Lochgelly Fire Station would be able to deal with such incidents if it were to lose a fire engine and rope rescue unit.

S6W-37672 Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-37429 by Jim Fairlie on 12 May 2025, how many (a) canaries, (b) budgerigars, (c) other finches, (d) pigeons and (e) parrots are included in the 142,450 captive birds of other species that have been registered on the Scottish Kept Bird Register.

S6W-37673 Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-37428 by Jim Fairlie on 12 May 2025, and in light of reported errors within the February 2025 version of the general licence to arrange a fair, market, show, exhibition or other gathering involving the collecting together of birds in Scotland (EXD 178 (AI) (S)), whether it sought legal advice whilst drafting the general licence, and, if not, for what reason it chose not to do so.

S6W-37680 Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the debate on motion S6M-17186 (Best Start New Model of Neonatal Care) on 30 April 2025, what the timeline is for implementing the Best Start model of neonatal care by 2026, and by what date each neonatal unit will be operating under its new designation.

S6W-37682 Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the debate on motion S6M-17186 (Best Start New Model of Neonatal Care) on 30 April 2025, whether the same criteria will be used across Scotland to determine which groups of babies are prioritised for transfer at each phase of implementation of the Best Start new model of neonatal care.

S6W-37684 Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the debate on motion S6M-17186 (Best Start New Model of Neonatal Care) on 30 April 2025, and in light of the previous national neonatal clinical lead for the Scottish Perinatal Network stepping down in autumn 2024, when a new national neonatal clinical lead will be appointed, and whether they will join the Task and Finish Group for the implementation of the Best Start new model of neonatal care.

S6W-37685 Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the debate on motion S6M-17186 (Best Start New Model of Neonatal Care) on 30 April 2025, what (a) funding and (b) resources have been allocated for the 2025–26 financial year to each of the NHS boards hosting the three neonatal intensive care units, and what assessment it has made to ensure that this is sufficient to recruit the workforce required to deliver the increased requirements within the Best Start new model of neonatal care.

S6W-37762 Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the publication of its Programme for Government 2025-26, what action it is taking to ensure that alcohol harm prevention is integrated into its health agenda.

S6W-37763 Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what recent action it has taken to improve recruitment and retention within the nursing workforce, in light of the Royal College of Nursing's report, *The Nursing Workforce in Scotland 2025*.

S6W-37765 Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take to increase the role of registered (a)(i) district, (ii) school and (iii) general practice nurses and (b) health visitors to help reduce health inequalities.

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S6W-37811 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £476 million of capital funding allocated to support the early learning and childcare expansion programme between 2017 and 2021 (a) remains unspent and (b) has been reallocated.

S6W-37813 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its reported commitment to recruit 12,000 people into the early learning profession by 2021, how many people were recruited by the end of 2021.

S6W-37816 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Scottish National Party 2016 manifesto commitment that “Every nursery already has a teacher or qualified childcare professional. By 2018, every nursery in a deprived community will have an additional teacher or childcare graduate to support children’s learning”, how many nurseries currently operate without a fully qualified teacher.

S6W-37817 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish an updated cost-benefit analysis of its policy to provide 1,140 hours of funded early learning and childcare, since its roll-out in 2014.

S6W-37818 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government how many times its ministers have intervened in the delivery of local early learning as a result of any failures in (a) infrastructure and (b) staffing, since 2015.

S6W-37819 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the national standard for early learning and childcare has reportedly not been fully implemented across all providers, in light of it being nearly five years since its introduction.

S6W-37820 Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the uptake of the Energy Skills Passport by offshore workers since 22 January 2025.

S6W-37821 Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government how many times it has met with (a) UK Government officials, (b) trade unions and (c) employers regarding the energy skills passport steering group since 22 January 2025.

S6W-37822 Tess White: To ask the Scottish Government when the Mother and Baby Unit options appraisal report from NHS National Services Scotland will be published.

S6W-37823 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether legislation will be required to deliver an integrated social care and health record, as referenced in its *Care in the Digital Age: Delivery Plan 2024-25*.

S6W-37824 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what urgent steps it is taking to reduce the waiting time for NHS hearing aid replacements, to bring it in line with the national 18-week treatment target.

S6W-37825 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the current average waiting times for hearing aid replacements, broken down by NHS board.

S6W-37826 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reported long waiting times for NHS hearing aid replacements, what consideration it has given to offering patients access to alternative providers.

S6W-37827 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how much public money has been spent on bonuses for Scottish Water executives in the past five years.

S6W-37854 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to publish updated metrics on early learning and childcare workforce development, including qualifications, turnover and access to training.

S6W-37855 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government how it has responded to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD's) reported findings on the importance of staff qualifications and working conditions in delivering high-quality early years provision.

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S6W-37856 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has undertaken any analysis of child development outcomes in settings led by graduate-level staff, compared with those without.

S6W-37857 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to reform or modernise the role of (a) Scottish Enterprise, (b) Skills Development Scotland, (c) the Scottish Social Services Council and (d) other national agencies involved in early learning and childcare workforce planning.

S6W-37858 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of the early learning and childcare workforce currently holds an SCQF Level 9 qualification or above, and how this compares with the proportion in 2017.

S6W-37859 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government how many practitioners have exited the early learning and childcare sector in each of the last five years, broken down by (a) qualification level and (b) local authority area.

S6W-37860 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government what targeted measures it is taking to reduce staff turnover in early years settings in (a) general and (b) areas with persistent recruitment difficulties.

S6W-37861 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed the sufficiency of current (a) pay, (b) career progression and (c) conditions in retaining experienced early learning and childcare staff.

S6W-37862 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government how its early learning and childcare workforce strategy aligns with the expansion of funded hours of childcare, and whether staffing levels are projected to meet demand over the next five years.

S6W-37863 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government what specific actions within its strategic childcare plan for the period 2022-26 are intended to improve (a) qualifications and (b) workforce retention in early learning and childcare.

S6W-37864 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government how many hours of funded continuous professional development have been accessed by early learning and childcare staff in each of the last three years.

S6W-37865 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) financial and (b) logistical support is currently available to practitioners seeking to upskill through formal early learning and childcare qualifications.

S6W-37866 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to address any regional inequalities in the early learning and childcare workforce in (a) general and (b) relation to (i) recruitment and (ii) retention in (A) rural and (B) deprived areas.

S6W-37867 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government how many Care Inspectorate reports since 2018 have cited (a) staffing qualifications and (b) workforce challenges as a key factor in quality ratings.

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Amendments to Bills lodged or withdrawn on 22 May 2025

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 1

Tim Eagle

10 In section 1, page 1, line 12, at end insert—

<() In section 44 (guidance on engaging communities in decisions relating to land), in subsection (5), after paragraph (c) insert—

“(d) the ways in which engagement with communities on the development of, and significant changes to, a land management plan should be carried out for the purposes of section 44B(1)(b),

(e) what constitute communities for the purposes of section 44B(1)(b).”>

Michael Matheson

11 In section 1, page 1, line 15, after <HOLDINGS> insert <OR SITES OF COMMUNITY INTEREST>

Mairi Gougeon

12 In section 1, page 2, line 3, leave out <Before making regulations under this section, the Scottish Ministers must> and insert <The Scottish Ministers must, before laying a draft of any regulations under this section,>

Mairi Gougeon

13 In section 1, page 2, line 4, after <consult> insert <—

(a)>

Tim Eagle

14 In section 1, page 2, line 4, leave out <Land and Communities Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Mairi Gougeon

15 In section 1, page 2, line 4, after <Commissioner> insert <, and

(b) such other persons as they consider appropriate>

Bob Doris

16 In section 1, page 2, line 7, after <available> insert <and accessible>

Bob Doris

17 In section 1, page 2, line 8, at end insert—

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<(aa) the plan is published online by a public body to be specified in the regulations by Scottish Ministers,>

Tim Eagle

- 18 In section 1, page 2, leave out lines 9 and 10

Tim Eagle

- 19 In section 1, page 2, line 9, leave out <, and significant changes to,>

Bob Doris

- 20 In section 1, page 2, line 10, at end insert—

<(ba) there is engagement with any tenants, crofters or small landholders with rights associated with the land on the development of, and significant changes to, the plan,>

Tim Eagle

- 21 In section 1, page 2, line 12, leave out <5> and insert <20>

Bob Doris

- 22 In section 1, page 2, line 15, at end insert—

<(2A) Where, in accordance with subsection (2), regulations under section 44A provide that land to which section 44D applies is not to be subject to the obligations, the Scottish Ministers must, when laying the regulations, publish a statement setting out their reasons for not imposing the obligations on the land.>

Tim Eagle

- 23 In section 1, page 2, line 15, at end insert—

<(2A) Regulations under section 44A must provide that the owner is not required to make a land management plan publicly available until one year after the day on which the owner acquired ownership of the land.>

Tim Eagle

- 24 In section 1, page 2, leave out lines 18 and 19

Tim Eagle

- 25 In section 1, page 2, line 21, leave out <including its potential sale,>

Ariane Burgess

- 26 In section 1, page 2, line 21, at end insert—

<(ba) the steps taken by the owner to engage with communities in relation to the development of the plan,

(bb) how the owner's engagement with communities influenced the development of the

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plan,>

Tim Eagle

- 27 In section 1, page 2, leave out lines 22 to 28

Tim Eagle

- 28 In section 1, page 2, leave out lines 29 to 34

Ariane Burgess

- 1 *Withdrawn*

Ariane Burgess

- 29 In section 1, page 2, line 34, leave out <or sustaining>

Bob Doris

- 30 In section 1, page 2, line 34, at end insert—
- <(e) how the plan will be implemented,
 - (f) who is responsible for the implementation of the plan,
 - (g) how the implementation of the plan will be monitored,
 - (h) how the actions and outcomes of the plan will be reported on.>

Bob Doris

- 31 In section 1, page 2, line 34, at end insert—
- <(4) Regulations under section 44A may make further provision about the publication of plans by a public body as mentioned in subsection (1)(aa).>

Bob Doris

- 32 In section 1, page 2, line 34, at end insert—
- <(4) Regulations under section 44A may, in particular, include provision about the manner in which the owner of land may, and the period of time within which the owner of land must, comply with the obligation described in subsection (1) (for example, in circumstances where ownership of the land is transferred).>

Bob Doris

- 33 In section 1, page 2, line 34, at end insert—
- <44BA Guidance on land management plans**
- The Commissioner may publish guidance on how owners are to comply with requirements mentioned in section 44B(3).>

Mairi Gougeon

34 In section 1, page 3, leave out line 6

Michael Matheson

35 In section 1, page 3, line 6, leave out <or (3)> and insert <, (3) or (3A)>

Mairi Gougeon

36 In section 1, page 3, line 7, leave out <subsection> and insert <section>

Tim Eagle

37 In section 1, page 3, line 8, leave out from <,or> to end of line 9

Mairi Gougeon

38 In section 1, page 3, line 10, leave out <3,000> and insert <1,000>

Tim Eagle

39 In section 1, page 3, line 10, leave out <3,000> and insert <5,000>

Mairi Gougeon

40 In section 1, page 3, leave out lines 11 to 15

Tim Eagle

41 In section 1, page 3, line 13, leave out <or a composite holding>

Michael Matheson

42 In section 1, page 3, line 15, at end insert—

<(3A) This subsection applies to land—

- (a) that is, or forms part of, a site of community significance, and
- (b) for which the Scottish Ministers consider a land management plan is appropriate.

