

Friday 21 November 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 19 November 2025

Tuesday 25 November 2025

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Very Rev Dr Andriy Chornenko, Vicar for Scotland of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Michelle Thomson: St Andrew's Day 2025

Wednesday 26 November 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 Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Energy

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Finance

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Patrick Harvie: Unacceptable Waiting Times for Accessing Gender Identity Clinics

Thursday 27 November 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

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followed by Members' Business: Jackson Carlaw: Glasgow City Council's Plans for an At-city-boundary Congestion Charge and a Toll on Using the Clyde Tunnel

2:15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 2 December 2025

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 3 December 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

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Thursday 4 December 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Education, Children and Young People Committee Debate: Widening Access to Higher Education

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees>

Finance and Public Administration Committee

25 November 2025

32nd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Cost-effectiveness of Scottish public inquiries:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic, Don McGillivray, Director of Safer Communities, and Marion McCormack, Civil Courts, Justice Transformation and Inquiries, Scottish Government;
Emma Thomson, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.

2. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

25 November 2025

32nd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Food (Promotion and Placement) (Scotland) Regulations 2025:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Alexandra Johnstone, Nutrition Scientist at The Rowett Institute, University of Aberdeen;
Ewan MacDonald-Russell, Deputy Head, Scottish Retail Consortium;
David McColgan, Chair, Non-Communicable Diseases Alliance.
and then from—
Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health and James Wilson, Population Health Strategy and Improvement, Scottish Government;
Rosie MacQueen, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

[Food \(Promotion and Placement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)

[Official Controls \(Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)

[National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#)

3. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 4).

Proposed future business

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

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 25 November 2025 35th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Richard Dixon, Chair and Neil Langhorn, Head of Strategy and Analysis, Environmental Standards Scotland;
Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, Scottish Fiscal Commission;
Clare Wharmby, Co-Director, Scottish Climate Intelligence Service.
3. **UK subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating in a devolved area as set out in the following UK statutory instrument proposal—

The Reach (Amendment) Regulations 2026

4. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government on the Scottish Budget 2026-27.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

25 November 2025

33rd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.

2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Management of Offenders \(Scotland\) Act 2019 and the Prisoners \(Early Release\) \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Modifications\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
[Companies Act 2006 \(Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Disclosure \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 6, Consequential Amendment, Saving and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/352 (C.26))

4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 \(Non-Party Campaigner Code of Practice\) \(Appointed Date\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/347)
[Scottish Languages Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/348 (C.24))
[Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 1 and Transitory Provision\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/351 (C.25))

5. **Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Andrew Agapiou, Chair of the Contracts Committee, Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland;
 Colin Borland, Scotland Director, Federation of Small Businesses;
 David Woods, Partner in the Litigation, Regulatory and Tax Team, Pinsent Masons.

6. **Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

7. **Public Office (Accountability) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.

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8. **Framework legislation and Henry VIII powers:** The Committee will consider a draft guidance document.

9. **Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 5.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Greg Black on 86266 or at Greg.Black@parliament.scot

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 25 November 2025 30th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **2024-25 Annual Reports of the Ethical Standards Commissioner and the Standards Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ian Bruce, Ethical Standards Commissioner, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
and then from—
Lorna Johnston, Executive Director and Suzanne Vestri, Convener, Standards Commission for Scotland.
3. **2024-25 Annual Reports of the Ethical Standards Commissioner and the Standards Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Pension Schemes Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft report on legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-65.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jenny Mouncer on 85980 or at localgov.committee@parliament.scot

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 25 November 2025 27th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM 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.

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2. **Human rights, equalities and access to services in rural areas of Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Kaukab Stewart, Minister for Equalities, Anna Densham, Deputy Director, Land Reform, Rural and Islands Policy, and Trevor Owen, Head of Human Rights Strategy and Legislation Unit, Scottish Government.
3. **Human rights, equalities and access to services in rural areas of Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

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

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 26 November 2025 33rd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (2025/draft) from—
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, John Armour, Branch Head, Livestock Production Policy, Emily Williams Boylston, Solicitor, Alan Elder, Principal Agricultural Officer, and Paul Neison, Head of Mapping and Land Services, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity to move—

S6M-19325—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (2025/draft) be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Sheep Carcase (Classification and Price Reporting) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (2025/draft) from—
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, Michelle Colquhoun, Head of Livestock Products Policy, and Mairead McCrossan, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity to move—

S6M-19530—That the Rural Affairs and islands Committee recommends that the Sheep Carcase (Classification and Price Reporting) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (2025/draft) be approved.

6. **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee

26 November 2025

34th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

Proposed future business

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

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

26 November 2025

18th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM 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. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—

PE2099: Stop the proposed centralisation of specialist neonatal units in NHS Scotland. The Committee will take evidence from—

Dr Stephen Wardle, President, British Association of Perinatal Medicine

and then from—

Jim Crombie, Co-Chair, Perinatal Subgroup

Dr Andrew Murray, Co-Chair, Perinatal Subgroup

and then consider—

PE1723: Essential tremor treatment in Scotland;

PE1871: Full review of mental health services;

PE2017: Extend the period that specialist perinatal mental health support is made available beyond one year;

PE2070: Stop same-day-only GP appointment systems;

PE1911: Review of Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 as it relates to post-mortems;

PE1962: Stop motorhomes parking overnight out with formal campsites, caravan parks and Aires;

PE1976: Backdate council tax discounts for dementia to the date of GP certification;

PE2130: Make it illegal to remove all the hair from a horse's tail;

PE2132: Publish a timeline for the dualling of the A96 between Inverness and Nairn by Easter 2025;

PE2135: Implement the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) in Scottish legislation;

PE2140: Introduce a parking badge for pregnant women; and

PE2146: Allow the use of privately sourced donor eggs in NHS funded IVF treatment.

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

PE2180: Review the procedures and case progress timelines for the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland;

PE2183: Make Suicide Awareness and Prevention training mandatory for high school students;

PE2185: Introduce stronger safeguards around the use of digital material in court proceedings;

PE2187: Reinstate 6-monthly dental check-ups for state pensioners; and

PE2188: Extend the National Entitlement Card scheme to include ferry travel for people aged

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60 and over.

4. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
- *...* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-19856](#) Sue Webber: The Free Company of Balerno Wins Farming For The Future Award at BBC Food And Farming Awards 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates The Free Company of Balerno on winning the Farming For The Future Award at the BBC Food And Farming Awards 2025, which were held in Bristol on 18 November; understands that it is BBC audience members who nominate individuals and businesses for these awards, and that, since their launch in 2000, their mission, which has remained unchanged to this day, has been to honour those who have done most to promote the cause of good food, with finalists being rigorously judged by leading food experts; recognises that The Free Company, which was founded in 2016, comprises brothers Charlie and Angus Buchanan-Smith who have transformed their family's struggling dairy into a regenerative, organic, low input, mixed farm in the Pentland Hills, integrating pigs, sheep and cattle, a farm to table restaurant, veg and meat boxes and public events inviting visitors to walk the land and ask questions; notes that the brothers were commended on their vision of showcasing their restaurant at the heart of the business whilst also tapping into other enterprises that feed into the restaurant or farm with everything being done in a thoughtful, regenerative and low waste model, and wishes The Free Company continued success and growth in the future.

***[S6M-19855](#) Annie Wells: Seven Marathons, Seven Continents, One Purpose**—That the Parliament congratulates Bobby White on his upcoming participation in the World Marathon Challenge in January 2026, which is an extraordinary and gruelling endurance event that involves completing seven marathons across seven continents in seven days, starting in Antarctica and ending in the United States; notes that Bobby will be raising funds for the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity in memory of his younger brother, Anton Rogan White, who tragically passed away at the age of 15 from a heart condition; understands that Bobby's family have dedicated more than two decades to fundraising in Anton's memory, raising over £75,000 to date; recognises their remarkable commitment and generosity in supporting families in need; acknowledges that, during Anton's time in hospital, the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity provided essential support to the family at a very difficult time; recognises the vital role that such charities play in assisting children and their families across Scotland; notes that Bobby has expressed that his participation in this challenge is motivated by a desire to honour Anton's life, to support other families experiencing unimaginable challenges, and to give back to a charity that made a real difference when it was needed most; recognises the ambition of Bobby and his family to surpass the £100,000 fundraising milestone with this challenge, which will directly help countless families and children receiving care in Scotland's busiest children's hospital, and commends Bobby's extraordinary determination, endurance and selflessness in undertaking such

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a demanding physical and logistical challenge for such a worthy cause.

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***[S6M-19854](#) Clare Adamson: North Lanarkshire Tenant Participation Team Wins CIH Scotland Housing Team of the Year 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates the North Lanarkshire Tenant Participation Team on being named Housing Team of the Year 2025 at the CIH Scotland Housing Awards; recognises that this award reflects the team's outstanding commitment to empowering tenants, strengthening community voices and promoting meaningful participation across North Lanarkshire; pays tribute to the North Lanarkshire Federation of Tenants and Residents for its pivotal role in representing tenants, supporting community tenant and resident groups, and helping shape housing policy and services; notes that the North Lanarkshire Federation of Tenants and Residents champions transparency, accountability and co-production in housing services across the area; acknowledges the value of tenant-led scrutiny, community development and capacity-building in improving housing outcomes, and wishes the team and residents continued success in their work to strengthen tenant empowerment throughout North Lanarkshire.

***[S6M-19853](#) Foyso Choudhury: City of Edinburgh Council Wins the David Kennedy Excellent People Award at the Annual COSLA Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates the City of Edinburgh Council on being awarded the David Kennedy Excellent People Award at the annual COSLA Awards for its Construction Skills pathways work; recognises that the courses are matched to local skills shortages, strengthening the efforts to build more homes; celebrates that, between 2024 and 2025, the number of National Progression Awards achieved by City of Edinburgh school leavers more than doubled, from 900 to 1944, reflecting the growing popularity of the courses; commends the local authority for providing school leavers with what it sees as invaluable training, which can lead to well-paid employment; understands that the council has established partnerships with key educational institutions, such as Edinburgh College, and businesses, including Balfour Beatty, Compass Roofing and Kier Construction, to enable school-leavers to get on to construction courses; thanks Historic Environment Scotland and the Scottish Traditional Building Forum for their support, and looks forward to seeing the Construction Skills pathways work go from strength to strength.
Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S6M-19852](#) Jenny Gilruth: Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft]**—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.
Supported by: Ben Macpherson*, Natalie Don-Innes*

***[S6M-19851](#) Jenny Gilruth: Education (Scotland) Act 2025 (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the Education (Scotland) Act 2025 (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.
Supported by: Ben Macpherson*, Natalie Don-Innes*

***[S6M-19850](#) Fiona Hyslop: Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2026 [draft]**—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.
Supported by: Jim Fairlie*

***[S6M-19849](#) Gordon MacDonald: Award for Edinburgh Construction Skills Pathway**—That the Parliament congratulates the City of Edinburgh Council on being awarded the David Kennedy Excellent People Award at the annual COSLA Awards for its Construction Skills pathways work at 2025's COSLA Annual Conference; notes that the Construction Skills pathways project was recognised for its work in building brighter futures for young people through improving outcomes for learners by getting more school leavers into jobs within the construction industry; believes this not only

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improves attainment through relevant and engaging courses but also responds to labour market needs; understands that the Construction Skills pathways is being delivered across schools in Edinburgh, including Currie Community High School and Wester Hailes High School in the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency, and acknowledges that the delivery of the pathways has been achieved through partnership working with the National Federation of Roofing Contractors, Historic Environment Scotland, Scottish Traditional Building Forum, Kier Construction, Balfour Beatty and Edinburgh College.

Supported by: Paul McLennan*, Rona Mackay*, Kevin Stewart*, Jamie Hepburn*, Colin Beattie*, Lorna Slater*, Bob Doris*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*

[*S6M-19848](#) Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Welcoming the Establishment of the Women's Sports Union—

That the Parliament welcomes the establishment of the Women's Sports Union, which is a not-for-profit organisation launched and led by Olympic medallist Sharron Davies MBE alongside Tracy Edwards MBE; notes that it focuses on fair and safe sport for women and girls, championing the right of every biological female to participate in sports regardless of age, race, ability or background; recognises that the core mission of the Women's Sports Union is to protect and grow spaces where women and girls are seen, heard, supported, celebrated and given their sex-based rights to equal opportunity while also seeking to restore, strengthen and future-proof single-sex sports categories at all levels, and grow and cultivate better sporting opportunities for all females of all ages; understands that the Women's Sports Union is supported by a coalition of respected sportspeople, legal experts and policymakers, and calls on all the sport bodies to abide by the mission and the principles of the Women's Sports Union.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Craig Hoy*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Meghan Gallacher*, Murdo Fraser*, Liam Kerr*, Douglas Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Colin Beattie*, Liz Smith*, Brian Whittle*

[*S6M-19847](#) Ariane Burgess: Congratulations to Forres Osprey Bus SCIO on National Lottery Funding —

That the Parliament congratulates Forres Osprey Bus SCIO on being awarded £19,400 from the National Lottery Awards for All Scotland programme; notes that this funding will contribute to its community transport initiative, which provides vital support to people in the Forres Academy catchment area who experience disadvantage through age, disability, ill-health, financial hardship or other challenges; recognises that Forres Osprey Bus currently operates two buses that can be booked by local groups to enable participation in community activities; commends the volunteers and organisers for their dedication to improving social inclusion and wellbeing in Forres and surrounding communities, and wishes the project continued success in delivering accessible transport for those who need it most.