(3B) For the purposes of this section, a “site of community significance” is any area of land that has been identified by communities and recognised as such by—

- (a) a land management plan published in accordance with the 2016 Act,
- (b) a local development plan prepared by a planning authority under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997,
- (c) a local place plan registered with a planning authority under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997,
- (d) a formal resolution of a community council registered with the local authority to which the land relates,
- (e) the registration of a community interest in land under Part 2 of this Act.

(3C) The Scottish Ministers must publish guidance on—

- (a) the approach to be taken in determining whether a land management plan is appropriate in relation to a site of community significance,
- (b) the criteria and procedure to be applied in recognising an area of land as a site of community significance.>

Mercedes Villalba

- 43 In section 1, page 3, line 17, leave out <a contiguous> and insert <an>

Tim Eagle

- 44 In section 1, page 3, line 19, leave out from beginning to end of line 5 on page 4

Mairi Gougeon

- 45 In section 1, page 3, line 19, leave out <a single holding (“holding A”) forms part of a composite holding with another (“holding B”)> and insert <two or more single holdings form a composite holding>

Mairi Gougeon

- 46 In section 1, page 3, leave out line 21

Mercedes Villalba

- 47 In section 1, page 3, leave out lines 23 and 24

Mairi Gougeon

- 48 In section 1, page 3, leave out lines 23 to 29 and insert—
- <(a) each single holding is contiguous with at least one other single holding, and
 - (b) the owner of one single holding (“holding A”)—
 - (i) is connected to the owner of another single holding (“holding B”) with which holding A is contiguous, and
 - (ii) where there are more than two single holdings, is also the owner of, or connected to the owner of, every other single holding.>

Mairi Gougeon

- 49 In section 1, page 3, line 29, at end insert—
- <(5A) For the purposes of—
- (a) subsection (4)(a), an area of land is to be treated as being contiguous with another if any part of the area is within 250 metres of any part of the other, and
 - (b) subsection (5)—
 - (i) a holding is contiguous with another if a boundary of the holding is (wholly or partly) contiguous with a boundary of the other, and
 - (ii) a boundary of a holding is to be treated as being contiguous with a boundary of another if any part of the boundary is within 250 metres of the other.>

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Mairi Gougeon

- 50 In section 1, page 4, leave out lines 6 and 7

Tim Eagle

- 51 In section 1, page 4, line 9, leave out <Land and Communities Commissioner> and insert <the Commission>

Tim Eagle

- 52 In section 1, page 4, line 11, leave out <Land and Communities Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Ariane Burgess

- 53 In section 1, page 4, line 16, at end insert—
- <(aa) a community council, where the land to which the report of the alleged breach relates falls wholly or partly within its area,
 - (ab) the Crofting Commission, if the land to which the report of the alleged breach relates falls (wholly or partly) within the crofting counties or an area that has been designated by order under section 3A(1)(b) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993 by the Scottish Ministers,
 - (ac) Highlands and Islands Enterprise, if the land to which the report of the alleged breach relates falls (wholly or partly) within the area in relation to which it exercises functions in accordance with section 21(1) of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990,>

Ariane Burgess

- 54 In section 1, page 4, line 19, at end insert—
- <(ca) a National Park authority, if the land to which the report of the alleged breach relates falls (wholly or partly) within the National Park in relation to which it exercises its functions,
 - (cb) Scottish Enterprise,>

Ariane Burgess

- 55 In section 1, page 4, line 21, at end insert—
- <(f) South of Scotland Enterprise, if the land to which the report of the alleged breach relates falls (wholly or partly) within the South of Scotland.>

Ariane Burgess

- 56 In section 1, page 4, line 26, at end insert—
- <(4) In this section—
 - “community council” means a community council established by virtue of Part IV of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973,

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“crofting counties” is to be construed in accordance with section 61(1) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993,

“National Park authority” means an authority on which functions have been conferred by the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 in relation to an area designated as a National Park in an order made under section 7 of that Act,

“South of Scotland” is to be construed in accordance with section 21 of the South of Scotland Enterprise Act 2019,

“South of Scotland Enterprise” means the body corporate established by section 1 of the South of Scotland Enterprise Act 2019.>

Tim Eagle

- 57 In section 1, page 4, line 27, leave out <Commissioner’s> and insert <The Commission’s>

Mairi Gougeon

- 58 In section 1, page 4, line 27, leave out <decision to investigate> and insert <investigation of an alleged breach>

Tim Eagle

- 59 In section 1, page 4, line 28, leave out <Land and Communities Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Mairi Gougeon

- 60 In section 1, page 4, line 28, leave out <may> and insert <must>

Mairi Gougeon

- 61 In section 1, page 4, line 29, leave out from <only> to first <the> in line 32 and insert <if satisfied—
(a) that—
(i) the report contains sufficient information to proceed to an investigation, or
(ii) sufficient information to proceed to an investigation has been provided in response to a request under subsection (2), and
(b) that the>

Tim Eagle

- 62 In section 1, page 4, line 34, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

- 63 In section 1, page 4, line 35, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

- 64 In section 1, page 4, line 37, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

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65 In section 1, page 4, line 38, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

66 In section 1, page 5, line 1, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Mairi Gougeon

67 In section 1, page 5, line 3, leave out <(1)> insert <(1)(a) or, as the case may be, (1)(b)>

Tim Eagle

68 In section 1, page 5, line 4, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

69 In section 1, page 5, line 8, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Bob Doris

70 In section 1, page 5, line 10, at end insert—

<(d) the alleged breach is one in relation to which a fine has been imposed under section 44H.>

Tim Eagle

71 In section 1, page 5, line 11, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Mairi Gougeon

72 In section 1, page 5, line 11, leave out <decides to> insert <must, in accordance with this section,>

Tim Eagle

73 In section 1, page 5, line 12, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

74 In section 1, page 5, line 14, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

75 In section 1, page 5, line 18, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Mairi Gougeon

76 In section 1, page 5, line 18, at end insert—

<(5) Nothing in this section precludes the Commissioner, despite no report having been submitted under section 44E(1), from—

- (a) investigating whether an obligation imposed by regulations under section 44A might have been breached,
- (b) proceeding to investigate an alleged breach,

where the Commissioner considers that it would be appropriate in the circumstances to do so.

- (6) Where subsection (5) applies and the Commissioner decides to investigate the alleged breach, the Commissioner must—
- (a) prepare a report setting out—
 - (i) details of the alleged breach,
 - (ii) the provision of the regulations imposing the obligation that is alleged to have been breached, and
 - (b) send to the person alleged to have committed the breach—
 - (i) a copy of that report, and
 - (ii) a request for the person's response to the report within a period specified by the Commissioner.>

Mairi Gougeon

77 In section 1, page 5, line 18, at end insert—

- <(7) When complying with an obligation under subsection (4)(b)(i) or (6)(b)(i), the Commissioner may do so by providing the report in a redacted form if—
- (a) the report contains information about a person, other than the person that submitted the report, which is relevant to the investigation of the alleged breach to which the report relates, and
 - (b) the disclosure of that personal information in the report could result in that person being identified.>

Tim Eagle

78 In section 1, page 5, line 20, leave out <Land and Communities Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

79 In section 1, page 5, line 22, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

80 In section 1, page 5, line 24, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

81 In section 1, page 5, line 27, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

82 In section 1, page 5, line 27, leave out <£1,000> and insert <£500>

Bob Doris

83 In section 1, page 5, line 29, after <Chapter> insert <(other than an investigation under section 44IA)>

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Tim Eagle

- 84 In section 1, page 5, line 30, leave out <Land and Communities Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

- 85 In section 1, page 5, line 32, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

- 86 In section 1, page 5, line 34, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

- 87 In section 1, page 5, line 38, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

- 88 In section 1, page 6, line 4, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Bob Doris

- 89 In section 1, page 6, line 4, leave out <£5,000> and insert <£40,000>

Tim Eagle

- 90 In section 1, page 6, line 4, leave out <£5,000> and insert <£500>

Bob Doris

- 91 In section 1, page 6, line 6, leave out <or 44H> and insert <, 44H or 44IA>

Tim Eagle

- 92 In section 1, page 6, line 22, leave out <Land and Communities Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

- 93 In section 1, page 6, line 24, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

- 94 In section 1, page 6, line 26, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

- 95 In section 1, page 6, line 27, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

- 96 In section 1, page 6, line 30, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Bob Doris

97 In section 1, page 6, line 31, at end insert—

<44IA Enforcement notice

- (1) This section applies where a fine has been imposed under section 44H and either—
 - (a) the period specified in section 44I(2) in respect of that fine has expired and no appeal has been made, or
 - (b) if an appeal against that fine has been made under section 44I, either—
 - (i) the appeal has been withdrawn, or
 - (ii) the appeal has been determined, the existence of the breach has been upheld, and the Tribunal has not remitted the matter to the Land and Communities Commissioner under section 44I(5).
- (2) The Land and Communities Commissioner may investigate whether the breach in respect of which the fine was imposed has been remedied.
- (3) Having determined, following an investigation under subsection (2), that the breach has not been remedied, the Land and Communities Commissioner may serve notice (“an enforcement notice”) on the person that committed the breach specifying—
 - (a) the obligation in relation to which the person remains in breach,
 - (b) the steps that must be taken to remedy the breach, and
 - (c) the period within which those steps must be taken which period must not be less than 28 days beginning with the day on which the enforcement notice is received, and
 - (d) that a further fine may be imposed on the person if the breach is not remedied within that period.
- (4) Subject to section 44IB, on expiry of the period specified in the enforcement notice in accordance with subsection (3)(c), the Land and Communities Commissioner may—
 - (a) investigate whether the steps specified in the enforcement notice have been taken and the breach remedied,
 - (b) if satisfied that the breach has not been remedied, impose, by notice, a fine on the person that committed the breach.
- (5) The amount of a fine imposed under this section is to be determined by the Commissioner, but must not exceed £40,000.
- (6) This section (apart from subsection (1)) applies where a fine has been imposed under subsection (4)(b) as it applies where a fine has been imposed under section 44H, and either—
 - (a) the period specified in section 44I(2) in respect of that fine has expired and no appeal has been made, or
 - (b) if an appeal has been made against that fine under section 44I, either—
 - (i) the appeal has been withdrawn, or
 - (ii) the appeal has been determined and the failure to remedy the breach has been upheld.

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44IB Appeal against enforcement notice

- (1) A person on whom an enforcement notice is served under section 44IA may appeal to the Lands Tribunal for Scotland, on a ground specified in subsection (2), against—
 - (a) the decision to serve the enforcement notice,
 - (b) the steps specified in the enforcement notice,
 - (c) the time period specified in the enforcement notice.
- (2) The grounds are that the matter being appealed against—
 - (a) was based on an error of fact,
 - (b) was wrong in law,
 - (c) was unfair or unreasonable for any reason.
- (3) An appeal under subsection (1) must be made before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the enforcement notice was received by the person making the appeal.
- (4) Where an appeal under subsection (1) is made, the enforcement notice is suspended from the day on which the appeal is made until the day on which it is determined or withdrawn.
- (5) On an appeal under subsection (1), the Tribunal may overturn, confirm, or vary the enforcement notice.>

Bob Doris

- 98** In section 1, page 6, line 34, leave out <or 44H> and insert <, 44H or 44IA>

Bob Doris

- 99** In section 1, page 7, line 11, leave out <or 44H> and insert <, 44H or 44IA>

Bob Doris

- 100** In section 1, page 7, line 12, leave out <either> and insert <any>

Tim Eagle

- 101** In section 1, page 7, line 16, leave out <Land and Communities Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

- 102** In section 1, page 7, line 20, leave out <Commissioner> and insert <Commission>

Tim Eagle

- 103** In section 1, page 7, line 20, leave out <Commissioner's> and insert <Commission's>

Tim Eagle

- 104** In section 1, page 8, leave out lines 7 to 13

Tim Eagle

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105 In section 1, page 8, line 12, after <44A> insert <(but see subsection (2))>

Michael Matheson

106 In section 1, page 8, line 12, at end insert—

<(aa) the definition of a “site of community significance” in section 44D(3B),>

Bob Doris

107 In section 1, page 8, line 13, at end insert—

<(c) the maximum amount of a fine which may be imposed under section 44H(1) or section 44IA(4)(b).>

Mairi Gougeon

108 In section 1, page 8, line 13, at end insert—

<(2) The Scottish Ministers must, before laying a draft of any regulations under this section, consult such persons as they consider appropriate.>

Mercedes Villalba

109 In section 1, page 8, line 13, at end insert—

<(2) Regulations under subsection (1)(a) must not increase the number of hectares in area that land must exceed for obligations to be imposed on the land.>

Tim Eagle

110 In section 1, page 8, line 13, insert—

<(2) Regulations made under subsection (1)(a) must not reduce the number of hectares specified in—
 (a) section 44D(2),
 (b) section 44(D)(3)(b).>

Tim Eagle

111 Leave out section 1

Section 2

Michael Matheson

112 In section 2, page 9, line 33, after <HOLDING> insert <OR SITE OF COMMUNITY INTEREST>

Tim Eagle

113 In section 2, page 11, line 9, leave out <fulfilled their duty under section 46D to publicise the possible transfer of the land> and insert <received the notification under section 46C or 48>

Tim Eagle

114 In section 2, page 11, line 10, at end insert—

<(1A) Ministers must publish a notice given under subsection (1).>

Mairi Gougeon

115 In section 2, page 11, line 28, leave out <40> and insert <70>

Tim Eagle

116 In section 2, page 12, line 8, after <registered> insert <and,

(iii) it is likely that the person on the part of whom the note of intention to register expresses an intention to register a community interest would have sufficient resources to purchase the land>

Michael Matheson

117 In section 2, page 13, line 34, leave out <of,> and insert <of—

<(a)>

Michael Matheson

118 In section 2, page 13, line 34, after <land> insert <, or

<() a site of community significance.>

Mairi Gougeon

119 In section 2, page 13, line 34, at end insert—

<(1A) But this section does not apply to land to which section 46KA applies if Ministers prescribe an area for the purposes of section 46KA(2).>

Mercedes Villalba

120 In section 2, page 13, line 38, at end insert—

<(2A) In subsection (1), a “large holding of land” also means land that—

- (a) forms part of an inhabited island, and
- (b) is a single holding or composite holding that constitutes more than 25% of the land forming the island.>

Michael Matheson

121 In section 2, page 13, line 38, at end insert—

<(2A) For the purposes of this section, a “site of community significance” is any area of land that has been identified by communities and recognised as such by—

- (a) a land management plan published in accordance with the 2016 Act,
- (b) a local development plan prepared by a planning authority under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997,
- (c) a local place plan registered with a planning authority under the Town and Country

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Planning (Scotland) Act 1997,

- (d) a formal resolution of a community council registered with the local authority to which the land relates,
 - (e) the registration of a community interest in land under Part 2 of this Act.
- (2B) The Scottish Ministers must publish guidance on the criteria and procedure to be applied in recognising an area of land as a site of community significance.
- (2C) Before publishing guidance under subsection (2B), the Scottish Ministers must consult the Scottish Land Commission.>

Mercedes Villalba

- 122 In section 2, page 14, line 2, leave out <a contiguous> and insert <an>

Mairi Gougeon

- 123 In section 2, page 14, line 4, leave out <a single holding (“holding A”) forms part of a composite holding with another (“holding B”)> and insert <two or more single holdings form a composite holding>

Mairi Gougeon

- 124 In section 2, page 14, leave out line 6

Mercedes Villalba

- 125 In section 2, page 14, leave out lines 8 and 9

Mairi Gougeon

- 126 In section 2, page 14, leave out lines 8 to 14 and insert—
- <(a) each single holding is contiguous with at least one other single holding, and
 - (b) the owner of one single holding (“holding A”)—
 - (i) is connected to the owner of another single holding (“holding B”) with which holding A is contiguous, and
 - (ii) where there are more than two single holdings, is also the owner of, or connected to the owner of, every other single holding.>

Mairi Gougeon

- 127 In section 2, page 14, line 14, at end insert—
- <(4A) For the purposes of—
- (a) subsection (3)(a), an area of land is to be treated as being contiguous with another if any part of the area is within 250 metres of any part of the other, and
 - (b) subsection (4)—
 - (i) a holding is contiguous with another if a boundary of the holding is (wholly or partly) contiguous with a boundary of the other, and
 - (ii) a boundary of a holding is to be treated as being contiguous with a boundary of another if any part of the boundary is within 250 metres of the other.>

Mairi Gougeon

128 In section 2, page 14, line 27, at end insert—

<46KA Land exempted from prohibitions under section 46B or 46F

- (1) This section applies to land—
 - (a) that forms part of a large holding of land, and
 - (b) the area of which does not exceed the prescribed area.
- (2) Ministers may prescribe an area for the purposes of subsection (1)(b).
- (3) But this section does not apply in prescribed circumstances, which may include circumstances of the kind mentioned in subsection (4).
- (4) Those circumstances are where—
 - (a) the owner of the land, or any creditor in a standard security with the right to sell the land, is—
 - (i) transferring the land, or
 - (ii) taking any action with a view to a transfer of the land,
 together with other land that forms part of the same large holding of land, and
 - (b) the transfer forms part of a scheme or arrangement, or is one of a series, the main purpose or effect, or one of the main purposes or effects, of which is the avoidance of the requirements or consequences of this Part of this Act.
- (5) Ministers must, before laying a draft of regulations under this section, consult such persons as they consider appropriate.>

Tim Eagle

129 In section 2, page 14, leave out lines 28 to 32

Michael Matheson

130 In section 2, page 14, line 31, at end insert—

<(aa) the definition of a “site of community significance” in section 46K(2B),>

Tim Eagle

131 In section 2, page 14, line 32, after <applies> insert <but see subsection (2))>

Mairi Gougeon

132 In section 2, page 14, line 32, at end insert—

- <(2) Ministers must, before laying a draft of any regulations under this section, consult such persons as they consider appropriate.>

Mercedes Villalba

133 In section 2, page 14, line 32, at end insert—

- <(2) Regulations under subsection (1)(b) must not increase the number of hectares in area that land must exceed for section 46K to apply.>

Tim Eagle

- 134** In section 2, page 14, line 32, at end insert—

- <(2) Regulations made under subsection (1)(b) must not reduce the number of hectares specified in section 46K(2).>

Tim Eagle

- 135** In section 2, page 14, line 32, at end insert—

- <(2) Before laying before the Scottish Parliament for approval a draft of regulations under this section, the Scottish Ministers must—
- (a) must consult such persons as they consider appropriate,
 - (b) prepare and publish a report on the consultation carried out under paragraph (a).”.>

Tim Eagle

- 136** Leave out section 2

Section 3

Mairi Gougeon

- 137** In section 3, page 15, line 8, leave out from <in> to end of line 9 and insert <—

- () in subsection (1), after “Ministers” in the definition of “prescribed”, insert “and related expressions are to be construed accordingly”,
- () in subsection (5), after “38(2B),” insert “46KA, 46L”.>

Section 4

Michael Matheson

- 138** In section 4, page 17, line 19, leave out <or (3)> and insert <, (3) or (3A)>

Michael Matheson

- 139** In section 4, page 17, line 32, at end insert—

- <(3A) This subsection applies to land that is, or forms part of, a site of community significance.
- (3B) For the purposes of this section, a “site of community significance” is any area of land that has been identified by communities and recognised as such by—
- (a) a land management plan published in accordance with the 2016 Act,
 - (b) a local development plan prepared by a planning authority under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997,
 - (c) a local place plan registered with a planning authority under the Town and Country

Planning (Scotland) Act 1997,

(d) a formal resolution of a community council registered with the local authority to which the land relates,

(e) the registration of a community interest in land under Part 2 of this Act.

(3C) The Scottish Ministers must publish guidance on the criteria and procedure to be applied in recognising an area of land as a site of community significance.