[*S6M-19846](#) Miles Briggs: Murray Beith Murray LLP—That the Parliament congratulates the law firm, Murray Beith Murray LLP, which is based in Edinburgh, on marking its 175th anniversary; notes the partnership's historic links to literary figures, including Sir Walter Scott, who wrote a number of the *Waverley* novels at 39 Castle Street in the city, which became the offices of the firm until its move to 3 Glenfinlas Street in 2009; commends the practice on its ongoing commitment and service to its clients, and wishes Murray Beith Murray, its eight partners and almost 70 staff, well as the business transitions to a limited liability partnership (LLP) and publishes its accounts for the first time since its establishment in 1849, as was recently highlighted in *The Scotsman*.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Douglas Ross*, Alexander Burnett* **R**, Meghan Gallacher*, Annie Wells*, Kevin Stewart*, Murdo Fraser*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Colin Beattie*, Annabelle Ewing*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Edward Mountain*, Craig Hoy*, Liam Kerr*, Stuart McMillan*, Foyso Choudhury*, Brian Whittle*, Tess White*

[*S6M-19845](#) Graeme Dey: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that Sue Webber be appointed to replace Annie Wells as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

[*S6M-19844](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations Scotland, Now Let's Do Our Best for Fans—That the Parliament congratulates the men's Scottish National Football Team on securing qualification for

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the 2026 FIFA World Cup; notes that qualification was secured by finishing top of Group C in the UEFA qualification competition, after beating Denmark 4-2 at Hampden Park on 18 November 2025, with the final goal being scored by former Aberdeen FC player, Kenny McLean; understands that this will be the first time the team has qualified for the World Cup since 1998; believes that, with the tournament being hosted in North America, measures should be taken to ensure that as many fans as possible in Scotland are able to maximise their enjoyment of Scotland's games throughout the tournament, such as fan parks and extended hours for licensed venues for games held outwith the usual licensing hours; recognises the huge achievement that this has been for Steve Clarke and his players; looks forward to a summer of excitement for Scotland fans next year, and hopes to see the team go further than any previous Scotland football team has before.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Alasdair Allan*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Audrey Nicoll*, David Torrance*, Jamie Hepburn*, Colin Beattie*, Bob Doris*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-19843](#) **Paul McLennan: Funding in East Lothian from The National Lottery Community Fund** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*

[S6M-19842](#) **Fulton MacGregor: National Lottery Funding for Glenboig and Moodiesburn Ramblers** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Bill Kidd*, Jamie Hepburn*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, Tess White*

[S6M-19841](#) **Fulton MacGregor: National Lottery Funding for Manorview Foundation** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Bill Kidd*, Jamie Hepburn*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, Tess White*

[S6M-19840](#) **Fulton MacGregor: National Lottery Funding for Sakoon Mind** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Bill Kidd*, Jamie Hepburn*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, Tess White*

[S6M-19839](#) **Fulton MacGregor: National Lottery Funding for Carnbroe Community Action for Residents** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Bill Kidd*, Jamie Hepburn*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, Tess White*

[S6M-19838](#) **Fulton MacGregor: National Lottery Funding for St Bartholomews Line Dancing Club** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Jamie Hepburn*, Bill Kidd*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Tess White*

[S6M-19837](#) **Fulton MacGregor: Recognising the Contribution of George Thomson to Audio Descriptive Football Commentary** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Jamie Hepburn*, Bill Kidd*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Rona Mackay*, Miles Briggs*, Alex Rowley*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Bob Doris*, Stuart McMillan*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-19836](#) **Colin Beattie: Care Support Scotland Ltd Receives National Lottery Community Fund** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Rona Mackay*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Hepburn*

[S6M-19835](#) **Colin Beattie: Home Link Family Support Receives National Lottery Community Funding** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Hepburn*

[S6M-19834](#) **Colin Beattie: The Turing Trust Receives National Lottery Community Funding** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Rona Mackay*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Hepburn*

[S6M-19833](#) **Colin Beattie: IgboAmaka Scotland CIC Receives National Lottery Community Funding** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Rona Mackay*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Hepburn*

[S6M-19832](#) **Mark Griffin: Appointment of Luisa Campbell to General Secretary of Bishops' Conference of Scotland** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-19831](#) **Stuart McMillan: Celebrating 120 Years of Service for 1st Port Glasgow Girls' Brigade** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*

[S6M-19830](#) **Colin Beattie: MYPAS Awarded Gold LGBT Charter** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Alex Rowley*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*

[S6M-19829](#) **Colin Beattie: Musselburgh Racecourse Wins Exceptional Raceday Delivery Award** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*

[S6M-19828](#) **Bill Kidd: Kingsway Community Connections Marks 25th Anniversary** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19827](#) **Michael Marra: Let's Make Stroke a Priority in Scotland, Stroke Association Campaign** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Paul O'Kane*, Jeremy Balfour*, Beatrice Wishart*, Brian Whittle*, Tess White*

[S6M-19826](#) **Michael Marra: Congratulating Dr Manu De Rycker on WH Pierce Global Impact in Microbiology Prize** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jeremy Balfour*, Fulton MacGregor*, Mercedes Villalba*, Tess White*

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Glusadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-19825](#) **Emma Roddick: Congratulating the Scotland Men's National Football Team** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*

[S6M-19824](#) **Humza Yousaf: We'll Be Coming** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*

[S6M-19823](#) **Keith Brown: Scotland National Football Team Qualifies for the 2026 FIFA World Cup** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Fulton MacGregor*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-19821](#) **Annie Wells: Scotland March to the World Cup Finals with a Night of Glory at Hampden** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19820](#) **Michael Marra: Knighthood for Steve Clarke** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Pauline McNeill* **R**, Paul Sweeney*, Paul O'Kane*, Martin Whitfield*, Willie Rennie*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Maurice Golden*, Liam McArthur*, Sarah Boyack*

[S6M-19819](#) **Liz Smith: Scotland Qualifies for 2026 World Cup** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Beatrice Wishart*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19818](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Autistic Social Hub Awarded £16,800 from the National Lottery Community Fund** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jeremy Balfour*, Marie McNair*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annie Wells*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Tess White*

[S6M-19817](#) **Marie McNair: McMonagles Fish and Chip Boat Wins at the Scottish Fish and Chips Awards** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19816](#) **Christine Grahame: Opening of New Campus for Peebles High School** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19815](#) **Karen Adam: Banff Academy Wins Delivering Excellence Award** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Bill Kidd*, Jamie Hepburn*, Audrey Nicoll*, Fulton MacGregor*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*

[S6M-19814](#) **Rona Mackay: Stitch and Yarn Named High Street Hero for West Scotland** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19806](#) **Tim Eagle: Thanking Scotland's Posties and Delivery Drivers Ahead of Christmas** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liam Kerr*, Beatrice Wishart*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-19805](#) **Rona Mackay: Boclair House Hotel Named Glasgow Wedding Venue of the Year 2025** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Tess White*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19803](#) **Kevin Stewart: Welcoming the University of Aberdeen HPV Study** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*, Alasdair Allan*, Audrey Nicoll*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jamie Hepburn*, Clare Haughey*, Colin Beattie*, Annabelle Ewing*, Mercedes Villalba*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-19801](#) **Annie Wells: Wild & Kind CIC, Creative Workshops for Neurodivergent Young Adults** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19800](#) **Annie Wells: Youth Community Support Agency, Pollokshields and Govanhill Youth Work** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19799](#) **Annie Wells: West Glasgow Kinship, Trip for Kinship Families** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowe*

[S6M-19798](#) **Annie Wells: Weans' Scrان and Kitchin CIC, Cooking for Care and Migrant Children** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19797](#) **Annie Wells: Values Into Action Scotland, Peer-led Support for Learning Disabilities and Autism** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19796](#) **Annie Wells: The Tall Ship Glenlee Trust, Volunteering at Glenlee** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19795](#) **Annie Wells: SSAFA Awarded Funding for Social and Language Learning Programme for Veterans** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowe*

[S6M-19794](#) **Annie Wells: Pearce Institute, FutureProof Youth Project in Govan** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19793](#) **Annie Wells: The Catherine McEwan Foundation, IBD Community Engagement Days** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19792](#) **Annie Wells: Teapot Trust SCIO Arts for Children with Long-term Health Conditions** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19791](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Talking is Mental CIC, Mental Health Activity Groups** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*

[S6M-19790](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Sunny Cycles, Accessible Cycling for Disabled and Older People** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-19789](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Stepping Stones for Families, Early Years and Family Support** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-19788](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Spirit of Springburn SCIO, Community Hub for North Glasgow** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-19787](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Singergie, Community Choir in the West End** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-19786](#) **Annie Wells: SCIO Music & Art Centre Nightingale Delivers Support for Ukrainian Community** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-19785](#) **Annie Wells: Richmond's Hope Provides Bereavement Support for Young People** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-19784](#) **Annie Wells: Pollokshaws Area Network Buys Materials for Weekly Activities** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-19783](#) **Annie Wells: Pillow Talk Scotland Delivers Consent and Relationships Education** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-19782](#) **Annie Wells: Parkhead Citizens Advice Bureau's Outreach in HMP Barlinnie** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-19781](#) **Annie Wells: National African & Black Association Ltd Awarded Funding for Empowerment Programme** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19780](#) **Annie Wells: Mount Vernon Community Hall SCIO Warded Funding for Youth and Environmental Education** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19779](#) **Annie Wells: Miscarriages of Justice Organisation (Scotland) Awarded Finding for Aftercare Service** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19778](#) **Annie Wells: Milton Food Hub and Community Garden Awarded Funding for Repairs for St Andrew's Church** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Doweey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19777](#) **Annie Wells: Merry-go-round Glasgow Awarded Funding for Volunteer Support for Families** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19776](#) **Annie Wells: Kinning Park Complex SCIO Awarded Funding to Mark an Anniversary** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19775](#) **Annie Wells: Hopscotch Theatre Company Awarded Funding for Touring Accessible Pantomime** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19774](#) **Annie Wells: Homeless Network Scotland, Intensive Support for People with No Recourse to Public Funds** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19773](#) **Annie Wells: Henry Dancer Days, Supporting Children with Cancer** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19772](#) **Annie Wells: Happy Creative Recreational Centre, Community Pantry in Easterhouse** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19771](#) **Annie Wells: Greater Pollok Services Community Interest Company, Volunteering and Community Garden** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19770](#) **Annie Wells: Govanhill Family Support Group, Respite and Therapy** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19769](#) **Annie Wells: Glasgow's Golden Generation, Supporting Older People's Clubs** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19768](#) **Annie Wells: Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, Playpark Improvement** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19767](#) **Annie Wells: Glasgow Ansar Ltd, Youth Mentoring and Leadership** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19766](#) **Annie Wells: Geeza Break, Respite for Families with Additional Support Needs** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19765](#) **Annie Wells: Fuse Youth Cafe Glasgow, Community Support in Shettleston** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowe*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19764](#) **Annie Wells: Fernhill Kids Playscheme, Holiday Activities for Families** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19763](#) **Annie Wells: Faces & Voices of Recovery UK, Strengthening Recovery Support** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19762](#) **Annie Wells: ENKULA Wellness Hub, Awarded £14,220** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19761](#) **Annie Wells: Duck Sauce Games CIC, Community Games Jam** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19760](#) **Annie Wells: Creative Hangouts CIC Wins Funding to Develop the Next Generation of Artists** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19759](#) **Annie Wells: Break The Mould Gets Funding for Programme for Women Recovering from Trauma** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19758](#) **Annie Wells: Bikes for Refugees, Free Transport for New Scots** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19757](#) **Annie Wells: 2050 Climate Group, Empowering Young Climate Leaders** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-19755](#) **Clare Adamson: Organisations in Motherwell and Wishaw Receive Funding from the National Lottery Community Fund** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*

[S6M-19753](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Eva Rankin of Helensburgh Celebrates Double Gold Medal Achievement in International Rowing** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Liam Kerr*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19752](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Celebrating Beth Potter's Triumph in World Triathlon Championship Series** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Liam Kerr*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19751](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Milngavie Dance Group Urbaniks Dancers Selected to Represent Team Scotland** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Liam Kerr*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19750](#) **Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to MindLink** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19749](#) **Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Instant Neighbour** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Fulton MacGregor*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-19748](#) **Kevin Stewart: Congratulating St George's Community Centre in Tillydrone** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19747](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Milngavie Primary School's Achievement in Digital Learning Innovation** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Liam Kerr*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19746](#) **Foysol Choudhury: Sweet Partnership Between LifeCare Edinburgh and Lannan Bakery** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19744](#) **Rona Mackay: Celebrating National Lottery Community Fund Support for Groups in Strathkelvin and Bearsden** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19743](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Celebrating Bearsden Pupil Erin Orr's Royal Ballet School Achievement** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Liam Kerr*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19742](#) **Martin Whitfield: Organisation of the Year Award for Aviation Preservation Society of Scotland** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19741](#) **Tess White: Recognising the Work of The Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19740](#) **Karen Adam: Tarlair Wins at the Annual Trade Awards** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19738](#) **Elena Whitham: Girvan's Lend and Mend Hub Wins Project Excellence Award** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*

[S6M-19737](#) **Maggie Chapman: Children and Anti-asylum Protests** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*, Ross Greer* R, Paul Sweeney*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Foysol Choudhury*

[S6M-19736](#) **Douglas Ross: St Giles Theatre Group Receives King's Award for Voluntary Service** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Liam Kerr*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19734](#) **Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Grampian Hospital Radio** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19733](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Commending Glasgow and Clyde Rape Crisis Centre for its Work in Supporting Women and Girls** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-19732](#) **Alasdair Allan: UHI North, West and Hebrides Recognised at CND College Awards 2025** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19731](#) **Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to the Russell Anderson Foundation** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-19730](#) **Stuart McMillan: Roan Anderson Named BBC Radio Scotland Young Jazz Musician of the Year 2025** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Marie McNair*, Annie Wells*, David Torrance*

[S6M-19729](#) **Stuart McMillan: Recognition of Kincaid House Care Home Staff at Meallmore Awards** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-19728](#) **Keith Brown: Congratulations to Clackmannanshire Council on Winning COSLA President's Award** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*