(3D) Before publishing guidance under subsection (3C), the Scottish Ministers must consult the Scottish Land Commission.>

Mercedes Villalba

140 In section 4, page 18, line 4, leave out <a contiguous> and insert <an>

Mairi Gougeon

141 In section 4, page 18, line 6, leave out <a single holding (“holding A”) forms part of a composite holding with another (“holding B”)> and insert <two or more single holdings form a composite holding>

Mairi Gougeon

142 In section 4, page 18, line 7, leave out <(5)> and insert <(3)>

Mairi Gougeon

143 In section 4, page 18, leave out line 8

Mairi Gougeon

144 In section 4, page 18, line 9, leave out <(4)(b)> and insert <(2)(b)>

Mercedes Villalba

145 In section 4, page 18, leave out lines 10 and 11

Mairi Gougeon

146 In section 4, page 18, leave out lines 10 to 16 and insert—

<(a) each single holding is contiguous with at least one other single holding, and

(b) the owner of one single holding (“holding A”)—

(i) is connected to the owner of another single holding (“holding B”) with which holding A is contiguous, and

(ii) where there are more than two single holdings, is also the owner of, or connected to the owner of, every other single holding.>

Mairi Gougeon

147 In section 4, page 18, line 16, at end insert—

<(4) For the purposes of—

- (a) subsection (2)(a), an area of land is to be treated as being contiguous with another if any part of the area is within 250 metres of any part of the other, and
- (b) subsection (3)—
 - (i) a holding is contiguous with another if a boundary of the holding is (wholly or partly) contiguous with a boundary of the other, and
 - (ii) a boundary of a holding is to be treated as being contiguous with a boundary of another if any part of the boundary is within 250 metres of the other.>

Mairi Gougeon

148 In section 4, page 18, line 18, leave out <67H(5)(b)> and insert <67H(3)(b)>

Tim Eagle

149 In section 4, page 20, line 9, insert at end—

<(2A) A lotting decision must be made under this section no later than 14 days after the day on which a valid request to consider doing so is made to Ministers.>

Michael Matheson

150 In section 4, page 20, line 17, at end insert—

<(A1) Ministers may make a lotting decision under this section stating that land may only be transferred in lots only if they consider that it is in the public interest to do so.>

Michael Matheson

151 In section 4, page 20, line 18, leave out from <Ministers> to <they> in line 19 and insert <A lotting decision will not be in the public interest for the purpose of subsection (A1) unless Ministers>

Michael Matheson

152 In section 4, page 20, line 25, after <must> insert <—

(a)>

Michael Matheson

153 In section 4, page 20, line 25, at end insert—

<(b) provide a statement of reasons as to why Ministers consider the decision is in the public interest.>

Mairi Gougeon

154 In section 4, page 20, leave out lines 35 and 36

Mairi Gougeon

155 In section 4, page 20, line 38, at end insert—

<(6) Ministers must make a lotting decision under this section before the expiry of the period of 6 months beginning with the day on which a valid application under section 67K is received.

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- (7) Any failure to comply with the time limit specified in subsection (6) does not affect the validity of anything done by Ministers under this section.>

Michael Matheson

156 In section 4, page 21, line 16, at end insert—

<67OA Guidance on lotting decisions

- (1) Ministers must issue guidance about making lotting decisions under section 67N.
- (2) Guidance issued under subsection (1) must, in particular, include information about—
 - (a) how Ministers expect the process of making a lotting decision to operate in practice,
 - (b) circumstances in which Ministers are to instruct the Land and Communities Commissioner to carry out an initial review of an application and provide a report as soon as is practicable,
 - (c) other circumstances in which a report is to be provided by the Commissioner on the basis of an initial review of an application when instructed by Ministers.
- (3) Before issuing guidance under subsection (1), Ministers must consult—
 - (a) the Land and Communities Commissioner, and
 - (b) such other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may review and revise guidance issued under subsection (1).
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must make guidance (including revised guidance) under this section, publicly available as soon as practicable after issuing it.>

Tim Eagle

157 In section 4, page 21, line 21, at end insert—

- <(1A) A review under subsection (1) must be completed no later than 60 days after the day on which a valid application is made.>

Michael Matheson

158 In section 4, page 22, line 21, leave out <(1)> and insert <(A1), (1), (2)>

Michael Matheson

159 In section 4, page 22, leave out lines 24 and 25

Mairi Gougeon

160 In section 4, page 22, line 29, at end insert—

- <(8) Ministers must make a lotting decision under this section before the expiry of the period of 6 months beginning with the day on which a valid application under section 67P asking them to review a lotting decision is received.
- (9) Any failure to comply with the time limit specified in subsection (8) does not affect the validity of anything done by Ministers under this section.>

Tim Eagle

161 In section 4, page 23, line 16, at end insert—

- <(7) Before making regulations under this section, Ministers must—
- (a) consult such persons as they consider appropriate,
 - (b) prepare and publish a report on the consultation carried out under paragraph (a).>

Mairi Gougeon

162 In section 4, page 23, line 16, at end insert—

- <(7) Ministers must, before laying a draft of any regulations under this section, consult such persons as they consider appropriate.>

Tim Eagle

163 In section 4, page 24, line 18, at end insert—

<CHAPTER 4A

LIFTING OF PROHIBITIONS

67UA Lifting of prohibition on transfer where no lotting decision made

- (1) This section applies where Ministers are under—
 - (a) a duty under section 67K to make a lotting decision, or
 - (b) a duty under section 67P to review a lotting decision.
- (2) Where no lotting decision is made by Ministers within 60 days of the application asking for a lotting decision or, as the case may be, a review of a lotting decision, the prohibition on the transfer of land under section 67C is lifted.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), a “lotting decision” in relation to a review under section 67P includes a confirmation of the lotting decision which is the subject of the review.>

Tim Eagle

164 In section 4, page 24, line 37, leave out <21> and insert <35>

Mairi Gougeon

165 In section 4, page 25, line 5, at end insert—

- <(5) Ministers must, before laying a draft of regulations under this section, consult such persons as they consider appropriate.>

Tim Eagle

166 In section 4, page 25, leave out line 19

Tim Eagle

167 In section 4, page 25, line 19, after <applies> insert <but see subsection (2))>

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168 In section 4, page 25, line 19, at end insert—

<(ba) the definition of a “site of community significance” in section 67G(3B),>

Mairi Gougeon

169 In section 4, page 25, line 20, at end insert—

<(ca) the period mentioned in section 67N(6),

(cb) the period mentioned in section 67R(8),>

Mairi Gougeon

170 In section 4, page 25, line 21, at end insert—

<(2) Ministers must, before laying a draft of any regulations under this section, consult such persons as they consider appropriate.>

Mercedes Villalba

171 In section 4, page 25, line 21, at end insert—

<(2) Regulations under subsection (1)(b) must not increase the number of hectares in area that land must exceed for section 67G to apply.>

Tim Eagle

172 In section 4, page 25, line 21, at end insert—

<(2) Regulations made under subsection (1)(b) must not reduce the number of hectares specified in—

(a) section 67G(2),

(b) section 67G(3)(a),

(c) section 67G(d),

(d) section 67H(1).>

Tim Eagle

173 Leave out section 4

After section 4

Mercedes Villalba

174 After section 4, insert—

<Transfer of large landholdings in the public interest

(1) The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 is modified as follows.

(2) After Part 2 insert—

“PART 2B

APPLYING A PUBLIC INTEREST TEST TO A PROPOSED NEW BUYER IN RELATION TO TRANSFERS OF

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LARGE LAND HOLDINGS

67C Ministers to consider public interest considerations in relation to buyers of large land holdings

- (1) A purported transfer of land by the owner, or a creditor in a standard security having a right to sell the land, is of no effect if, the Scottish Ministers consider that the purported transfer would not be in the public interest, and—
 - (a) section 67G applies to the land, or
 - (b) a lotting decision under section 67N applies to the land.
- (2) In considering whether the purported transfer would be in the public interest, the Scottish Ministers must have regard to the identity and management proposals of the person to whom the land is proposed to be transferred, including—
 - (a) where the person is resident for tax purposes,
 - (b) the size and location of any other land for which they hold a controlling interest,
 - (c) any plans or proposals they have for—
 - (i) the future management of the land,
 - (ii) meeting any obligations imposed by regulations under section 44A, and
 - (d) any agreements they have proposed or entered into in relation to the future sale of the land (in whole or in part).
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) prepare guidance on how the matters referred to in subsection (2) will be considered in exercising the duty under subsection (1), and
 - (b) publish and lay the guidance before the Scottish Parliament.
- (4) Before laying guidance under subsection (4), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may delegate duties under subsection (3)(a) and (4) to the Scottish Land Commission.”>

Section 5

Mairi Gougeon

175 In section 5, page 25, line 25, after <67S(6),> insert <67V(4),>

Tim Eagle

176 Leave out section 5

Section 6

Tim Eagle

177 In section 6, page 26, leave out lines 21 to 30

Michael Matheson

178 In section 6, page 27, line 23, at end insert—

<38AA Functions of the Land and Communities Commissioner: further provisions

In exercising the functions under section 38A, the Land and Communities Commissioner—

- (a) may hold public hearings or undertake other such consultations as the Commissioner considers appropriate,
- (b) may issue a code of practice or guidance in relation to the obligations imposed by regulations under section 44A,
- (c) must consult the Commission on a draft code of practice or guidance before issue,
- (d) must have regard to the policies of the Commission in undertaking their work and act in ways consistent with the Commission's policies,
- (e) must have regard to any considerations the Commission must have regard to.>

Tim Eagle

179 In section 6, page 27, leave out line 30

Tim Eagle

180 Leave out section 6

After section 6

Michael Matheson

181 After section 6, insert—

<Functions of the Land Commissioners: further provisions

- (1) The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 22 (functions of the Land Commissioners), in subsection (5), after paragraph (d) insert—
 - “(e) the contribution of land to the achievement of a just transition to net zero,
 - (f) the relationship between scale of land holdings to the building of community wealth,
 - (g) the desirability of achieving a more diverse pattern of landownership comprising more landowners and different types of landowners, and
 - (h) measures to support the repopulation of land and the sustainability of communities.”.>