[S6M-19727](#) **Keith Brown: Congratulations to Wimpy Park Group on Receiving King's Award for Voluntary Service** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-19726](#) **Michelle Thomson: Congratulating Bruno's Fast Food in Stenhousemuir on Scottish Fish and Chip Awards Win** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-19725](#) **Michelle Thomson: Falkirk's Mobile Emergency Care Service Wins Home Care Team Award** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-19724](#) **Douglas Ross: Commemoration of Dr Donald John Craig Cameron** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-19723](#) **Douglas Ross: Meadowlark Care Home Recognised at Care Awards** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-19722](#) **Douglas Ross: Keith Community Radio Receives The King's Award for Voluntary Service** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-19721](#) **Emma Roddick: Recognising Concerns Regarding Moray FLOW-Park** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-19720](#) **Tim Eagle: Seventh Annual Taynish Run** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liam Kerr*, Brian Whittle*, Tess White*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-19719](#) **Tim Eagle: Bùth Bharraigh Wins Community Wealth Building Award** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowe*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alex Rowley*, Liam Kerr*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-19718](#) **Christine Grahame: Protecting the Integrity of Public Service Broadcasting** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19716](#) **Liam McArthur: Orkney Squash Team Named Scotland's Team of the Year at Scottish Squash's Annual Awards** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-19715](#) **Liam McArthur: Orkney Gymnastics Club Wins Special Recognition Award at the 2025 Scottish Gymnastics Awards** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-19714](#) **Alexander Stewart: Rotary Club of Alloa Festive Appeal Donates 250 Shoeboxes Filled with Gifts** (lodged on 13 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*

[S6M-19713](#) **Alexander Stewart: Two Clackmannanshire Primary Schools Praised by Inspectors** (lodged on 13 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*

[S6M-19712](#) **Alexander Stewart: Dollar's Strathdevon Primary School Marks its 60th Anniversary** (lodged on 13 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*

[S6M-19711](#) **Alexander Stewart: Stirling Engineering Star Wins ECITB New Entrant Award** (lodged on 13 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*

[S6M-19708](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: East Dunbartonshire Primary Schools Recognised Among Scotland's Top Performers** (lodged on 13 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*

[S6M-19707](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Recognising the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence Campaign** (lodged on 13 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*, Liam Kerr*, Beatrice Wishart*

[S6M-19706](#) **Clare Adamson: ForgeWood Boxing Club Celebrates Success at King of the Ring Championship in Sweden** (lodged on 13 November 2025)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-19705](#) **Clare Adamson: Tribute to the Life and Work of Journalist David Gow** (lodged on 13 November 2025)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-19701](#) **Tim Eagle: Recognising Public Concerns About Moray FLOW-Park Proposals** (lodged on 13 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe*

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[S6M-19693](#) **Douglas Ross: Angharad Rogers Named 2025 Scotland Loves Local Awards High Street Hero for the Highland Region** (lodged on 13 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-19692](#) **Tim Eagle: Zain Younis Wins Pharmacist of the Year Award** (lodged on 13 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-19691](#) **Tim Eagle: Recognising Springfield Properties' Commitment to Apprenticeships** (lodged on 13 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-19689](#) **Michael Marra: World-First Remote Stroke Surgery Led by the University of Dundee** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-19688](#) **Craig Hoy: Nationwide Building Society and Virgin Money Maintain Branch Network** (lodged on 12 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-19676](#) **Emma Harper: Celebrating Dumfries and Galloway's Inaugural Disability Sport Awards 2025** (lodged on 12 November 2025)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-19673](#) **Alexander Burnett: Celebrating Local Success Through Tesco's Stronger Starts Programme** (lodged on 12 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-19671](#) **Karen Adam: Banff & Macduff Men's Shed Given The King's Award for Voluntary Service** (lodged on 12 November 2025)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-19670](#) **Karen Adam: Peterhead Area Community Trust Named Most Enterprising Community 2025** (lodged on 12 November 2025)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-19669](#) **Karen Adam: Best of Banff and Buchan Award Winner** (lodged on 13 November 2025)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S6M-19668](#) **Stephen Kerr: The Need for Parliamentary Reform 25 Years on from Devolution** (lodged on 11 November 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-19623](#) **Mercedes Villalba: 50th Anniversary of the Fall of the Spanish Dictatorship** (lodged on 10 November 2025)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-19617](#) **Neil Bibby: Pro-Life Fitness Centre Raises £250,000 for Charity** (lodged on 11 November 2025)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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[S6M-19607](#) **Jamie Hepburn: 70th Anniversary of Cumbernauld as a New Town** (lodged on 7 November 2025)

New Support: Elena Whitham*, James Dornan*, George Adam*

[S6M-19577](#) **Evelyn Tweed: Condolences on the Death of Dr Elspeth King** (lodged on 6 November 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

[S6M-19547](#) **Paul McLennan: Recognising Transgender Awareness Week and Transgender Day of Remembrance** (lodged on 5 November 2025)

New Support: Sarah Boyack*

[S6M-19300](#) **Bill Kidd: Recognition of the Tamil Genocide and Support for Self-determination** (lodged on 9 October 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Jamie Hepburn*, Clare Haughey*, David Torrance*

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Oral Questions

SPCB Oral Questions selected for answer on 27 November 2025

- 1. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what consideration it has given to staff employed within the Parliament as contractors and whether they should have the same employment terms and conditions as corporate and MSP staff. ([S6O-05226](#))
- 2. Dr Pam Gosal MBE:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what action it is taking to ensure that visits to the Scottish Parliament are inclusive and accessible to all school pupils. ([S6O-05189](#))
- 3. Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what recent discussions it has held with Police Scotland about the policing of protests at the Scottish Parliament. ([S6O-05188](#))
- 4. Lorna Slater:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will review its interim position on the use of facilities and services at the Parliament, following the Supreme Court ruling, and seek specialist legal advice, in light of the Equality and Human Rights Commission withdrawing its interim guidance. ([S6O-05224](#))
- 5. Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will consult MSP staff trade unions before deciding on uprating the Staff Cost Provision in the 2026-27 financial year. ([S6O-05223](#))
- 6. Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what action it is taking to increase the amount of venison and other game products on offer through the Parliament's on-site catering. **R** ([S6O-05222](#))
- 7. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will commit to structured engagement with MSP staff trade unions on an ongoing basis. ([S6O-05225](#))
- 8. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what assessment it has made of the operational resilience of the Parliament's information technology systems, in light of the disruption to the stage 3 proceedings for the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill. ([S6O-05122](#))

Written Questions

Government Initiated Questions are initiated by the Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament

Government Initiated Questions lodged on 20 November 2025

[S6W-42084](#) **Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish its review of the Rail Services Decarbonisation Action Plan.

Written Questions lodged on 20 November 2025

[S6W-41875](#) **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many patients registered with GPs in (a) Aberdeen City and (b) Aberdeenshire received secondary or tertiary care delivered by NHS

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(i) Greater Glasgow and Clyde and (ii) Lothian, in each of the last five years.

S6W-41876 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding what the (a) total cost was for all patients and (b) average cost was per patient registered with GPs in (i) Aberdeen City and (ii) Aberdeenshire who received secondary or tertiary care delivered by NHS (A) Greater Glasgow and Clyde and (B) Lothian in each of the last five years, broken down by (1) travel, (2) accommodation and (3) subsistence costs, also broken down by how many made multiple trips, broken down by the (aa) mean and (bb) median number of trips.

S6W-41877 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding what the primary reason for travel was for patients registered with GPs in (a) Aberdeen City and (b) Aberdeenshire who received care delivered by NHS (i) Greater Glasgow and Clyde and (ii) Lothian in each of the last five years.

S6W-41879 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding the number of funded patient escorts, such as spouses, other family members and support workers, who accompanied patients registered with GPs in (a) Aberdeen City and (b) Aberdeenshire who received care delivered by NHS (i) Greater Glasgow and Clyde and (ii) Lothian in each of the last five years, broken down by (A) travel, (B) accommodation and (C) subsistence costs.

S6W-41880 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding (a) how many and (b) what proportion of patients registered with GPs in (i) Aberdeen City and (ii) Aberdeenshire who received care delivered by NHS (A) Greater Glasgow and Clyde and (B) Lothian in each of the last five years were offered a "Near Me" or other form of remote consultation as an alternative.

S6W-41881 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it issues to NHS boards regarding (a) arranging and (b) funding patient travel and accommodation for elective and planned care delivered in a different board area, and what datasets it collects from boards on such transfers of care.

S6W-41882 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding the types of clinical care areas for which patients registered with GPs in (a) Aberdeen City and (b) Aberdeenshire travelled to receive care delivered by NHS (i) Greater Glasgow and Clyde and (ii) Lothian in each of the last five years, broken down by speciality.

S6W-41883 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding what the median waiting time at the point of referral was for patients registered with GPs in (a) Aberdeen City and (b) Aberdeenshire who travelled to NHS (i) Greater Glasgow and Clyde and (ii) Lothian, in each of the last five years, compared with patients treated in NHS Grampian for the same conditions.

S6W-41884 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding the number of unplanned readmissions within 30 days among patients registered with GPs in (a) Aberdeen City and (b) Aberdeenshire who travelled to NHS (i) Greater Glasgow and Clyde and (ii) Lothian in each of the last five years, compared with patients treated in NHS Grampian.

S6W-41885 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on any changes to eligibility rules or reimbursement rates for patient travel and accommodation in the last five years, and what impact these have had on the projected budget for 2025-26.

S6W-41886 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on the patient (a) feedback and (b) complaints recorded by NHS boards regarding travel for planned care outwith a patient's board area in each of the last five years, and what main themes were identified.

S6W-42059 Foyso Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the University of Edinburgh, in its current dispute with the University and College Union, is fulfilling its obligation under the paper, *Fair Work First - Guidance*, to provide "appropriate channels for effective workers' voice".

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[S6W-42060](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many times a person has appeared in court on a charge of serious assault, as per the definition in the Scottish Crime Recording Standard: Crime Recording and Counting Rules, and received a (a) custodial and (b) non-custodial sentence, in each year since 2021.

[S6W-42061](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many times a person has appeared in court on a charge of robbery, as per the definition in the Scottish Crime Recording Standard: Crime Recording and Counting Rules, and received a (a) custodial and (b) non-custodial sentence, in each year since 2021.

[S6W-42062](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many times a person has appeared in court on a charge of possession of an offensive weapon, as per the definition in the Scottish Crime Recording Standard: Crime Recording and Counting Rules, and received a (a) custodial and (b) non-custodial sentence, in each year since 2021.

[S6W-42063](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many times a person has appeared in court on a charge of cruelty and unnatural treatment of children, as per the definition in the Scottish Crime Recording Standard: Crime Recording and Counting Rules, and received a (a) custodial and (b) non-custodial sentence, in each year since 2021.

[S6W-42064](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many times a person has appeared in court on a charge of domestic abuse, as per the definition in the Scottish Crime Recording Standard: Crime Recording and Counting Rules, and received a (a) custodial and (b) non-custodial sentence, in each year since 2021.

[S6W-42065](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many times a person has appeared in court on a charge of sexual crimes, as per the definition in the Scottish Crime Recording Standard: Crime Recording and Counting Rules, and received a (a) custodial and (b) non-custodial sentence, in each year since 2021.

[S6W-42066](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many times a person has appeared in court on a charge of stalking, as per the definition in the Scottish Crime Recording Standard: Crime Recording and Counting Rules, and received a (a) custodial and (b) non-custodial sentence, in each year since 2021.

[S6W-42067](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many times a person has appeared in court on a charge of the production manufacture or cultivation of drugs and possession with intent to supply, as per the definition in the Scottish Crime Recording Standard: Crime Recording and Counting Rules, and received a (a) custodial and (b) non-custodial sentence, in each year since 2021.

[S6W-42068](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many times a person has appeared in court on a charge of slavery or forced labour, as per the definition in the Scottish Crime Recording Standard: Crime Recording and Counting Rules, and received a (a) custodial and (b) non-custodial sentence, in each year since 2021.

[S6W-42069](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many times a person has appeared in court on a charge of death by careless driving when under the influence of drink or drugs, as per the definition in the Scottish Crime Recording Standard: Crime Recording and Counting Rules, and received a (a) custodial and (b) non-custodial sentence, in each year since 2021.

[S6W-42070](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many empty homes there currently are in the West Scotland region.

[S6W-42071](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many planning applications are currently stalled due to infrastructure constraints in the West Scotland region.

[S6W-42072](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many planning officials there currently are in Scotland, and what assessment it has conducted of any future need.

[S6W-42073](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government when each of its ministers last took a ferry for official business-related travel.

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S6W-42074 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of reported trends in ScotRail passenger complaints relating to train cleanliness since the transfer of ScotRail to public ownership.

S6W-42075 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish an annual breakdown of ScotRail passenger complaints by category, including cleanliness, punctuality and customer service.

S6W-42076 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve the cleanliness of ScotRail trains, including in relation to cleaning frequency, staffing levels and passenger feedback mechanisms.

S6W-42085 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-41710 by Gillian Martin on 18 November 2025, what work was undertaken in relation to the reported action point recorded in the note of the meeting between the Minister for Climate Action and HadFab Limited on 22 May 2024 that “SG officials [were] to explore the idea of a ‘Heroes of Net Zero’ campaign highlighting the diverse range of green jobs contributing to net zero”, including (a) which officials and directorates were tasked with this work, (b) what advice was subsequently provided to ministers, (c) what consideration was given to the objectives, target audiences, delivery timeline, key milestones and forecast or actual costs of such a campaign and (d) what the reasons are for the statement in the answer to question S6W-41710 that the Scottish Government “has not proposed a ‘Heroes of Net Zero’ campaign, has not done so in the past and is not aware of any proposals to do so in the future”.