Bob Doris

Supported by: Mercedes Villalba

182 After section 6, insert—

<Duty to review thresholds

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- (1) The Scottish Land Commission must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each review period, undertake a review of the thresholds for the land to which the following provisions apply—
 - (a) section 44D of the 2016 Act,
 - (b) section 46K of the 2003 Act,
 - (c) section 67G of the 2003 Act.
- (2) On completion of a review under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) prepare and publish a report on the review,
 - (b) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (3) The report under subsection (2) must include—
 - (a) the conclusions and recommendations of the Scottish Land Commission in respect of the review, and
 - (b) a statement of the action, if any, the Scottish Ministers intend to take as a result of the review.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies where the Scottish Land Commission recommends any modifications to the thresholds for the land to which the provisions mentioned in subsection (1) apply.
- (5) Where this subsection applies, the Scottish Ministers must, within 180 days of laying a report under subsection (2)—
 - (a) lay a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under section 44M of the 2016 Act, or sections 46L or 67Y of the 2003 Act, to implement the recommendations of the Scottish Land Commission,
 - (b) in the case that no such regulations are laid, publish and lay before the Scottish Parliament a statement setting out the reasons why they consider that no modifications should be made, or
 - (c) in the case that regulations are laid, but the modifications do not implement the recommendations, publish and lay before the Scottish Parliament a statement setting out the reasons why they consider different modifications to be appropriate.
- (6) In this section, “the review period” means—
 - (a) the period of 5 years beginning with the day after Royal Assent, and
 - (b) each subsequent period of 5 years.>

Section 7

Tim Eagle

183 In section 7, page 28, leave out line 29

Schedule

Mairi Gougeon

184 In the schedule, page 78, line 24, leave out <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

185 In the schedule, page 78, line 25, leave out <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

186 In the schedule, page 78, line 26, leave out <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

187 In the schedule, page 78, line 27, leave out <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

188 In the schedule, page 78, line 32, leave out <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

189 In the schedule, page 78, line 32, after <includes> insert <, where person A has died,>

Mairi Gougeon

190 In the schedule, page 78, line 33, leave out first <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

191 In the schedule, page 80, line 20, after <paragraph> insert <and paragraphs 23 and 24>

Mairi Gougeon

192 In the schedule, page 80, line 22, leave out <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

193 In the schedule, page 80, line 23, leave out <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

194 In the schedule, page 80, line 27, leave out <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

195 In the schedule, page 80, line 31, leave out <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

196 In the schedule, page 81, line 2, leave out <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

197 In the schedule, page 81, line 2, after <includes> insert <, where person A has died,>

Mairi Gougeon

198 In the schedule, page 81, line 3, leave out first <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

199 In the schedule, page 81, line 16, leave out <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

200 In the schedule, page 81, line 17, leave out <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

201 In the schedule, page 81, line 18, leave out <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

202 In the schedule, page 81, line 19, leave out <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

203 In the schedule, page 81, line 24, leave out <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

204 In the schedule, page 81, line 24, after <includes> insert <, where person A has died,>

Mairi Gougeon

205 In the schedule, page 81, line 25, leave out first <the> and insert <a>

Mairi Gougeon

206 In the schedule, page 82, line 8, leave out <tenant> and insert <small landholder>

Mairi Gougeon

207 In the schedule, page 82, line 33, leave out <tenant> and insert <small landholder>

Mairi Gougeon

208 In the schedule, page 82, line 33, leave out <of the deceased's death.> and insert <on which the deceased landholder's interest in the small landholding was transferred under section 16 of the Succession (Scotland) Act 1964.>

Mairi Gougeon

209 In the schedule, page 83, line 33, leave out <tenant> and insert <small landholder>

Mairi Gougeon

210 In the schedule, page 83, line 33, leave out <, from the date of the deceased's death.> and insert<—

() in the case of the legatee, from the date of the deceased landholder's death,

() in the case of the acquirer, from the date on which the deceased landholder's interest in the small landholding was transferred under section 16 of the Succession (Scotland) Act 1964.>

Mairi Gougeon

- 211 In the schedule, page 84, line 1, leave out <tenant> and insert <small landholder>

Mairi Gougeon

- 212 In the schedule, page 84, line 1, leave out <, from the date of the deceased's death.> and insert<—
 () in the case of the legatee, from the date of the deceased landholder's death,
 () in the case of the acquirer, from the date on which the deceased landholder's interest in the small landholding was transferred under section 16 of the Succession (Scotland) Act 1964.>

Mairi Gougeon

- 213 In the schedule, page 84, leave out lines 3 to 23

Mairi Gougeon

- 214 In the schedule, page 85, line 15, leave out <tenant> and insert <small landholder>

Mairi Gougeon

- 215 In the schedule, page 85, line 16, leave out <from the date of the deceased's death.> and insert <—
 () in the case of the legatee, from the date of the deceased landholder's death,
 () in the case of the acquirer, from the date on which the deceased landholder's interest in the small landholding was transferred under section 16 of the Succession (Scotland) Act 1964.>

Tim Eagle

- 216 In the schedule, page 93, line 29, leave out <may> and insert <must>

Tim Eagle

- 217 In the schedule, page 93, line 31, at end insert—
 <() Before making regulations under sub-paragraph (4), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.>

Tim Eagle

- 218 In the schedule, page 99, line 20, after <(4)> insert <but only to add to the transfers of land that are exempt transfers for the purposes of paragraph 48>

Tim Eagle

- 219 In the schedule, page 99, line 20, at end insert—
 <() Before making regulations under sub-paragraph (5), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.>

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220 In the schedule, page 100, line 17, at end insert—

<() Before making regulations under sub-paragraph (7), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.>

Mairi Gougeon

221 In the schedule, page 101, line 15, at end insert—

<() The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision for a period within which any notice given by a landholder under sub-paragraph (3) is to be given.

() Regulations under sub-paragraph (9) may modify this paragraph.>

Tim Eagle

222 In the schedule, page 107, leave out lines 28 to 30

Section 9

Tim Eagle

223 In section 9, page 30, leave out lines 4 to 10

Section 10

Mairi Gougeon

224 In section 10, page 30, line 31, leave out <(2) and> and insert <(1A) to>

Mairi Gougeon

225 In section 10, page 30, line 31, at end insert—

<(1A) In section 25 (registration of tenant's interest), in subsection (6)—

(a) in the opening words, the words “on receipt of the extract,” are repealed,

(b) in paragraph (a), after “tenant” insert “on receipt of the extract”,

(c) in paragraph (b), after “security” insert “within the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the owner receives the extract”.

(1B) In section 27 (transfers not requiring notice), in subsection (1)(c), after “spouses” insert “or civil partners”.

(1C) In section 29 (exercise of right to buy)—

(a) in subsection (1), for “28(1)” substitute “28(1)(a)”,

(b) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) Where a tenant has a right to buy land under section 28(1)(b), the tenant may proceed in accordance with section 32 to buy the land from the owner or, as the case may be, the creditor provided that the tenant gives notice to the owner or, as the case may be, the creditor that the tenant intends to buy the land.”,

(c) for subsection (6) substitute—

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“(6) The right to buy mentioned in—

- (a) subsection (1) is extinguished if the tenant does not give notice in accordance with subsection (2),
- (b) subsection (3) is extinguished if the tenant does not give notice in accordance with subsection (4),
- (c) subsection (1), (2A) or (3) is extinguished if the tenant gives notice under subsection (5).”,

(d) after subsection (7) insert—

“(8) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision for a period within which any notice given by a tenant under subsection (2A) is to be given.

(9) Regulations under subsection (8) may modify this section.”>

Tim Eagle

226 In section 10, page 31, leave out lines 15 to 17

Tim Eagle

227 In section 10, page 31, line 21 after <Keeper,> insert—

<(aa) organisations with an interest in agricultural holdings,>

Mairi Gougeon

228 In section 10, page 31, line 23, at end insert—

<() In section 32 (procedure for buying), in subsection (3)—

- (a) in the opening words, for “are” substitute “is”,
- (b) in paragraph (a), after “29(2)” insert “, (2A)”.

() In section 33 (appointment of valuer), in subsection (2), after “29(2)” insert “, (2A)”.

() In section 34 (valuation of the land), in subsection (1)—

- (a) the words from “the date” to the end become paragraph (a),
- (b) after that paragraph insert “, or

(b) where no such notice was given, the date on which the tenant gave notice under section 29 of the tenant’s intention to buy the land.”>

Mairi Gougeon

229 In section 10, page 31, line 24, after <insert> insert <“29(8),>

After section 10

Mairi Gougeon

230 After section 10, insert—

<Assignment in relation to 1991 Act tenancies

Assignment of tenancy

- (1) The Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 10A (assignment of tenancy)—
 - (a) in subsection (1A), for paragraphs (b) to (n) substitute—“(aa) a spouse or civil partner of—
 - (i) a tenant’s descendant,
 - (ii) a tenant’s sibling,
 (ab) in relation to a tenant’s spouse or civil partner—
 - (i) that person’s sibling,
 - (ii) a spouse or civil partner of such a sibling,
 - (iii) a descendant of such a sibling.”
 - (b) after subsection (1A) insert—

“(1B) For the purpose of subsection (1A)—

 - (a) a reference to a spouse or civil partner of a person (“person A”) includes, where person A has died, a reference to a person who was the spouse or civil partner of person A immediately prior to person A’s death,
 - (b) two people are siblings if they have at least one parent in common,
 - (c) a step-child or, as the case may be, step-sibling of a person is to be treated as being the same as a child or, as the case may be, sibling of a person (and subsection (1A)(a) is to be read as if the rules of intestacy applied accordingly).”,
 - (c) in subsection (2), after “assignee” insert “(including the proposed assignee’s relationship to the tenant)”,
 - (d) in subsection (3B)(a), for “of the notice” substitute “on which the notice is given”,
 - (e) in subsection (4), for “30 days of the giving of the notice” substitute “the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which the notice is given”,
 - (f) in subsection (5), for “under this section shall, in so far as it so purports, be null and void” substitute “in accordance with this section or in accordance with an order of the Land Court made under section 60 is, in so far as it so purports, null and void”,
 - (g) in subsection (6), for paragraphs (a) to (m) substitute—

“(aa) a tenant’s parent,

(ab) in relation to a tenant’s child—

 - (i) that child,
 - (ii) that child’s spouse or civil partner,
 - (iii) a descendant of that child, (ac) in relation to a tenant’s sibling—
 - (i) that sibling,
 - (ii) that sibling’s spouse or civil partner,
 - (iii) a descendant of that sibling,

(ad) in relation to a tenant's spouse or civil partner—

- (i) that spouse or civil partner,
- (ii) that spouse or civil partner's sibling,
- (iii) a descendant of that sibling.”,

(h) after subsection (6) insert—

“(7) For the purpose of subsection (6)—

- (a) a reference to a spouse or civil partner of a person (“person A”) includes, where person A has died, a reference to a person who was the spouse or civil partner of person A immediately prior to person A's death,
- (b) a step-child of a person is to be treated as being the same as a child of a person.”.>