S6W-42086 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S6W-41711, S6W-41712 and S6W-41713 by Ivan McKee on 13 November 2025, whether it will provide information on how much has been collected through its carbon levy on business flights in each financial year since the levy was introduced, and what the (a) cumulative total collected to date, (b) cumulative total spent to date and (c) current balance remaining in the carbon levy fund is.

S6W-42087 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-41713 by Ivan McKee on 13 November 2025, whether it will provide information on what money collected from the Scottish Government carbon levy on its business flights has been spent since the levy was introduced, broken down for each funded project by (a) project name and location, (b) delivery partner, (c) nature and description of the work undertaken, (d) carbon standard or methodology used, (e) cost, (f) verified or estimated CO2 reduction and (g) cost per tonne of CO2.

S6W-42088 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide information on its policy regarding the use of revenue collected from the Scottish Government carbon levy on business flights, including (a) the objectives of the levy, (b) the criteria and process for selecting carbon reduction projects on the core estate to be funded from the levy, (c) the governance and oversight arrangements for managing the levy funds, including which directorates are responsible, (d) how often the rate and operation of the levy have been reviewed since its introduction and (e) what changes have been made as a result of any such reviews.

S6W-42089 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) fees or honoraria have been paid to and (b) travel and subsistence expenses have been claimed by each named member of the Abortion Law Review Expert Group in each financial year since its establishment.

S6W-42090 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent in total on the Abortion Law Review Expert Group, and associated work on the review of abortion law in Scotland, in each financial year since 5 September 2023, broken down by (a) the expert group costs, (b) Scottish Government staff costs and (c) any external costs, such as research, consultancy, communications and events.

S6W-42091 Beatrice Wishart: To ask the Scottish Government when the contract award for Lot 6 (Scotland) of the Project Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy scheme, covering premises in Orkney and Shetland, will be announced.

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[S6W-42092](#) **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-41715 by Neil Gray on 18 November 2025, in light of the cabinet secretary’s comment that the “cost of translation services can be obtained from Health Boards individually”, whether it will provide the information that was requested and confirm what the cost of translation services has been to each NHS board in each of the last seven financial years, and whether it considers that the response provided meets the commitment set out in paragraph 1.7(d) of the *Scottish Ministerial Code 2025 edition*, which states that “Ministers should be as open as possible with the Parliament and the public, reflecting the aspirations set out in the Report of the Consultative Steering Group on the Scottish Parliament”, and what the reasons are for its position on this matter.

[S6W-42093](#) **Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the suitability and operational performance of newly procured 4×4 and multi-role vehicles for wildfire and road traffic incidents response.

[S6W-42094](#) **Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government what 4×4 or multi-role vehicles the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has procured in the last three years, and, for each type of vehicle, what the (a) cost, (b) number ordered, (c) number delivered and (d) intended operational role is.

[S6W-42095](#) **Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government how many of the 4×4 or multi-role vehicles procured by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in the last three years have entered operational service, and how many are currently awaiting deployment.

[S6W-42096](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District Scotland (AMIDS) South project has been designed with passive provision measures for future integration of light rail, including by ensuring that underground utilities are designed accordingly.

[S6W-42097](#) **Foyso Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is regarding the potential introduction of regulations to prevent breeders of greyhounds from taking their dogs to races in England, and whether it will consider working with MSPs to amend the Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill to that effect.

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Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 12

Tim Eagle

329 *In substitution for amendment 221*

In section 12, page 13, line 29, at end insert—

<() in subsection (12), in paragraph (b), for “have regard to” substitute “must, so far as is reasonably practicable, comply with”.>

Section 13

Tim Eagle

330 In section 13, page 15, line 1, leave out <in relation to> and insert <on>

After section 14

Tim Eagle

331 After section 14, insert—

<Community-integrated deer management model

- (1) The 1996 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 6A, insert—

“6B Community-integrated deer management model

- (1) A public authority responsible for publicly owned land must, when preparing or reviewing any deer management plan relating to that land, have regard to the desirability of the option of a community-integrated deer management model.
- (2) Each public authority must—
 - (a) identify publicly owned land where community-integrated deer management may be appropriate, having regard to deer densities, ecological priorities, habitat restoration plans, and community capacity,
 - (b) engage with local community groups or individuals who may wish to participate in deer management on such land, and
 - (c) ensure that any such arrangements provide for appropriate oversight, monitoring, reporting and compliance with this Act and any regulations made under it.
- (3) In exercising functions under this section, a public authority must have regard to—
 - (a) the potential for enhancing local community participation, training, and employment opportunities, and
 - (b) the need to ensure that any community-integrated arrangements operate safely, sustainably and accountably, in line with national standards for deer management.

- (4) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision about community-integrated deer management, including in particular—
 - (a) reporting, monitoring and record-keeping requirements,
 - (b) arrangements for oversight, auditing or enforcement, including withdrawal of participation rights where standards are not met, and
 - (c) funding or grant schemes to support community participation, training, equipment, carcass handling, local processing facilities or other infrastructure required for community-integrated deer management.
- (5) This section applies only so far as is consistent with any other statutory duties of the public authority.
- (6) For the purposes of this section—

“community integrated deer management” means a model of deer management which—

 - (a) involves local recreational deer stalkers, in partnership with the public authority, in the planning and execution of deer management activities,
 - (b) provides opportunities for community-based deer stalking or equivalent arrangements, subject to appropriate training, regulation, oversight and animal welfare standards,
 - (c) utilises local skills, knowledge and presence to contribute to the control of deer numbers in line with ecological, forestry, and agricultural objectives, and
 - (d) promotes local processing, utilisation or supply-chain opportunities for harvested venison, subject to compliance with relevant legislation on animal welfare, food safety, firearms, health and safety, and biodiversity protection,

“publicly owned land” means land owned, leased or otherwise managed by a public authority in Scotland, including public agencies, local authorities, or publicly owned forestry or land management bodies.”.>

After section 31

Tim Eagle

332 After section 31, insert—

<Prevention of damage by deer on certain agricultural land, woodland or common grazing

- (1) The 1996 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) For section 26 (right of occupier in respect of deer causing damage to crops etc. on certain ground), substitute—

“26 Right of occupier to prevent damage by deer on certain agricultural land and enclosed woodland

- (1) An occupier of arable land, improved permanent pasture (other than moorland) and land which has been regenerated so as to be able to make a significant contribution to the productivity of a holding which forms part of that agricultural

land, or enclosed woodland, or a person mentioned in subsection (4) authorised in writing by the occupier, may take or kill, and sell or otherwise dispose of, any deer found on the land or woodland if the occupier has reasonable grounds to believe that the taking or killing of deer is necessary to prevent—

- (a) damage—
 - (i) to agricultural production (including any crops or human or animal foodstuffs) on the land,
 - (ii) to the woodland, or
 - (iii) whether directly or indirectly, to the natural heritage or environment generally, or
- (b) injury to the occupier's livestock kept on the land, whether by serious overgrazing of pastures, competing with any such livestock for supplementary feeding, or otherwise.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies notwithstanding anything contained in any agreement between an occupier of the land or woodland and the owner.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply during any period fixed by order under section 5(1) (taking, killing or injuring deer in close season) in relation to the sex and species of the deer concerned.
- (4) The persons referred to in subsection (1) are—
 - (a) the owner of the land or woodland,
 - (b) the owner's employees,
 - (c) the occupier's employees, or any other person normally resident, on the land,
 - (d) any other person approved in writing by SNH as a fit and competent person to take or kill deer for the purpose referred to in subsection (1).
- (5) Any authorisation given by an occupier of land to take or kill deer expires—
 - (a) at the end of such period as the occupier may specify in it,
 - (b) in relation to a person mentioned in paragraphs (b) or (c) of subsection (4), the person ceases to be in the employment of the owner or, as the case may be, the occupier, or ceases to be normally resident on the land,
 - (c) in relation to a person mentioned in paragraph (d) of that subsection, when the person ceases to be so approved, or
 - (d) if the occupier revokes it.

26ZA Authorisation to prevent damage by deer on other agricultural land, woodland or common grazing

- (1) In relation to any other agricultural land or woodland not mentioned in section 26(1) or a common grazing situated in the crofting counties, an occupier or a person that is authorised by the occupier or, as the case may be, the grazings

committee, may not take or kill, sell or otherwise dispose of, any deer found on such other land, woodland or common grazing unless—

- (a) SNH is satisfied that there are no other adequate means of control which might reasonably be adopted in the circumstances to prevent damage or injury, and
 - (b) SNH has granted authorisation.
- (2) An authorisation granted by SNH under subsection (1)(b) to take or kill deer—
- (a) applies to such occupiers or persons authorised by such occupiers, or persons authorised by the grazings committee, as SNH may specify,
 - (b) expires—
 - (i) at the end of such period as SNH may specify, or
 - (ii) if SNH revokes it,
 - (c) applies to such land, woodland or common grazings as SNH may specify, and
 - (d) relates to damage or injury of a type as SNH may specify.
- (3) SNH shall give to the owner of any land, woodland or common grazing which is to be mentioned in an authorisation under subsection (1)(b) notice of its intention to issue such an authorisation as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event at least 48 hours before issuing the authorisation.
- (4) In this section, “crofting counties” is to be construed in accordance with section 61(1) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993.”.>

After section 33

Tim Eagle

333 After section 33, insert—

<Financial assistance for deer management

Financial assistance for deer management

- (1) The 1996 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 16, insert—

“Financial assistance for deer management

16A Financial assistance for deer management

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must establish and maintain financial assistance schemes for deer management activities that contribute to—
 - (a) controlling deer populations to prevent damage to habitats,
 - (b) enhancing biodiversity through sustainable deer management practices,
 - (c) supporting local venison supply chains with infrastructure and processing facilities.”.>

Rachael Hamilton

334 After section 33, insert—

<PART

ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS IN SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

Prohibition of energy developments in sites of special scientific interest

- (1) The Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 11 (effect of SSSI notification), insert—

“11A Prohibition of energy developments in sites of special scientific interest

No person may construct any energy development, including renewable energy installations, within the boundaries of a site of special scientific interest notified under this Act.”.>

Before section 34

Rachael Hamilton

35B As an amendment to amendment 35, line 20, at end insert—

- <(9B) The relevant authority must, before making any modifications to a section 16AA licence, consult—
- (a) landowners,
 - (b) such other persons as the relevant authority considers may be affected by, or otherwise have an interest in, the modification to the section 16AA licence.>

Section 37

Rachael Hamilton

335 In section 37, page 31, line 18, at end insert—

- <() But regulations under subsection (2) bringing into force section (licensing: land on which certain birds may be killed or taken) may not be made until such time as the Scottish Ministers have consulted—
- (a) landowners,
 - (b) any persons who are likely to be affected by, or otherwise have an interest in, licensing under section 16AA of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981,
 - (c) such other persons as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.>

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Before section 1

Pam Duncan-Glancy

38 Before section 1, insert—

<PART

NATIONAL SKILLS AND APPRENTICESHIPS FUNDING STRATEGY

National skills and apprenticeships funding strategy

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable, prepare a national skills and apprenticeships funding strategy.
- (2) The strategy mentioned in subsection (1) must set out—
 - (a) the Scottish Ministers' priorities for funding national training and apprenticeship programmes with a view to meeting medium and long-term skills needs.
 - (b) how school-phase pathways, including foundation apprenticeships and senior phase technical routes, are reflected in the priorities,
 - (c) the intended roles of the bodies to be involved in delivering the priorities,
 - (d) how the Scottish Ministers intend to measure success in delivering the priorities.
- (3) The strategy may include such other information as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (4) In preparing the strategy, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) persons representing the views of employers,
 - (b) trade unions,
 - (c) employers who are subject to the apprenticeship levy,
 - (d) schools,
 - (e) colleges,
 - (f) universities,
 - (g) such other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (5) The strategy prepared under subsection (1) must be published and laid before the Scottish Parliament.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

39 Before section 1, insert—

<National skills and apprenticeships funding strategy: annual reporting

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as a reasonably practicable after the end of each reporting period—
 - (a) prepare and publish a report on the progress being made in delivering the national skills and apprenticeships funding strategy,
 - (b) lay the report before the Scottish Parliament.

- (2) The report—
 - (a) must set out how the strategy is ensuring that skills needs in the economy and public sector are being matched with provision of education and training,
 - (b) may include such other information as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) In this section, “reporting period” is the period of 1 year beginning with the day on which the national skills and apprenticeships funding strategy is published and laid before the Scottish Parliament under section (*National skills and apprenticeships funding strategy*)(5) and each subsequent period of 1 year.>

Section 1

Miles Briggs

- 40 In section 1, page 1, leave out lines 14 and 15

Miles Briggs

- 41 In section 1, page 1, line 16, at end insert—
- <(2) In exercising its functions under this Act, the Council must have regard to—
 - (a) the current and anticipated needs of the labour market at national and regional levels,
 - (b) the desirability of supporting economic resilience, in particular in—
 - (i) rural areas,
 - (ii) areas identified as being in the lowest two quintiles of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.”.>

Section 2

Miles Briggs

- 42 In section 2, page 1, leave out line 23

Stephen Kerr

- 43 In section 2, page 2, line 7, at end insert—
- <(3) The Scottish Ministers must, in exercising their functions under this Act—
 - (a) have regard to the outcomes achieved through public expenditure,
 - (b) ensure that funding support measurable improvements in skills, productivity and learner achievement.”.>

After section 2

Miles Briggs

- 44 After section 2, insert—

<Alignment with national priorities

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 4 (Scottish Ministers: general duty) insert—

“4A Alignment with national priorities

The Scottish Ministers must, in exercising their functions under this Act, ensure that their actions are aligned with key strategies, including the National Strategy for Economic Transformation, Whole Family Support and efforts to close the attainment gap.”.>

Miles Briggs

45 After section 2, insert—

<Alignment with career pathways etc

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 4 (Scottish Ministers: general duty) insert—

“4A Alignment with career pathways

The Scottish Ministers must, in exercising their functions under this Act, ensure that their actions are aligned with—

- (a) the Career Pathways Programme from primary school to employment,
- (b) employer needs and local labour market demands.”.>

Stephen Kerr

46 After section 2, insert—

<Scottish Ministers’ reporting duty

Scottish Ministers’ reporting duty

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 4 (the Scottish Ministers: general duty) insert—

“4A Scottish Ministers’ reporting duty

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, for each reporting period, commission an independent evaluation of the Council’s performance of its functions under this Act.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must lay a report under subsection (1) before the Scottish Parliament.
- (3) In this section, “reporting period” means the period of 3 years from the day of Royal Assent of the Bill for the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Act 2025 and each subsequent period of 3 years.”.>

Ross Greer

47 After section 2, insert—

<Exercise of the Council's functions

Council to have regard to particular matters

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 20(2) (Council to have regard to particular matters), after paragraph (a) insert—
“ (aa) the economic, social and environmental priorities of the Scottish Ministers; ” .>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

- 48 After section 2, insert—

<Funding for further education

Review of funding models for further education

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must undertake a review of funding models for colleges of further education.
- (2) Within one year of Royal Assent, the Scottish Ministers must publish a report on the review under subsection (1), including proposals for a new model for the funding of colleges of further education.
- (3) A copy of the report under subsection (2) must be laid before the Scottish Parliament.>

Miles Briggs

- 49 After section 2, insert—

<Review of credit-based funding model

Review of credit-based funding model

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within 12 months of this section coming into force, undertake a review of the credit-based funding model used by the Council for making payments to—
 - (a) colleges of further education,
 - (b) any other providers of fundable further education.
- (2) The review undertaken under subsection (1) must consider the provision of fundable further education, including—
 - (a) the availability of courses provided across Scotland,
 - (b) the ability of providers of fundable further education to deliver courses.
- (3) After completing the review, the Scottish Ministers must publish and lay a report on the review before the Scottish Parliament.
- (4) The report must set out the action, if any, the Scottish Ministers intend to take as a result of the review.>

Miles Briggs

- 50 After section 2, insert—

<Funding for fundable bodies

Funding for fundable bodies

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 12 (funding of fundable bodies), in subsection (3), after paragraph (b) insert—
“(c) compliance with Fair Work First criteria.”.>

Ross Greer

- 51** After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: managing agents

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 9 (funding of the Council)—
 - (a) after subsection (4), insert—
“(4A) The condition is that, where making a payment under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), the Council must require that the percentage of total funding that may be paid to managing agents for the administration or management of funds must not exceed 10% of the total amount of such funding.”,
 - (b) after subsection (12), insert—
“(12A)The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, modify the percentage specified in subsection (4A).”.>

Maggie Chapman

- 52** After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: transparency of governing bodies

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 9A (higher education institutions: good governance)—
 - (a) the existing text becomes subsection (1),
 - (b) after subsection (1), insert—
“(2) The Scottish Ministers must, under section 9(2), impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a higher education institution under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that the proceedings and decision making of the higher education institution’s governing body is conducted in a transparent manner, including by—
 - (a) subject to subsection (3), publishing, within a period specified in regulations—
 - (i) agendas for each meeting of the governing body,
 - (ii) approved minutes of such meetings (including records of dissent expressed during a meeting), and

- (iii) all papers considered at such meetings in relation to major decisions, including decisions and equality impact assessments relating to—
 - (A) the institution’s financial strategy,
 - (B) the institution’s estates strategy,
 - (C) organisational restructuring,
 - (D) senior remuneration,
 - (b) maintaining a publicly accessible online archive of the documents published under paragraph (a).
 - (3) A governing body may withhold or redact information from publication only where—
 - (a) publication would, or would be likely to, prejudice commercial negotiations underway at the time of the decision,
 - (b) publication would contravene data protection legislation, or
 - (c) the information falls within a category specified by regulations.”.
 - (3) In section 9B (further education institutions: good governance), after subsection (1), insert—
 - “(1A) The Scottish Ministers must, under section 9(2), impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a college of further education which is a fundable post-16 education body under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that the proceedings and decision making of the college of further education’s governing body is conducted in a transparent manner, including by—
 - (a) subject to subsection (1B), publishing, within a period specified in regulations—
 - (i) agendas for each meeting of the governing body,
 - (ii) approved minutes of such meetings (including records of dissent expressed during a meeting), and
 - (iii) all papers considered at such meetings in relation to major decisions, including decisions and equality impact assessments relating to—
 - (A) the institution’s financial strategy,
 - (B) the institution’s estates strategy,
 - (C) organisational restructuring,
 - (D) senior remuneration,
 - (b) maintaining a publicly accessible online archive of the documents published under paragraph (a).
 - (1B) A governing body may withhold or redact information from publication only where—
 - (a) publication would, or would be likely to, prejudice commercial negotiations underway at the time of the decision,
 - (b) publication would contravene data protection legislation, or
 - (c) the information falls within a category specified by regulations.”.
 - (4) In section 34(4) (orders and regulations), after paragraph (bd) insert—

“(bda) regulations under section 9A(2)(a) or (3)(c);
(bdb) regulations under section 9B(1A)(a) or (1B)(c);”.>

Maggie Chapman

53 After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: governance code

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 9A (higher education institutions: good governance), after “institutions” insert “, including any code of good governance for higher education institutions published by the Scottish Ministers”.
- (3) In section 9B (further education institutions: good governance)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), after third “education” insert “, including any code of good governance for colleges of further education published by the Scottish Ministers”.
 - (b) in subsection (2)(a), after “body” insert “, including any relevant code of good governance published by the Scottish Ministers”.>

Ross Greer

54 After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: membership of governing bodies

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 9A (higher education institutions: good governance)—
 - (a) the existing text becomes subsection (1),
 - (b) after subsection (1), insert—

“(2) The Scottish Ministers must, under section 9(2), impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a higher education institution under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that the governing body of the institution consists of a majority of members elected by staff and students of the institution.”.>

Ross Greer

55 After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: transparency

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 9A (higher education institutions: good governance)—
 - (a) the existing text becomes subsection (1),
 - (b) after subsection (1), insert—

- “(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), principles of governance which constitute good practice in relation to higher education institutions includes, in particular, having regard to the need to operate in a way which is transparent and accountable.”.
- (3) In section 9B (further education institutions: good governance), after subsection (2), insert—
- “(3) For the purposes of this section, principles of governance which constitute good practice in relation to colleges of further education, or which are appropriate in relation to a regional strategic body, as the case may be, includes, in particular, having regard to the need to operate in a way which is transparent and accountable.”.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

56 After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: training for members of governing bodies

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 9A (higher education institutions: good governance)—
- (a) the existing text becomes subsection (1),
- (b) after subsection (1), insert—
- “(2) The Scottish Ministers may, under section 9(2), impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a higher education institution under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that the higher education institution’s governing body ensures that all members of the governing body receive training at the time of appointment, and at reasonable intervals throughout the period of their appointment, on—
- (a) financial oversight,
- (b) financial risk,
- (c) their legal responsibilities as members of the governing body, including under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005,
- (d) their responsibilities in relation to the constructive challenge and scrutiny of senior leadership of the higher education institution,
- (e) whistleblowing procedures.
- (3) Where a condition is imposed on a higher education institution under subsection (2), the governing body of that institution must provide annual written confirmation to the Council that the condition has been complied with.
- (4) The Council must publish guidance on the form and content of training required to meet conditions imposed by subsection (2).
- (5) Prior to publishing guidance under subsection (4), the Council—
- (a) must consult—
- (i) student representatives on governing bodies,
- (ii) trade unions representing employees,

- (iii) chairs of governing bodies,
 - of higher education institutions,
 - (b) may consult such other persons as the Council considers appropriate.”.
- (3) In section 9B (further education institutions: good governance), after subsection (1), insert—
 - “(1A) The Scottish Ministers may, under section 9(2), impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a college of further education which is a fundable post-16 education body under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that the college’s governing body ensures that all members of the governing body receive training at the time of appointment, and at reasonable intervals throughout the period of their appointment, on—
 - (a) financial oversight,
 - (b) financial risk,
 - (c) their legal responsibilities as members of the governing body, including under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005,
 - (d) their responsibilities in relation to the constructive challenge and scrutiny of senior leadership of the college,
 - (e) whistleblowing procedures.
 - (1B) Where a condition is imposed on a college of further education which is a fundable post-16 education body under subsection (1A), the governing body of that college must provide annual written confirmation to the Council that the condition has been complied with.
 - (1C) The Council must publish guidance on the form and content of training required to meet conditions imposed by subsection (1A).
 - (1D) Prior to publishing guidance under subsection (1C), the Council—
 - (a) must consult—
 - (i) student representatives on governing bodies,
 - (ii) trade unions representing employees,
 - (iii) chairs of governing bodies,
 - of colleges of further education which are fundable post-16 education bodies,
 - (b) may consult such other persons as the Council considers appropriate.”.>

Maggie Chapman

57 After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: governance publication scheme

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 9E, insert—

“9F Governance publication scheme

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, under section 9(2), impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a fundable body under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that the fundable body—
 - (a) prepares,
 - (b) publishes,
 - (c) maintains, and
 - (d) reviews on an annual basis,
 a governance publication scheme.
- (2) A governance publication scheme under subsection (1) must include provision for the publication of—
 - (a) a description of the fundable body’s governance structure,
 - (b) a register of interests of members of the fundable body’s governing body and senior officers,
 - (c) an annual statement of financial sustainability,
 - (d) summaries of internal audit reports,
 - (e) a public version of the fundable body’s risk register, and
 - (f) such other information as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations prescribe.
- (3) The Council may issue directions to a fundable body that is subject to a condition under subsection (1), requiring a fundable body to amend its governance publication scheme in order to comply with that condition.”.>

Maggie Chapman

58 After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: remuneration committees

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 9E, insert—

“9F Remuneration committees

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, under section 9(2), impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a fundable body under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that the fundable body has established a remuneration committee including—
 - (a) at least 2 independent external members,
 - (b) at least one member nominated by academic staff of the fundable body, and
 - (c) at least one member nominated by students of the fundable body.

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a remuneration committee must have rules that require—
 - (a) any senior officer whose remuneration is under consideration not to be present during deliberations relating to their remuneration,
 - (b) an annual report to be published setting out—
 - (i) the remuneration, including bonuses and pension contributions, of all senior officers,
 - (ii) the performance objectives used to determine any change in the remuneration of senior officers,
 - (iii) an assessment of performance against those objectives, and
 - (iv) any external appointments held by senior officers and any remuneration received in respect of those appointments.
- (3) A fundable body subject to a condition under subsection (1) must have regard to any guidance issued by the Council in relation to the operation of remuneration committees to comply with that condition.”.>

Maggie Chapman

59 After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: notification of governance concerns

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 9E, insert—

“9F Notification of governance concerns

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, under section 9(2), impose terms and conditions for the purpose of requiring notification of governance concerns.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must in particular impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a fundable body under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that the fundable body —
 - (a) notifies the Council as soon as reasonably practicable of any material governance failure, including—
 - (i) a significant adverse finding resulting from an internal or external audit,
 - (ii) an unmanaged or undisclosed conflict of interest involving a senior officer or governor,
 - (iii) concerns relating to financial sustainability,
 - (iv) any whistleblowing disclosure alleging serious governance failure that is not resolved in a reasonable period of time through internal processes, and
 - (b) complies with any direction given by the Council in relation to the remedying or mitigation of a material governance failure.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must in particular impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a fundable body under section 12(1), 12D(2),

or 12J(2), require that the fundable body has in place whistleblowing procedures which—

- (a) comply with the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998, and
- (b) provide a right for staff, students, governing body members, and auditors to make a protected disclosure directly to the Council,
- (c) ensure that a person is not subjected to any detriment as a result of making a disclosure in accordance with the whistleblowing procedures.”.>

Maggie Chapman

60 After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: conflict of interest

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 9E, insert—

“9F Conflict of interest: disclosure

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, under section 9(2), impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a fundable body under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that the fundable body has in place a conflict of interest policy that—
 - (a) requires each member of its governing body and each senior officer to declare any registerable interest,
 - (b) requires that a member of its governing body or senior officer withdraws from any meeting or decision-making process where they have a conflict of interest.
 - (c) ensures that the fundable body has a register of interests that is—
 - (i) publicly accessible online,
 - (ii) updated within 28 days of any change, and
 - (iii) reviewed on an annual basis.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a registerable interest includes—
 - (a) financial interests,
 - (b) shareholdings,
 - (c) remunerated consultancies,
 - (d) intellectual property interests, and
 - (e) close family relationships with contractors or commercial partners.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations amend the list of registerable interests in subsection (2).”.>

Ross Greer

61 After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: employment practices

(1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.