Mairi Gougeon

231 After section 10, insert—

<Assignment in relation to 2003 Act tenancies

Assignment of limited duration tenancy

- (1) The Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 7 (assignment and subletting of limited duration tenancies)—
 - (a) in subsection (2), after “assignee” insert “(including the proposed assignee's relationship to the tenant)”,
 - (b) in subsection (3B)(a), for “of the notice” substitute “on which the notice is given”,
 - (c) in subsection (4), for “30 days of the giving of the notice” substitute “the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which the notice is given”,
 - (d) in subsection (5)(a)(ii), for “30 days of the giving of the notice” substitute “the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which the notice is given”,
 - (e) in subsection (5A), for paragraphs (a) to (m) substitute—

“(aa) a tenant's parent,

(ab) in relation to a tenant's child—

 - (i) that child,
 - (ii) that child's spouse or civil partner,
 - (iii) a descendant of that child, (ac) in relation to a tenant's sibling—
 - (i) that sibling,
 - (ii) that sibling's spouse or civil partner,
 - (iii) a descendant of that sibling,

(ad) in relation to a tenant's spouse or civil partner—

 - (i) that spouse or civil partner,
 - (ii) that spouse or civil partner's sibling,

(iii) a descendant of that sibling.”,

(f) after that subsection insert—

“(5B) For the purpose of subsection (5A)—

- (a) a reference to a spouse or civil partner of a person (“person A”) includes, where person A has died, a reference to a person who was the spouse or civil partner of person A immediately prior to person A’s death,
- (b) a step-child of a person is to be treated as being the same as a child of a person.”.>

Mairi Gougeon

232 After section 10, insert—

<Assignment of modern limited duration tenancy

(1) The Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003 is modified as follows.

(2) In section 7B (assignment of modern limited duration tenancies)—

- (a) in subsection (2), after “assignee” insert “(including the proposed assignee’s relationship to the tenant)”,
- (b) in subsection (5)(a), for “of the notice” substitute “on which the notice is given”,
- (c) in subsection (6), for “30 days of the giving of the notice” substitute “the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which the notice is given”,
- (d) in subsection (8), for paragraphs (a) to (m) substitute— “(aa) a
tenant’s parent,
(ab) in relation to a tenant’s child—
(i) that child,
(ii) that child’s spouse or civil partner,
(iii) a descendant of that child, (ac) in
relation to a tenant’s sibling—
(i) that sibling,
(ii) that sibling’s spouse or civil partner,
(iii) a descendant of that sibling,
(ad) in relation to a tenant’s spouse or civil partner—
(i) that spouse or civil partner,
(ii) that spouse or civil partner’s sibling,
(iii) a descendant of that sibling.”,

(e) after that subsection insert—

“(9) For the purpose of subsection (8)—

- (a) a reference to a spouse or civil partner of a person (“person A”) includes, where person A has died, a reference to a person who was the spouse or civil partner of person A immediately prior to person A’s death,
- (b) a step-child of a person is to be treated as being the same as a child of a person.”.>

Mairi Gougeon

233 After section 10, insert—

<Assignment of repairing tenancy

- (1) The Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 7D (assignment of repairing tenancies) (as inserted by the section 106(2) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016)—
 - (a) in subsection (4)(a), for “of the notice” substitute “on which the notice is given”,
 - (b) in subsection (5), for “30 days of the giving of the notice” substitute “the period of 28 days beginning with the date in which the notice is given”.>

Section 11

Mairi Gougeon

234 In section 11, page 32, line 4, after <of> insert <a part of>

Mairi Gougeon

235 In section 11, page 32, line 5, leave out <, or a part of it>

Mairi Gougeon

236 In section 11, page 32, line 6, after <of> insert <a part of>

Mairi Gougeon

237 In section 11, page 32, line 6, leave out <, or a part of it,>

Mairi Gougeon

238 In section 11, page 32, leave out line 10

Mairi Gougeon

239 In section 11, page 32, line 12, at end insert—

<(aa) nominate a person who appears to the landlord to meet the requirements to be a valuer mentioned in paragraph 1(4) of schedule 2A,>

Tim Eagle

240 In section 11, page 32, line 13, leave out <1 year> and insert <6 months>

Mairi Gougeon

241 In section 11, page 32, line 17, leave out <28 days> and insert <6 weeks>

Mairi Gougeon

242 In section 11, page 32, line 33, leave out <part of the>

Mairi Gougeon

243 In section 11, page 32, line 37, leave out <which formed that part>

Mairi Gougeon

244 In section 11, page 33, line 12, at the beginning insert <Where the Tenant Farming Commissioner has appointed a valuer under paragraph 1(2) of schedule 2A,>

Mairi Gougeon

245 In section 11, page 33, line 13, leave out <Tenant Farming>

Mairi Gougeon

246 In section 11, page 33, line 21, leave out <32ZA(6)> and insert <32ZA(3) and (6)>

Mairi Gougeon

247 In section 11, page 33, line 22, at end insert—

<Interpretation

A1 In this schedule, “valuer” means a person appointed under paragraph A2(2), paragraph 1(2) or, as the case may be, paragraph 2(5)(b).

Appointment of valuer by parties

A2(1) This paragraph applies where a notice of resumption has been given under section 32ZA(2).

(2) The landlord must appoint as valuer—

- (a) the person nominated in the notice given under section 32ZA(2), provided sub-paragraph (3) does not apply, or
- (b) the person agreed on as the valuer by the parties during negotiations under sub-paragraph (5).

(3) This sub-paragraph applies where—

- (a) the tenant has given—
 - (i) notice to terminate the tenancy under section 32ZA(4) or
 - (ii) a notice of objection under sub-paragraph (4), or
- (b) the period mentioned in section 32ZA(4) or, as the case may be, sub-paragraph (4) has not ended, no notice as mentioned in sub-paragraph (a)(i) or (ii) having been given.

(4) Where the tenant objects to a person nominated to be the valuer in a notice given under section 32ZA(2), the tenant must, within the period of 6 weeks beginning with the date on which the notice is given, give notice of the objection to the landlord.

(5) Where a notice of objection by the tenant is given under sub-paragraph (4), the parties may enter into negotiations with a view to agreeing on a person to be appointed as the valuer, being a person who appears to both parties to meet the requirements mentioned in paragraph 1(4).

(6) The landlord may request that the Tenant Farming Commissioner appoint a valuer under

paragraph 1 where—

- (a) the parties do not enter into negotiations of a kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (5), or
 - (b) no agreement is reached on the appointment of a person as valuer during such negotiations.
- (7) A request made under sub-paragraph (6)—
- (a) must be copied to the tenant,
 - (b) must include—
 - (i) copies of the notice given under section 32ZA(2) and the notice of objection given under sub-paragraph (4), and
 - (ii) details of any negotiations undertaken under sub-paragraph (4), including any relevant information about persons rejected as valuer by either party.
- (8) A notice given under section 32ZA(2) is deemed to be of no effect if, within the period of 10 weeks beginning with the date on which the notice is given—
- (a) the landlord does not appoint a person as valuer in accordance with sub-paragraph (2), or
 - (b) the landlord does not make a request under sub-paragraph (6).
- (9) Where the tenant gives notice under section 32ZA(4) to terminate the tenancy the landlord must, where a request has been made under sub-paragraph (6), give notice to the Commissioner and to any valuer appointed by virtue of that request.>

Mairi Gougeon

- 248** In section 11, page 33, line 25, leave out from <copy> to end and insert <request under paragraph A2(5).>

Mairi Gougeon

- 249** In section 11, page 33, line 27, after <appoint> insert <as valuer>

Mairi Gougeon

- 250** In section 11, page 34, leave out lines 7 and 8

Mairi Gougeon

- 251** In section 11, page 34, line 9, leave out <Tenant Farming>

Mairi Gougeon

- 252** In section 11, page 34, line 21, leave out <Tenant Farming>

Mairi Gougeon

- 253** In section 11, page 34, line 27, leave out <Tenant Farming>

Mairi Gougeon

- 254** In section 11, page 37, line 8, at end insert—

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<(za) the date on which the valuer is appointed by the landlord under paragraph A2(2),>

Mairi Gougeon

255 In section 11, page 37, leave out lines 28 and 29

Section 12

Mairi Gougeon

256 In section 12, page 38, line 25, at end insert—

<() in subsection (2), after paragraph (a) insert—

“(aa) nominate a person who appears to the landlord to meet the requirements to be a valuer mentioned in paragraph 1(4) of schedule 2,”>

Mairi Gougeon

257 In section 12, page 38, leave out lines 26 to 29

Mairi Gougeon

258 In section 12, page 38, line 29, at end insert—

<() in subsection (3), for “28 days” substitute “6 weeks”,>

Mairi Gougeon

259 In section 12, page 38, line 37, at end insert—

<() After section 17, insert—

“17A Withdrawal of notice of resumption

- (1) Except where the tenant has given notice terminating the tenancy at the date of resumption of possession under section 17(3), a landlord may withdraw a notice of resumption given in accordance with that section at any time before the date specified in section 17(2)(c).
- (2) But where the notice of resumption relates to the all of the land comprised in the lease, the notice may not be withdrawn without the tenant’s consent.
- (3) Where the Tenant Farming Commissioner has appointed a valuer under paragraph 1 of schedule 2, the landlord must, at the same time as withdrawing the notice of resumption, send a copy of the withdrawal to the Commissioner.
- (4) Where a landlord withdraws a notice of resumption, the tenant is entitled to recover from the landlord any loss or expense reasonably incurred in reliance on the landlord’s notice of resumption.”>

Mairi Gougeon

260 In section 12, page 39, line 11, at end insert—

<Interpretation

A1 In this schedule, “valuer” means a person appointed under paragraph A2(2), paragraph 1(2)

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or, as the case may be, paragraph 2(5)(b).

Appointment of valuer by parties

A2(1) This paragraph applies where a notice of resumption has been given under section 17(2).