(2) After section 9E, insert—

“9F Employment practices

The Scottish Ministers must, under section 9(2), impose terms and conditions for the purpose of encouraging fair work practices by persons in receipt of funding from the Council.”.>

Ross Greer

61A As an amendment to amendment 61, line 9, at end insert—

<(2) The Scottish Ministers must in particular impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that any individual employed by a person receiving such a payment is remunerated at a rate which is not less than one-tenth of the full-time equivalent salary of the highest paid employee of that person.”.>

Ross Greer

61B As an amendment to amendment 61, line 9, at end insert—

<(2) The Scottish Ministers must in particular impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that employees of the person receiving such a payment are not to be employed on zero-hour contracts.”.>

Ross Greer

61C As an amendment to amendment 61, line 9, at end insert—

<(2) The Scottish Ministers must in particular impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that the person receiving such a payment pays its employees at a rate assessed by the Scottish Ministers as being sufficient for a full time equivalent employee to maintain an adequate standard of living.”.>

Ross Greer

61D As an amendment to amendment 61, line 9, at end insert—

<(2) The Scottish Ministers must in particular impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that where a body receiving such a payment has a position of or equivalent to a college principal, the remuneration for that position is to be determined in accordance with the Chief Executive Framework of the Public Sector Pay Policy, or such other policy in relation to the remuneration of senior roles within the public sector as may be in force from time to time.”.>

Ross Greer

61E As an amendment to amendment 61, line 9, at end insert—

- <(2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify this section to—
- (a) add new conditions,
 - (b) vary existing conditions,
 - (c) remove conditions.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”.>

Ross Greer

62 After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: student associations

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 9E, insert—

“9F Student associations

The Scottish Ministers must, under subsection 9(2), impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a fundable body under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that the fundable body ensure the adequate funding of student associations and unions.”.>

Miles Briggs

63 After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: student mental health and wellbeing support

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 9E, insert—

“9F Student mental health and wellbeing support

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, under section 9(2), impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a fundable body under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that the fundable body provides mental health and wellbeing support to students in line with such a framework as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations establish.
- (2) Before imposing the condition mentioned in subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consider the likely financial and resource implications for fundable bodies.”.
- (3) In section 34 (orders and regulations), subsection (4), after paragraph (be) insert—
“(bea) regulations under section 9F(1),”.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

64 After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: whistleblowing

(1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.

(2) After section 9E, insert—

“9F Whistleblowing

(1) The Scottish Ministers may, under section 9(2), impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a fundable body under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that the fundable body has in place a whistleblowing procedure that—

- (a) is clearly communicated to all staff, students and members of the governing body of the fundable body,
- (b) provides for the confidential reporting of concerns relating to issues including—
 - (i) financial mismanagement,
 - (ii) failure of governance,
 - (iii) bullying or retaliation,
 - (iv) risks to learner provision, and
- (c) provides protection against detriment (as a result of raising concerns) to individuals who raise concerns in good faith.

(2) A fundable body must notify the Council when they have received information through their whistleblowing procedure that suggests a material risk to continuity of learner provision or financial sustainability.

(3) A notification under subsection (2) may be made on a confidential basis.

(4) On receipt of a notification under subsection (2), the Council must—

- (a) consider whether any action or support is required as a result of the notification,
- (b) record any actions taken or support provided.”.

(3) In schedule 1, paragraph 18, after sub-paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) A report under sub-paragraph (1) must include an anonymised summary of the notifications received during the financial year under section 9F(2), including—

- (a) the number of notifications received,
- (b) the nature of the concerns raised,
- (c) any themes arising across the notifications.”.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

65 After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: principles of public life

(1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.

(2) After section 9E, insert—

“9F Principles of public life

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, under section 9(2), impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a fundable body under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that—
 - (a) members of the governing body of the fundable body must uphold the principles mentioned in subsection (2) when exercising functions in connection with the receipt of public funding,
 - (b) the fundable body must, as soon as reasonably practicable after each reporting period, submit a report to the Council on how it has encouraged compliance with the requirement mentioned in paragraph (a).
- (2) The principles are that such a member must—
 - (a) act solely in terms of the public interest,
 - (b) avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work,
 - (c) not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends,
 - (d) declare and resolve any interests and relationships,
 - (e) act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias,
 - (f) be accountable to the public for their decisions and actions, and submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this,
 - (g) act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner, with information not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing,
 - (h) be truthful,
 - (i) exhibit these principles in their own behaviour and treat others with respect,
 - (j) actively promote and robustly support the principles and challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.
- (3) The Council may request further information from a fundable body if it believes the requirement mentioned in subsection (1)(a) may have been breached.
- (4) In this section, “reporting period” means—
 - (a) the period of 12 months beginning with the day this section comes into force,
 - (b) each subsequent period of 12 months.”.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

66 After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: engagement with trade unions, students and external partners

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 9E, insert—

“9F Engagement with trade unions, students and external partners

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, under section 9(2), impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a fundable body under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that—
 - (a) the fundable body takes reasonable steps to inform and consult the persons mentioned in subsection (2) before implementing any decision that could significantly impact its—
 - (i) provision for learners,
 - (ii) levels of staffing, or
 - (iii) financial sustainability,
 - (b) the fundable body must, where requested by the Council, submit a report to the Council in relation to a decision on—
 - (i) the persons consulted,
 - (ii) the issues raised by the persons consulted,
 - (iii) whether and, if so, how the issues raised by the persons consulted were addressed,
 - (iv) if the issues raised were not addressed, the reasons for not doing so.
- (2) The persons include—
 - (a) recognised trade unions representing employees of the body,
 - (b) organisations representing students of the body,
 - (c) any external partners which may be impacted by the decision.”>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

- 67** After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: governing body eligibility requirements

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 9E, insert—

“9F Governing body: eligibility requirements

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, under section 9(2), impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a fundable body under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that, where the fundable body is responsible for filling the position of chair of the body’s governing body (or equivalent position if the governing body does not have a chair), or the chair of a committee of the

governing body, the fundable body complies with the conditions set out in subsection (2).

- (2) The conditions are that, prior to the appointment or election of a chair, the fundable body—
 - (a) publishes a description of the role of the chair, specifying the required skills and experiences, including in—
 - (i) financial oversight,
 - (ii) strategic leadership,
 - (iii) governance,
 - (b) formally assesses candidates for the role against the requirements set out in the published role description,
 - (c) in the case of a chair being elected, ensures that only candidates who meet the requirements set out in the published role description are eligible to stand for election.
- (3) Where a condition is imposed on a fundable body under subsection (1), the governing body of that fundable body must provide annual written confirmation to the Council that the conditions have been complied with in relation to any relevant appointments or elections in that year.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may publish guidance in relation to the minimum required skills and experiences for chairs of governing bodies and committees of fundable bodies.”.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

68 After section 2, insert—

<Conditions of funding

Duty to place conditions on funding: staff and student members of governing body

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 9E, insert—

“9F Staff and student members of governing body

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, under section 9(2), impose a condition that the Council must, when making a payment to a fundable body under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), require that—
 - (a) the governing body of the fundable body must have due regard to the views of any members representing students and staff,
 - (b) the fundable body must ensure that members of of its governing body representing students and staff are—
 - (i) provided with the same documentation as other members of the governing body,
 - (ii) protected from detriment or exclusion for raising concerns in good faith.

(2) In subsection (1)(a), having “due regard” includes—

- (a) giving members representing students and staff a reasonable opportunity to present their views,
- (b) documenting the views of such members,
- (c) documenting how the governing body responded to any such views presented, and where relevant, the reasons for not aligning with the views of members representing students and staff.”.>

Section 3

Ross Greer

69 In section 3, page 2, line 26, at end insert—

<(3A) Terms and conditions imposed under subsection (2) may specify in particular that a programme is to be delivered by an institution that has recognised one or more trade unions, or has not received any request from a trade union for recognition.>

Miles Briggs

70 In section 3, page 2, line 26, at end insert—

<(3A) In making grants to the Council under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must have regard to the desirability of imposing terms and conditions under subsection (2) requiring that a programme enabling employers to access funding to create training programmes that address priority skills and skills gaps in their organisations is to be secured.>

Ross Greer

71 In section 3, page 2, line 26, at end insert—

<(3A) The Scottish Ministers must—

- (a) publish terms and conditions imposed under subsection (2), together with the reasons for considering them appropriate to impose, or
- (b) if they consider it would not be appropriate to publish terms and conditions imposed under subsection (2), publish a statement of their reasons for considering it would not be appropriate to do so.>

Miles Briggs

72 In section 3, page 2, line 37, after <impose,> insert <which may, in particular, relate to—

- (i) the repayment (in whole or in part) of a payment in such circumstances as the Council may specify,
- (ii) the interest payable in respect of any period during which a sum due to the Council is outstanding,>

Daniel Johnson

73 In section 3, page 3, line 2, at end insert—

- <(4) When making a grant, loan or other payment under subsection (2) to a person who is not a Scottish public authority, the Council must impose conditions that the person—
- (a) provides value for money,
 - (b) adopts fair work practices,
 - (c) is transparent on spend.”.>

Miles Briggs

- 74 In section 3, page 3, line 2, at end insert—

- <(4) In making payments under subsection (2), the Council is to have regard to the desirability of—
- (a) encouraging persons delivering programmes of training for employment to maintain or develop funding from other sources,
 - (b) ensuring persons delivering programmes of training for employment are subject to Fair Work First criteria.”.>

Ross Greer

- 75 In section 3, page 3, line 2, at end insert—

<12DA Repayment of funding for national training programmes: fair work

- (1) The Council may require the repayment of any funds provided under section 12D(2) if they reasonably believe that the person who received the funding violated agreed fair work principles.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, set out further details in relation to the repayment of funds under subsection (1), including—
 - (a) notification requirements,
 - (b) a process for appealing a requirement to repay funds.”.>

- <() In section 34(4) (orders and regulations), after paragraph (be), insert—
- “(bea) regulations under section 12DA(2),”.>

Section 4

Pam Duncan-Glancy

- 76 In section 4, page 3, line 11, at beginning, insert <with the exception of an apprentice undertaking a foundation apprenticeship,>

Miles Briggs

- 77 In section 4, page 3, line 11, leave out <for reward>

Miles Briggs

- 78 In section 4, page 3, line 11, after <reward> insert <under a contract of employment>

Stephen Kerr

- 79 In section 4, page 3, line 16, after <employer> insert <and any training provider involved in the delivery of the apprenticeship>

Stephen Kerr

- 80 In section 4, page 3, line 16, after <employer> insert <and any training provider or college delivering the apprenticeship>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

- 81 In section 4, page 3, line 21, after <subsection (1)> insert <—
(a)>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

- 82 In section 4, page 3, line 23, at end insert—
<(b) a “foundation apprenticeship” means a Scottish apprenticeship delivered as part of the senior-phase education pathway, delivered in partnership with local authorities, schools, colleges of further education, and employers.>

Miles Briggs

- 83 In section 4, page 3, line 23, at end insert—
<(4) For the avoidance of doubt, a Scottish apprenticeship may include apprenticeships delivered as part of school education and delivering industry standard Scottish Vocational Qualifications and placements.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

- 84 In section 4, page 3, line 30, at end insert—
<(2A) Where the framework relates to a foundation apprenticeship (as defined in section 12E), the framework must—
(a) deliver industry-recognised qualifications,
(b) include structured, externally supervised work-based learning, and
(c) be co-designed with employers.>

Stephen Kerr

- 85 In section 4, page 3, line 30, at end insert—
<(2A) In preparing a Scottish apprenticeship framework, the Council must have regard to whether the Scottish apprenticeship framework should be delivered by a college of further education or local authority (where such a body has capacity to do so).>

Ross Greer

- 86 In section 4, page 3, line 31, insert—

<(3A) Before amending or revoking a Scottish apprenticeship framework under subsection (3), the Council may consult such persons as it considers appropriate.

(3B) The Council must, as soon as reasonably practicable after amending or revoking an apprenticeship framework, publish their reasons for the amendment or revocation.>

Ross Greer

87 In section 4, page 3, line 36, after <frameworks> insert <, including consultation with such persons as the Scottish Ministers consider representative of apprentices and prospective apprentices>

Monica Lennon

88 In section 4, page 3, line 36, after <frameworks> insert <, including consultation with trade and industry representatives>

Stephen Kerr

89 In section 4, page 3, line 36, at end insert—

<(5) Regulations under subsection (4)(b) must provide that in preparing, publishing, amending and revoking frameworks, the Council must do so in conjunction with employers and representatives of industry within the relevant occupation or activity.>

Stephen Kerr

90 In section 4, page 3, line 36, at end insert—

<(5) Regulations under subsection (4)(b) must provide that in preparing and publishing a framework, the Council must ensure that representatives of managing agents and training providers are engaged in the process.>

Ross Greer

91 In section 4, page 4, line 27, at end insert—

<12HA Scottish apprenticeships: minimum rate of pay

(1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations specify the minimum rate of pay for an apprentice undertaking a Scottish apprenticeship.

5 (2) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the negative procedure.>

Ross Greer

91A As an amendment to amendment 91, line 4, at end insert—

<(1A) The rate of pay specified in regulations under subsection (1) must not be less than the rate specified in regulations under the National Minimum Wage Act 1998 as payable to a worker who is not an apprentice.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

92 In section 4, page 4, line 27, at end insert—

<12HA Foundation apprenticeships

- (1) The Council must ensure that foundation apprenticeships (as defined in section 12E) are delivered through formal partnership arrangements with local authorities to ensure access to foundation apprenticeships.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must, at least once each year, lay before the Scottish Parliament a report on foundation apprenticeships, including the—
 - (a) uptake of foundation apprenticeships,
 - (b) completion and progression of foundation apprenticeships.
- (3) Information on apprentices provided in a report under subsection (2) must be broken down by—
 - (a) deprivation quintile,
 - (b) disability status, and
 - (c) region.>

Ross Greer

93 In section 4, page 4, line 30, at end insert—

<() The National Minimum Wage Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/621) are modified as follows.

() In regulation 5, after paragraph (3), insert—

“(3A) This regulation does not apply to Scottish apprenticeships as defined by section 12E of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005.”.>

Section 5

Stephen Kerr

94 In section 5, page 5, line 4, at end insert—

<(1A) The Scottish Ministers must, in making grants to the Council under subsection (1), seek to ensure that every person aged 16 to 24 who is not in full time education or employment is offered access to a publicly-funded Scottish apprenticeship or work-based learning opportunity.>

Miles Briggs

95 In section 5, page 5, line 7, after <agreement> insert <, and

(c) includes foundation apprenticeships.>

Stephen Kerr

96 In section 5, page 5, line 21, at end insert—

<(1A) The Council must, when making decisions about the administration of grants, ensure that apprenticeship and work-based learning provision includes pathways targeted at—

- (a) unemployed persons,
- (b) persons seeking to change careers, and

(c) persons at risk of labour market exclusion.>

Stephen Kerr

97 In section 5, page 5, line 21, at end insert—

<(1A) The Council must, in the administration of funds under subsection (1), promote and support school-to-work pathways, including school college partnerships, foundation apprenticeships and work-based learning for senior phase pupils.>

Stephen Kerr

98 In section 5, page 5, line 21, at end insert—

<(1A) The Council must, in the administration of grants under subsection (1)—

- (a) take steps to expand the range and number of graduate apprenticeship frameworks, and
- (b) in doing so, prioritise sectors experiencing skills shortages identified in the labour assessment under section 12JA.>

Stephen Kerr

99 In section 5, page 5, line 21, at end insert—

<(1A) The Council must, in the administration of grants under subsection (1), secure that the number of publicly-funded Scottish apprenticeship opportunities made available in each financial year is not lower than the number made available in the immediately preceding financial year.

(1B) Subsection (2A) does not apply where—

- (a) the Scottish Ministers lay before the Scottish Parliament a statement setting out the reasons for the decrease in publicly-funded apprenticeship opportunities in that financial year, and
- (b) the Scottish Parliament by resolution approves the statement.

(1C) The Council must provide the Scottish Ministers with such information as they require in order to make the statement under subsection (2B).>

Stephen Kerr

100 In section 5, page 5, line 21, at end insert—

<(1A) The Council must, in the administration of funds under subsection (1), work in partnership with local authorities and colleges.>

Miles Briggs

101 In section 5, page 5, line 21, at end insert—

<(1A) The Council must, in the administration of grants under subsection (1), ensure that it takes into account (where appropriate) local authority good practice in respect of foundation apprenticeships.>

Miles Briggs

102 In section 5, page 5, line 21, at end insert—

<(1A) The Council must, in the administration of grants under subsection (1) for the purpose of securing the delivery of Scottish apprenticeships and work-based learning, engage with local authorities.>

Miles Briggs

103 In section 5, page 5, line 24, at end insert—

<(2A) In exercising its functions under subsection (2), the Council must ensure that at least 75 per cent of any grants, loans or other payments made under that subsection are made to colleges of further education.>

Miles Briggs

104 In section 5, page 5, line 24, at end insert—

<(2A) In exercising its functions under this section, the Council must have regard to the desirability of ensuring that small and medium-sized enterprises can access grants, loans or other payments related to the delivery of Scottish apprenticeships or work-based learning.>

Miles Briggs

105 In section 5, page 5, line 24, at end insert—

<(2A) In exercising its functions under this section, the Council must have regard to the desirability of providing dedicated access for small and medium-sized enterprises to certain grants, loans or other payments related to the delivery of Scottish apprenticeships or work-based learning.>

Miles Briggs

106 In section 5, page 5, line 24, at end insert—

<(2A) In exercising its functions under this section, the Council must have regard to the economic priorities of the Scottish Ministers.>

Miles Briggs

107 In section 5, page 5, line 24, at end insert—

<(2A) In exercising its functions under this section, the Council must have regard to the skills needs of different industries.>

Miles Briggs

108 In section 5, page 5, line 24, at end insert—

<(2A) In exercising its functions under this section, the Council must ensure a specified amount of any grants, loans or payments made under subsection (2) are allocated to local authorities for the purpose of delivering foundation apprenticeships.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

109 In section 5, page 5, line 24, at end insert—

- <(2A) When making decisions in relation to the administration of grants for the delivery of foundation apprenticeships (as defined in section 12E) or work-based learning for individuals under 18 years of age, the Council must—
- (a) work collaboratively with—
 - (i) local authorities,
 - (ii) schools, and
 - (iii) employers, and
 - (b) have regard to—
 - (i) the poverty-related attainment gap,
 - (ii) positive post-school destinations,
 - (iii) rural access and transportation barriers.>

Miles Briggs

110 In section 5, page 5, line 25, leave out <person> and insert <registered company or accountable body>

Miles Briggs

111 In section 5, page 5, line 28, at end insert—

- <(3A) Where the Council makes grants, loans or other payments to a college of further education under subsection (2), the Council may, as a condition of the payment, require the college to act as a lead delivery partner for the delivery of Scottish apprenticeships and work-based learning in the region of the college (see section *(Administration of funds through colleges as lead delivery partners)*).
- (3B) Where the Council imposes a condition under subsection (3A), they must also impose the condition mentioned in subsection (3C).
- (3C) The condition is that the college, where it makes payments to a training provider under section *(Administration of funds through colleges as lead delivery partners)*(1)(b), must not retain a management fee in excess of an amount (or percentage) to be specified by the Council, unless otherwise approved by the Council.>

Miles Briggs

112 In section 5, page 5, line 29, after <such> insert <other>

Daniel Johnson

113 In section 5, page 5, line 30, at end insert—

- <(5) When making grants, loans or other payments under subsection (2) to a training provider which is not a Scottish public authority, the Council must impose conditions that the provider—
- (a) provides value for money,

- (b) adopts fair work practices,
- (c) is transparent on spend.”.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

114 In section 5, page 5, line 30, at end insert—

- <(5) When exercising its responsibilities under this section, the Council must have regard to the needs of small and micro businesses, including those based in rural and island areas.
- (6) For the purposes of this section—
 - “micro business” means a business with fewer than 10 employees,
 - “small business” means a business with fewer than 50 employees.”.>

Miles Briggs

115 In section 5, page 5, line 30, at end insert—

- <(5) Before exercising its functions under subsection (1), the Council must commission a cost-benefit analysis, including an equality impact assessment, of foundation apprenticeships.”.>

Miles Briggs

116 In section 5, page 5, line 30, at end insert—

- <(5) In exercising its functions under this section, the Council must have regard to the need to ensure best value in the delivery of work-based learning, including through transparency, accountability, and cost-effectiveness.”.>

Daniel Johnson

117 In section 5, page 5, line 30, at end insert—

<12JA Duty to extend work-based learning

When making grants, loans or other payments under section 12J, the Council must aim to secure the delivery of work-based learning in the following sectors in particular—

- (a) health care,
- (b) social care,
- (c) transition to net zero,
- (d) digital,
- (e) planning.”.>

Miles Briggs

118 In section 5, page 5, line 30, at end insert—

<12JA Administration of funds through colleges as lead delivery partners

- (1) A college of further education acting as a lead delivery partner under section 12J(3A)—
 - (a) must administer grants, loans or other payments made to it under section 12J,
 - (b) may, where they consider it appropriate, make grants, loans or other payments to a training provider in respect of expenditure incurred or to be incurred by the provider,

for the purpose of securing the delivery of Scottish apprenticeships and work-based learning in the region of the college.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, make further provision about the functions of lead delivery partners.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”.>

Stephen Kerr

119 In section 5, page 5, line 30, at end insert—

<12JA Administration of funds: labour market assessment

- (1) The Council must, each financial year, secure the assessment of labour market demand and skills shortages to inform the administration of grants under section 12J(1).
- (2) The Council must ensure that, in preparing an assessment under subsection (1), the following persons are consulted—
 - (a) persons representing the interests of employers,
 - (b) industry sector bodies,
 - (c) such other persons as it considers appropriate.”.>

Daniel Johnson

120 In section 5, page 5, line 33, at end insert—

<() In schedule 1, paragraph 18, after sub-paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) A report under sub-paragraph (1) must include the amount of funding provided under section 12J(2) to employers and training providers for the purpose of delivery of Scottish apprenticeships, including, in relation to each apprenticeship framework, the level of funding provided for an individual Scottish apprenticeship.”.>

After section 5

Daniel Johnson

121 After section 5, insert—

<Apprenticeship and skills levy funds

As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, the Scottish Ministers must publish and lay before the Scottish Parliament a statement setting out the amount of

funding received in that financial year by the Scottish Ministers as a result of the apprenticeship and skills levy established by Part 6 of the Finance Act 2016.>

Daniel Johnson

122 After section 5, insert—

<Use of apprenticeship and skills levy funds

All funding received by the Scottish Ministers as a result of the apprenticeship and skills levy established by Part 6 of the Finance Act 2016 must be used for the purpose of securing the delivery of skills training, including apprenticeships and initiatives for upskilling and reskilling.>

Miles Briggs

123 After section 5, insert—

<Annual report on the use of apprenticeship levy funding

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, for each financial year, prepare a report on the use of funding received by Scottish Ministers as a result of the apprenticeship levy established by Part 6 of the Finance Act 2016.
- (2) The report mentioned in subsection (1) must set out—
 - (a) the total amount of funding received as a result of the apprenticeship levy,
 - (b) the persons to whom such funding has been allocated,
 - (c) the purposes for which such funding has been allocated,
 - (d) the Scottish Ministers' reasons for allocating the funding in such a manner.
- (3) The report mentioned in subsection (1) must be—
 - (a) published no later than six months after end of the financial year to which it relates, and
 - (b) laid before the Scottish Parliament.>

Daniel Johnson

124 After section 5, insert—

<Continuation of funding and transitional arrangements

Continuation of funding and transitional arrangements

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 12J (as inserted by section 5(3)) insert—

“Continuation of funding and transitional arrangements

12JA Continuation of funding and transitional arrangements

The Council must secure that—

- (a) providers of high quality training and learning may continue to receive payments from the Council (on the same basis as post-16 education bodies),

- (b) appropriate arrangements are in place to ensure that the commencement of sections 12C to 12J does not affect the continuation of an existing programme of training or learning being received by an individual.”.>

Daniel Johnson

125 After section 5, insert—

<Skills development funding

Requirement for separate specification of skills funding

The Scottish Ministers must, when allocating funding for the delivery of education and training, ensure that funding for skills development is separately specified.>

Daniel Johnson

126 After section 5, insert—

<Skills development targets

Skills development targets

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must publish annual targets for growth in—
 - (a) the total number of skills development programmes commenced,
 - (b) the number of skills development programmes involving an SME,
 - (c) the number of skills development programmes where the person undertaking the programme is over the age of 25 years,
 - (d) the number of skills development programmes for specified shortage sectors.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must publish an annual statement setting out performance against the targets published under subsection (1).
- (3) For the purposes of this section—

“skills development programme” means—

 - (a) Scottish apprenticeships (as defined by section 12E of the 2005 Act),
 - (b) work-based learning (as defined by section 12I(2) of the 2005 Act),
 - (c) national training programmes (provided under section 12D of the 2005 Act),

“SME” means a business with not more than 250 employees,

“specified shortage sectors” means roles or industries specified by the Scottish Ministers by regulations.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1)(d) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

Section 6

Daniel Johnson

127 In section 6, page 6, line 8, at end insert—

<12L Information on changes in funding

- (1) The Council must publish annually information about the grants, loans or other payments made to persons under—
 - (a) section 12D,
 - (b) section 12J.
- (2) Information published under subsection (1) must—
 - (a) be broken down by payments made to—
 - (i) Scottish public authorities,
 - (ii) other bodies,
 - (b) explain any significant—
 - (i) changes in distribution,
 - (ii) increases or decreases in payments made.”.>

After section 6

Ross Greer

128 After section 6, insert—

<Requirement to promote proactive publication

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 12K (as inserted by section 6(2)), insert—

“12L Proactive publication

- (1) The Council and any fundable body that receives a payment from the Council under section 12(1), 12D(2), or 12J(2), must take steps to adopt a proactive approach to the publication of data which is appropriate for disclosure in the public domain.
- (2) In this section, a “proactive approach” includes the routine identification and publication of appropriate information without the need for specific requests.”.>

Section 7

Miles Briggs

129 In section 7, page 6, line 15, after <bodies> insert <**and training providers**>

Miles Briggs

130 In section 7, page 6, line 17, after <bodies> insert <, training providers (within the meaning given by section 12J(3)), and persons delivering programmes of training for employment>

Miles Briggs

131 In section 7, page 6, line 25, after <bodies,> insert—

<(ba) training providers (within the meaning given by section 12J(3)),

(bb) persons delivering programmes of training for employment,>

Section 8

Miles Briggs

132 In section 8, page 6, line 32, at end insert—

- <(3A) A study under subsection (1) may include consideration of the extent to which the needs and interests of staff are being met, including in relation to Fair Work First principles.
- (3B) A study under subsection (1) may include consideration of any aspect of the legislative or administrative framework which governs the funding or provision of fundable further education or fundable higher education within the fundable body.>

After section 8

Miles Briggs

133 After section 8, insert—

<Review of post-16 education bodies

Review of post-16 education bodies

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 19A, insert—

“19B Review of post-16 education bodies

- (1) The Council may, for the purpose of exercising its functions under this Act, review the activities of any post-16 education body.
- (2) In undertaking a review under subsection (1), the Council may—
 - (a) require any post-16 education body to provide such information as the Council considers necessary,
 - (b) require the accountable officer of a post-16 education body, or the chair of any committee of that body, to provide information or evidence, whether in writing or orally.
- (3) On completing a review under subsection (1), the Council may—
 - (a) publish the findings of the review,
 - (b) require the post-16 education body to undergo an audit or investigation,
 - (c) require the accountable officer or members of the governing body of the post-16 education body to receive specified training,
 - (d) make recommendations to the Scottish Ministers for the removal of the accountable officer or any member of the governing body of the post-16 education body.
- (4) Any person mentioned in section 23B(3) may request the Council to exercise any power under subsection (1), and the Council must provide reasons for any refusal to do so.”>

Section 9

Miles Briggs

- 134** In section 9, page 7, line 5, after <bodies> insert <and training providers>

Miles Briggs

- 135** In section 9, page 7, line 7, after <bodies> insert <, training providers (within the meaning given by section 12J(3)), and persons delivering programmes of training for employment>

Ross Greer

- 14A** As an amendment to amendment 14, line 3, leave out <the financial sustainability of>

Ross Greer

- 14B** As an amendment to amendment 14, line 3, after <sustainability> insert <or financial governance>

Miles Briggs

- 136** In section 9, page 7, line 10, after <bodies> insert <, training providers (within the meaning given by section 12J(3)), and persons delivering programmes of training for employment>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

- 137** In section 9, page 7, line 14, at beginning insert <subject to section 15B,>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

- 138** In section 9, page 7, line 15, at end insert—

<15B Financial sustainability: reporting

- (1) The Council must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each reporting period, provide a report to the Scottish Ministers on the financial sustainability of post-16 education bodies.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must include details of—
 - (a) any institutions where the Council has determined there is a material risk to —
 - (i) continuity of learner provision, or
 - (ii) financial sustainability,
 - (b) any actions the Council has required those institutions to take,
 - (c) the statutory basis for any requirements imposed on institutions.
- (3) No later than 3 months after receiving a report from the Council under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must lay before the Scottish Parliament a statement that—
 - (a) summarises the content of the report, excluding details of confidential or commercially sensitive information,
 - (b) identifies institutions where a material risk to continuity of learner provision or financial sustainability was found by the Council.