- (2) The landlord must appoint as valuer—
 - (a) the person nominated in the notice given under section 17(2), provided sub-paragraph (3) does not apply, or
 - (b) the person agreed on as the valuer by the parties during negotiations under sub-paragraph (4).
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies where—
 - (a) the tenant has given—
 - (i) notice to terminate the tenancy under section 17(4) or
 - (ii) a notice of objection under sub-paragraph (4), or
 - (b) the period mentioned in section 17(4) or, as the case may be, sub-paragraph (4) has not ended, no notice as mentioned in sub-paragraph (a)(i) or (ii) having been given.
- (4) Where the tenant objects to a person nominated to be the valuer in a notice given under section 17(2), the tenant must, within the period of 6 weeks beginning with the date on which the notice is given, give notice of the objection to the landlord.
- (5) Where a notice of objection by the tenant is given under sub-paragraph (4), the parties may enter into negotiations with a view to agreeing on a person to be appointed as the valuer, being a person who appears to both parties to meet the requirements mentioned in paragraph 1(4).
- (6) The landlord may request that the Tenant Farming Commissioner appoint a valuer under paragraph 1 where—
 - (a) the parties do not enter into negotiations of a kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (5), or
 - (b) no agreement is reached on the appointment of a person as valuer during such negotiations.
- (7) A request made under sub-paragraph (6)—
 - (a) must be copied to the tenant,
 - (b) must include—
 - (i) copies of the notice given under section 17(2) and the notice of objection given under sub-paragraph (4), and
 - (ii) details of any negotiations undertaken under sub-paragraph (5), including any relevant information about persons rejected as valuer by either party.
- (8) A notice given under section 17(2) is deemed to be of no effect if, within the period of 10 weeks beginning with the date on which the notice is given—
 - (a) the landlord does not appoint a person as valuer in accordance with sub-paragraph (2), or
 - (b) the landlord does not make a request under sub-paragraph (6).
- (9) Where the tenant gives notice under section 17(3) to terminate the tenancy the landlord

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must, where a request has been made under sub-paragraph (6), give notice to the Commissioner and to any valuer appointed by virtue of that request.>

Mairi Gougeon

261 In section 12, page 39, line 16, after <appoint> insert <as valuer>

Mairi Gougeon

262 In section 12, page 39, leave out lines 34 and 35

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263 In section 12, page 39, line 36, leave out <Tenant Farming>

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264 In section 12, page 40, line 10, leave out <Tenant Farming>

Mairi Gougeon

265 In section 12, page 40, line 16, leave out <Tenant Farming>

Mairi Gougeon

266 In section 12, page 43, line 1, at end insert—

<(za) the date on which the valuer is appointed by the landlord under paragraph A2(2),>

Mairi Gougeon

267 In section 12, page 43, leave out lines 21 and 22

Section 14

Mairi Gougeon

268 In section 14, page 45, line 24, at end insert—

<() In section 14A (landlord improvement notices), in subsection (2), after “improvement” in the second place it appears insert “of a kind referred to or”.>

Mairi Gougeon

269 In section 14, page 45, line 29, leave out <Part 3> and insert <paragraph 5>

Mairi Gougeon

270 In section 14, page 45, line 31, at end insert—

<() In section 35 (payment of compensation by incoming tenant), in subsection (3), for “of a kind referred to in Part III” substitute “specified in paragraph 5”.>

Mairi Gougeon

271 In section 14, page 46, line 12, for <39(2A)> substitute <39(2AA)>

Mairi Gougeon

272 In section 14, page 46, line 12, at end insert—

<(1DA) Where the parties have been unable to agree terms for consent within the 70 day period described in subsection (1C), the landlord must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of that period, provide the tenant with reasons in writing explaining the basis why the landlord has not consented to the proposed improvement including, in particular, by reference to the matters described in section 39(2AA).>

Mairi Gougeon

273 In section 14, page 46, line 14, after <improvement> insert <(whether or not reasons have been provided under subsection (1D))>

Mairi Gougeon

274 In section 14, page 46, line 39, at end insert—

<() after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) A notice of objection under subsection (1) must provide the landlord’s reasons for objecting to the tenant’s carrying out of the improvement or to the manner in which the tenant proposes to carry it out including, in particular, by reference to the matters described in section 39(2AA).”>

Mairi Gougeon

275 In section 14, page 47, line 2, leave out from <is> to end of line 8 and insert <is to consider the matters set out in subsection (2AA).>

Mairi Gougeon

276 In section 14, page 47, line 8, at end insert—

<(2AA) The matters are—

(a) whether the improvement is likely to (either or both)—

(i) have a positive effect on the efficient management of the holding,

(ii) facilitate or enhance sustainable or regenerative agricultural production on the holding, and

(b) whether it is reasonable, in all the circumstances of the case, for the improvement to be carried out.>

Mairi Gougeon

277 In section 14, page 47, leave out lines 9 to 12 and insert—

<(2B) The following improvements, unless the contrary is shown, are presumed to facilitate or enhance sustainable or regenerative agricultural production—

(a) laying down permanent pasture,

- (b) making water-meadows,
- (c) warping or weiring land,
- (d) re-wetting wetlands,
- (e) creating species-rich pasture,
- (f) creating silvopasture and silvoarable systems,
- (g) restoring peatland,
- (h) converting the holding (or a significant part of it) to a standard of organic farming that is capable of being accredited by a recognised accreditation organisation,
- (i) erecting, altering or enlarging buildings, facilities or other structures required for the creation or storage of energy—
 - (i) from a renewable source (such as a wind turbine or solar panel), and
 - (ii) which is primarily to be used on the holding.”.>

Mairi Gougeon

278 In section 14, page 47, line 16, after <modify> insert <section 39(2B) and>

Mairi Gougeon

279 In section 14, page 47, line 16, leave out <, 5, and 6> and insert <and 5>

Tim Eagle

280 In section 14, page 47, line 27, leave out <negative> and insert <affirmative>

Mairi Gougeon

281 In section 14, page 47, line 28, at end insert—

<() the section title becomes “Compensation for improvements: power to modify lists”.>

Mairi Gougeon

282 In section 14, page 48, line 6, at end insert—

- <(ca) making water-meadows,
- (cb) warping or weiring land,
- (cc) creating silvopasture and silvoarable systems,
- (cd) restoring peatland,>

Mairi Gougeon

283 In section 14, page 48, line 16, at end insert—

- <(aa) laying down permanent pasture,
- (ab) re-wetting wetlands,>

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Mairi Gougeon

- 284** In section 14, page 48, line 31, leave out <or facilities> and insert <, facilities or other structures>

Mairi Gougeon

- 285** In section 14, page 48, line 37, at end insert—

<(iv) the creation or storage of energy, which is primarily to be used on the holding, from a renewable source (such as a wind turbine or solar panel),>

Ariane Burgess

- 286** In section 14, page 49, line 19, at end insert—

<(aa) creating species-rich pasture,

(ab) converting the holding (or a significant part of it) to a standard of organic farming that is capable of being accredited by a recognised accreditation organisation,>

Mairi Gougeon

- 287** In section 14, page 50, leave out lines 7 to 25

Mairi Gougeon

- 288** In section 14, page 50, line 25, at end insert—

<() The Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003 is modified by subsections (9B) to (9F).

() In section 10 (increase in rent: landlord's improvements), in subsection (1), after "one" insert "of a kind referred to or".

() In section 10A (landlord improvement notices), in subsection (3), after second "improvement" insert "of a kind referred to or".

() In section 45 (right to compensation for improvements)—

(a) in subsection (2), after "improvements" insert "of a kind referred to or",

(b) in subsection (3), for "32" substitute "5(i)",

(c) in subsection (5)—

(i) after "order", in the first place in which it appears, insert "or regulations",

(ii) after "comes" insert "or, as the case may be, regulations come",

(iii) after "order", in the last place in which it appears, insert "or regulations".

() In section 48 (consent required for compensation in certain cases), for "specified in Part I" substitute "of a kind referred to in paragraph 1".

() In section 49 (notice required for certain improvements), in subsection (1), for "specified in Part II" substitute "of a kind referred to in paragraph 3".>

Section 15

Tim Eagle

- 289** In section 15, page 51, leave out lines 6 to 8

Section 20

Tim Eagle

290 In section 20, page 53, line 5, leave out <or game management>

Tim Eagle

291 In section 20, page 53, line 10, leave out <or game management>

Tim Eagle

292 In section 20, page 53, line 11, after <have> insert <directly>

Tim Eagle

293 In section 20, page 53, line 11, leave out <(whether directly or indirectly)>

Tim Eagle

294 In section 20, page 53, leave out line 16

Tim Eagle

295 In section 20, page 53, leave out line 18

Tim Eagle

296 In section 20, page 54, leave out line 27

Section 23

Mairi Gougeon

297 In section 23, page 62, line 31, leave out <similar> and insert <comparable>

Mairi Gougeon

298 In section 23, page 62, line 33, at end insert—

<(4A) But in determining the fair rent for the holding, the Land Court is to take no account—

- (a) of any increase in the rental value of the holding caused by improvements of a kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (7),
- (b) of any reduction in the rental value of the holding caused by a matter of a kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (9).>

Mairi Gougeon

299 In section 23, page 63, line 12, at end insert—

<(7) The improvements referred to in sub-paragraph (4A)(a) are—

- (a) improvements by the tenant—

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- (i) carried out wholly or partly at the tenant's expense (whether or not that expense has been or will be reimbursed by any grant) without equivalent allowance or benefit having been made or given by the landlord by way of consideration, and
 - (ii) which have not been carried out under an obligation imposed on the tenant by the terms of the lease,
- (b) improvements by the landlord for which the landlord has received or will receive any grant.
- (8) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (7)(a) the continuous adoption by the tenant of a standard or system of farming more beneficial to the holding—
 - (a) than the standard or system required by the lease, or
 - (b) where no standard or system of farming is required by the lease, than the standard or system of farming normally practised on comparable holdings,
 is to be considered an improvement by the tenant.
- (9) The matters referred to in sub-paragraph (4A)(b) are—
 - (a) the dilapidation or deterioration of, or damage to, fixed equipment or land caused or permitted by the tenant,
 - (b) the use of the land or part of the land, or changes to the land, for a purpose that is not an agricultural purpose, or
 - (c) the carrying out of conservation activities on the land.>

Mairi Gougeon

- 300** In section 23, page 63, line 16, leave out <7(4)(a) to (e)> and insert <7(4) and (4A)>

Section 24

Mairi Gougeon

- 301** In section 24, page 63, line 35, leave out <similar> and insert <comparable>

Mairi Gougeon

- 302** In section 24, page 63, line 37, at end insert—

- <(2A) But in determining the fair rent for the tenancy, no account is to be taken—
- (a) of any increase in the rental value of the land caused by improvements of a kind mentioned in subsection (4A),
 - (b) of any reduction in the rental value of the land caused by a matter of a kind mentioned in subsection (4C).>

Mairi Gougeon

- 303** In section 24, page 64, line 16, at end insert—

- <(4A) The improvements referred to in subsection (2A)(a) are—
- (a) improvements by the tenant—
 - (i) carried out wholly or partly at the tenant's expense (whether or not that expense

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- has been or will be reimbursed by any grant) without equivalent allowance or benefit having been made or given by the landlord by way of consideration, and
- (ii) which have not been carried out under an obligation imposed on the tenant by the terms of the lease,
- (b) improvements by the landlord for which the landlord has received or will receive any grant.
- (4B) For the purposes of subsection (4A)(a) the continuous adoption by the tenant of a standard or system of farming more beneficial to the land comprised in the lease—
- (a) than the standard or system required by the lease, or
- (b) where no standard or system of farming is required by the lease, than the standard or system of farming normally practised on comparable tenancies,
- is to be considered an improvement by the tenant. (4C) The matters referred in subsection (2A)(b) to are—
- (a) the dilapidation or deterioration of, or damage to, fixed equipment or land caused or permitted by the tenant,
- (b) the use of the land or part of the land, or changes to the land, for a purpose that is not an agricultural purpose, or
- (c) the carrying out of conservation activities on the land.>

Mairi Gougeon

- 304** In section 24, page 64, line 21 leave out <9B(2)(a) to (e)> and insert <9B(2) and (2A)>

After section 27

Mairi Gougeon

- 305** After section 27, insert—

<Succession in relation to 1991 Act tenancies

Notice requirements: lease of 1991 Act holding

- (1) The Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 11 (bequest of lease)—
- (a) in subsection (1A), for paragraphs (b) to (n) substitute—
- “(aa) a spouse or civil partner of—
- (i) a tenant’s descendant,
- (ii) a tenant’s sibling,
- (ab) in relation to a tenant’s spouse or civil partner—
- (i) that person’s sibling,
- (ii) a spouse or civil partner of such a sibling,
- (iii) a descendant of such a sibling.”,
- (b) after subsection (1A) insert—

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“(1B) For the purpose of subsection (1A)—

- (a) a reference to a spouse or civil partner of a person (“person A”) includes, where person A has died, a reference to a person who was the spouse or civil partner of person A immediately prior to person A’s death,
- (b) two people are siblings if they have at least one parent in common,
- (c) a step-child or, as the case may be, step-sibling of a person is to be treated as being the same as a child or, as the case may be, sibling of a person (and subsection (1A)(a) is to be read as if the rules of intestacy applied accordingly).”,

(c) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) A notice under subsection (2) must specify the legatee’s relationship to the deceased tenant.”,

(d) in subsection (3), for “date of the death of the deceased tenant” substitute “date of the deceased tenant’s death”.

(3) In section 12 (transfer of lease on intestacy), after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) A notice under subsection (1) must specify the acquirer’s relationship to the deceased tenant.”.>

Mairi Gougeon

306 After section 27, insert—

<Landlord’s objection to legatee or acquirer on intestacy: near relatives and other persons

(1) The Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991 is modified as follows.

(2) In section 12A (landlord’s objection to legatee or acquirer on intestacy: near relative)—

- (a) in subsection (2), for “1 month after” substitute “the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which”,
- (b) in subsection (4)(a), for “of the notice” substitute “on which the notice is given”,
- (c) in subsection (5), for “1 month after” substitute “the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which”,
- (d) in subsection (7), for “, as from the date of the death of the deceased tenant.” substitute “—
 - (a) in the case of the legatee, as from the date of the deceased tenant’s death,
 - (b) in the case of the acquirer, as from the date on which the interest in the lease was transferred under section 16 of the Succession (Scotland) Act 1964.”,

(e) for subsection (8), substitute—

“(8) Where the landlord does not apply to the Land Court under subsection (5), the deceased tenant’s lease of the holding is to be binding on the landlord and the legatee or, as the case may be, acquirer, as landlord and tenant respectively

- (a) in the case of the legatee, as from the date of the deceased tenant’s death,
- (b) in the case of the acquirer, as from the date on which the interest in the lease was transferred under section 16 of the Succession (Scotland) Act 1964.”.

(3) In section 12B (landlord’s objection to legatee or acquirer on intestacy: other persons)—

(a) for subsection (2) substitute—

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“(2) The landlord may, within the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which notice is given under section 11(2) or 12(1), give to the person a counter-notice—

- (a) intimating that the landlord objects to the person’s succession to the tenancy,
- (b) setting out the landlord’s grounds for objecting, and
- (c) either—
 - (i) in the case of a legatee, declaring the bequest to be null and void, or
 - (ii) in the case of an acquirer, terminating the lease with effect as from such term of Whitsunday or Martinmas as the landlord specifies, being a term at least 1 year but no more than 2 years from the date on which the counter-notice is given.”,

(b) in subsection (3), for “the person may, within 1 month after” substitute “the person to whom it is given may, within the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which”,

(c) after subsection (5) insert—

“(6) Where the Land Court quashes a counter-notice under subsection (4), the deceased tenant’s lease of the holding is, accordingly, to be binding on the landlord and on the legatee or, as the case may be, acquirer, as landlord and tenant respectively—

- (a) in the case of the legatee, as from the date of the deceased tenant’s death,
- (b) in the case of the acquirer, as from the date on which it was transferred under section 16 of the Succession (Scotland) Act 1964.”.>

Mairi Gougeon

307 After section 27, insert—

<Legatee or acquirer on intestacy: supplementary provision

- (1) The Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 12C (landlord’s objection to legatee or acquirer on intestacy: supplementary provision)—

(a) for subsection (1) substitute—

“(1) From the date of the deceased tenant’s death until the conclusion of any proceedings under section 12A or 12B, the legatee or, as the case may be, acquirer is entitled to possession of the holding in question.”,

(b) for subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) But subsection (1) does not apply—

- (a) where the executor in whom the deceased tenant’s interest in the lease is vested under section 14 of the Succession (Scotland) Act 1964 objects, or
- (b) where, on the application of the landlord, the Land Court directs otherwise on cause shown.”.>

Mairi Gougeon

308 After section 27, insert—

<Succession in relation to 2003 Act tenancies

Succession to tenancy

- (1) The Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 21 (bequest of lease)—
 - (a) in subsection (1A), for paragraphs (b) to (n) substitute—

“(aa) a spouse or civil partner of—

 - (i) a tenant’s descendant,
 - (ii) a tenant’s sibling,

(ab) in relation to a tenant’s spouse or civil partner—

 - (i) that person’s sibling,
 - (ii) a spouse or civil partner of such a sibling,
 - (iii) a descendant of such a sibling.”,
 - (b) after that subsection insert—

“(1B) For the purpose of subsection (1A)—

 - (a) a reference to a spouse or civil partner of a person (“person A”) includes, where person A has died, a reference to a person who was the spouse or civil partner of person A immediately prior to person A’s death,
 - (b) two people are siblings if they have at least one parent in common,
 - (c) a step-child or, as the case may be, step-sibling of a person is to be treated as being the same as a child or, as the case may be, sibling of a person (and subsection (1A) is to be read as if the rules of intestacy applied accordingly).”,
 - (c) in subsection (2), in the opening words, for “11(2)” substitute “11(2), (2A)”.
- (3) In section 22 (right of landlord to object to acquirer of tenancy)—
 - (a) after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) A notice under subsection (1) must specify the relationship to the deceased tenant of the person to whom the lease is transferred.”,
 - (b) in subsection (3)(a)(ii), for “30 days of the giving of the notice” substitute “the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which the notice is given”.>

Section 29

Mairi Gougeon

309 In section 29, page 65, line 35, after <50(7),> insert <51(9),>

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New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 22 May 2025 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification\) Order 2025 \(2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 115(1) and paragraphs 1 and 2 of schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998.

[Scottish Parliament \(Constituencies and Regions\) Order 2025 \(2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under paragraph 3(9) of schedule 1 of the Scotland Act 1998.

Not subject to parliamentary procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 22 May 2025 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

[Children \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 3 and Saving Provision\) Regulations 2025 \(2025/157\)](#)

Laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

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Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 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

After Stage 2 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee), 27 May 2025

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 30 April 2025

Lead committee – Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice

Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 2 April 2025

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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 (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 14 May 2025

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 Report (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee) published, 10 December 2024

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 21 May 2025

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

Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 7 May 2025

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

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

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Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 28 May 2025

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 April 2025

Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 7 May 2025

Lead committee – Criminal Justice

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)), 27 May 2025

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

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

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

Stage 1 completed, 27 March 2025

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

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Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 11 December 2024

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

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

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

Stage 1 (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)), 28 May 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (31st Report, 2025)

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

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

Stage 2 completed, 2 April 2025

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

Introduced, 27 March 2025

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

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

Lodged on 12 March 2025

Meeting (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 6 May 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th 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) (2nd Report, 2025)

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

Employment Rights Bill LCM-S6-53

Lodged on 11 December 2024

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

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

Employment Rights Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-53a

Lodged on 3 April 2025

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport), 27 May 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (32nd Report, 2025)

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

Planning and Infrastructure Bill LCM-S6-56

Lodged on 27 March 2025

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 27 May 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (34th Report, 2025)

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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) (9th Report, 2024)

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

Tobacco and Vapes Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-51a

Lodged on 28 March 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 29 May 2025

Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (3rd Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (29th Report, 2025)

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[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)

Subject to approval by 3 September 2025

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification\) Order 2025 \(2025/Draft\)](#) (22 May 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[Scottish Parliament \(Constituencies and Regions\) Order 2025 \(2025/Draft\)](#) (22 May 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments 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)

[Teachers' Pensions \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/121\)](#) (24 April 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 6 June 2025

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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 \(Fees and Student Support\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment and Revocation\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/136\)](#) (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)

[Valuation \(Proposals Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(2025/146\)](#) (15 May 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[Health Boards \(Membership and Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(2025/147\)](#)
(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)

[St Mary's Music School \(Aided Places\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/151\)](#)
(15 May 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Teachers' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/152\)](#) (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)

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Subject to approval by 23 June 2025

[SPSO Statement Complaint Handling Principles](#) (23 April 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Petitions

The following petition was lodged by the Parliament on 22 May 2025:

PE2166: Establish a standardised timeframe for civil proceedings in child custody cases

<https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions>

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 22 May 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 34th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence in the Planning and Infrastructure Bill (SP Paper 793)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 35th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 20 May 2025 (SP Paper 794)

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 22 May 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Annual Report of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner 2023 (SG/2025/9) laid under section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016

Annual Report of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner - Statement by the Prime Minister on 22 May 2025 (SG/2025/10) laid under section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016

Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries (SG/2025/104) laid under paragraph 3(9) of schedule 1 of the Scotland Act 1998

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