- (4) For the purposes of this section, “reporting period” means each period of 1 year beginning on 1 September.”.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

139 In section 9, page 7, line 15, at end insert—

<15B Continuity of learner provision

- (1) Where the Council reasonably considers that there is a material risk of a post-16 education body being unable at any point in the next 6 months to deliver contracted learner provision without significant disruption to the continuity of education to those receiving contracted learner provision, it must—
 - (a) notify any governing body of the post-16 education body,
 - (b) require the post-16 education body to prepare a recovery and continuity plan,
 - (c) provide the post-16 education body with reasonable advice and support to enable it to continue to deliver contracted learner provision.
- (2) For the purposes of this section—
 - (a) “contracted learner provision” means a course of education the delivery of which has commenced, and has not concluded, for one or more individuals,
 - (b) “recovery and continuity plan” means a plan setting out the body’s intentions in relation to securing financial stability and continuity of education.”.>

After section 9

Pam Duncan-Glancy

140 After section 9, insert—

<Annual report on socioeconomic disadvantage

Annual report on socioeconomic disadvantage

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 15A (as inserted by section 9) insert—

“15B Annual report on socioeconomic disadvantage

- (1) The Council must, for each reporting period, prepare a report on the participation of learners from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds in fundable higher education, fundable further education, programmes of training for employment, Scottish apprenticeships and work-based learning.
- (2) The report mentioned in subsection (1) must include information—
 - (a) on the number of such learners who completed such a programme or course of study, and, where relevant, their next destination,
 - (b) broken down by—
 - (i) region,
 - (ii) whether the learner has a disability,
 - (iii) the level of deprivation experienced.

- (3) The report must be published and laid before the Scottish Parliament.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) have due regard to a report laid under subsection (3) when setting—
 - (i) priorities for the funding of tertiary education and skills,
 - (ii) widening access targets for tertiary education and skills,
 - (b) as soon as practicable after each report is laid under subsection (3), publish and lay before the Scottish Parliament a statement detailing the measures, if any, they will take as a result of the report in relation to the funding of tertiary education and skills to increase the participation of learners from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds.
- (5) In this section—

“reporting period” means the period of 12 months beginning with the day after this section comes into force, and each subsequent period of 12 months,

“socioeconomic disadvantage” is to be construed in accordance with the public sector duty in section 1 of the Equality Act 2010.”>

Stephen Kerr

141 After section 9, insert—

<Annual performance reporting

Annual performance reporting

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 1, in paragraph 18, after sub-paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) The report published under sub-paragraph (1) must include information about outcomes delivered, including student progression, as a result of its administration of funds under section 12(1), 12D(1) and 12J(1).”>

Daniel Johnson

142 After section 9, insert—

<Financial scrutiny of tertiary education and training

Financial scrutiny of tertiary education and training

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 15A (as inserted by section 9(2)) insert—

“15B Financial scrutiny

 - (1) The Council is to secure that provision is made for conducting financial scrutiny, including assessing value for money, of the grants, payments or loans it makes to—
 - (a) fundable bodies,
 - (b) any other persons under 12D or 12J.

- (2) The Scottish Ministers may request the Council to provide them with information about—
 - (a) the financial scrutiny that has been conducted,
 - (b) any concerns that have been identified as a result of such scrutiny, and
 - (c) the steps it is taking to address those concerns.”.>

Daniel Johnson

- 143** After section 9, insert—

<Quality of work-based learning etc

Quality of work-based learning etc.

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 13A (performance of regional strategic bodies) insert—

“13B Quality of work-based learning etc.

- (1) The Council is to secure that provision is made for—
 - (a) assessing,
 - (b) enhancing,

the delivery and standard of programmes of training for employment, work-based learning and training of apprentices by any person to whom the Council makes grants, loans or other payments under section 12D or 12J.

- (2) In exercising the function under subsection (1), the Council must, if it considers it appropriate to do so, consult such persons as appear to it to represent the interests of providers of programmes of training for employment, work-based learning and training of apprentices.”.>

Ross Greer

- 144** After section 9, insert—

<Compliance with funding conditions

Investigating and enforcing compliance with terms and conditions of funding

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 15A (as inserted by section 9(2)) insert—

“15B Investigating and enforcing compliance with terms and conditions of funding

- (1) The Council may, where it considers it necessary to do so, secure the carrying out of an independent investigation into the compliance of any fundable body with the terms and conditions imposed by the Council on a payment made to the fundable body.
- (2) The governing body of a fundable body must—
 - (a) provide a person carrying out an investigation by virtue of subsection (1) with such information, and

- (b) make available to the person for inspection such documents, as the person may reasonably require for the purposes of the investigation.
- (3) If the Council determines, as the result of an investigation under subsection (1) or otherwise, that a fundable body has breached the terms and conditions of any payment made to the fundable body, the Council may impose any non-financial penalties specified in regulations made by the Scottish Ministers.”.
- (3) In section 34(4) (orders and regulations), after paragraph (be), insert—
“(bea) regulations under section 15A(3),”.>

Section 11

Miles Briggs

- 145 In section 11, page 8, line 4, after <of> insert <—
- (a) staff, including in relation to Fair Work First principles,
 - (b)>

Section 12

Stephen Kerr

- 146 In section 12, page 8, line 11, at end insert—
- <() in subsection (1), for paragraph (a) substitute—
- “(a) employer demand, labour market shortages and skills needs at national and regional levels in Scotland,”.>

After section 12

Stephen Kerr

- 147 After section 12, insert—
- <Duty to minimise administrative burdens**
- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
 - (2) After section 20 (Council to have regard to particular matters) insert—
- “20A Duty to minimise administrative burdens**
- The Council must exercise its functions in a manner that minimises administrative burdens on colleges, training providers and employers.”.>

Stephen Kerr

- 148 After section 12, insert—
- <Adult learning and lifelong learning**
- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
 - (2) After section 20 (Council to have regard to particular matters) insert—

“20A Adult learning and lifelong learning

The Council must exercise its functions in a manner which promotes and supports opportunities for adult retraining and lifelong learning aligned to skills shortages identified in the labour market assessment under section 12JA.”>

Stephen Kerr

149 After section 12, insert—

<Protection of college autonomy

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 20 (Council to have regard to particular matters) insert—

“20A Protection of college autonomy

The Council must exercise its functions in a manner that respects the autonomy of colleges and ensures that they can deliver a broad curriculum aligned to regional needs.”>

Miles Briggs

150 After section 12, insert—

<Co-creation and delivery

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 20 (Council to have regard to particular matters) insert—

“20A Co-creation and delivery

The Council must, in exercising its functions under this Act, ensure strategy and funding for tertiary education are properly aligned through collaboration between local authorities, training providers, employers and further and higher education bodies.”>

Section 13

Miles Briggs

151 In section 13, page 8, line 24, at end insert—

- <1 Each local authority.
- 2 Each of the following bodies—>

Miles Briggs

152 In section 13, page 8, line 24, at end insert—

<Aberdeen City Council
Aberdeenshire Council>

Miles Briggs

153 In section 13, page 8, line 25, at end insert—

<Angus Council
Argyll and Bute Council>

Miles Briggs

154 In section 13, page 8, line 27, at end insert—

<City of Edinburgh Council>

Miles Briggs

155 In section 13, page 8, line 28, at end insert—

<Clackmannanshire Council
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar>

Miles Briggs

156 In section 13, page 8, line 29, at end insert—

<Dumfries and Galloway Council>

Miles Briggs

157 In section 13, page 8, line 30, at end insert—

<Dundee City Council
East Ayrshire Council
East Dunbartonshire Council,
East Lothian Council
East Renfrewshire Council>

Miles Briggs

158 In section 13, page 8, line 32, at end insert—

<Falkirk Council>

Miles Briggs

159 In section 13, page 8, line 33, at end insert—

<Fife Council>

Miles Briggs

160 In section 13, page 9, line 3, at end insert—

<Glasgow City Council
The Highland Council>

Inverclyde Council>

Miles Briggs

- 161** In section 13, page 9, line 4, at end insert—
<Midlothian Council>

Miles Briggs

- 162** In section 13, page 9, line 5, at end insert—
<The Moray Council>

Miles Briggs

- 163** In section 13, page 9, line 7, at end insert—
<North Ayrshire Council>

Miles Briggs

- 164** In section 13, page 9, line 8, at end insert—
<North Lanarkshire Council>

Miles Briggs

- 165** In section 13, page 9, line 10, at end insert—
<Orkney Islands Council>

Miles Briggs

- 166** In section 13, page 9, line 11, at end insert—
<Perth and Kinross Council
Renfrewshire Council>

Miles Briggs

- 167** In section 13, page 9, line 15, at end insert—
<Scottish Borders Council
Shetland Islands Council
South Ayrshire Council>

Miles Briggs

- 168** In section 13, page 9, line 16, at end insert—
<South Lanarkshire Council>

Miles Briggs

- 169** In section 13, page 9, line 17, at end insert—

<Stirling Council>

Miles Briggs

170 In section 13, page 9, line 28, at end insert—

<West Dunbartonshire Council>

Miles Briggs

171 In section 13, page 9, line 29, at end insert—

<West Lothian Council>

Section 14

Pam Duncan-Glancy

172 Leave out section 14 and insert—

<Appointment of members of the Council

(1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.

(2) In schedule 1—

(a) in paragraph 2—

(i) after sub-paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) In appointing members under sub-paragraph (2) or extending appointments under sub-paragraph (3), the Scottish Ministers must publish a statement on their considerations of the factors mentioned in paragraph 3.”,

(ii) in sub-paragraph (6), for “on” substitute “after 4 years of”,

(b) in paragraph 3—

(i) in sub-paragraph (1), after “members” insert “or extending the appointments of members”,

(ii) in sub-paragraph (2), after “members” insert “or extending the appointments of members”,

(iii) in sub-paragraph (3), after “members” insert “or extending the appointments of members”.>

After section 14

Pam Duncan-Glancy

173 After section 14, insert—

<Membership of the Council

(1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.

(2) In schedule 1 in paragraph 2(1)(c), after “Minsters” insert “, which must include—

(i) at least one person who is a student at a college of further education,

- (ii) at least one person who is a student at a higher education institution,
- (iii) at least one person who is undertaking either a Scottish apprenticeship or work-based learning”.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

174 After section 14, insert—

<Membership of the Council

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 34 (orders and regulations), subsection (4), after paragraph (c) insert—
“(cza) regulations under paragraph 2(1A) of schedule 1,”.
- (3) In schedule 1—
 - (a) in paragraph 2(1)—
 - (i) in sub-sub-paragraph (b), after “member”)” insert—
“(ba) a person who has experience of, and has shown capacity in, research and innovation appointed by the Scottish Ministers to deputise the chairing of meetings of the Council (“the deputy chair”),”,
 - (ii) for paragraph (c) substitute—
“(c) no fewer than 10 nor more than 13 other members appointed by the Scottish Ministers, which must include—
 - (i) at least one person who has experience of, and has shown capacity in, financial due diligence,
 - (ii) at least one person who has current or recent experience of workforce planning,
 - (iii) at least one person who has recent experience of undertaking fundable further education.”,
 - (b) in paragraph 2, after sub-paragraph (1), insert—
“(1A) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, vary the maximum number of members to be appointed to the Council mentioned in paragraph (c).”.
 - (c) in paragraph 12, for sub-paragraph (2) substitute—
“(2) The deputy chair of the Council is to chair meetings of the research committee.”.>

Daniel Johnson

175 After section 14, insert—

<Membership of the Council

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 2(1) of schedule 1 (membership of the Council)—
 - (a) the word “and” immediately following sub-sub-paragraph (b) is repealed,
 - (b) after sub-sub-paragraph (b), insert—

“(ba)the chair of the committee established under paragraph 12A, and”.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

176 After section 14, insert—

<Membership of the Council

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 1. in paragraph 2(1)(c), after “Minsters” insert “, which must include—
 - (i) at least one person who is the accountable officer of a college of further education,
 - (ii) at least one person who is the accountable officer of a higher education institution.”.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

177 After section 14, insert—

<Membership of the Council

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 1—
 - (a) in paragraph 2(1)(c), after “Minsters” insert “, which must include—
 - (i) at least one person who is nominated by a recognised trade union representing employees of a college of further education,
 - (ii) at least one person who is nominated by a recognised trade union representing employees of a higher education institution,
 - (iii) at least one person who is nominated by a recognised trade union representing employees of—
 - (A) the Council,
 - (B) Skills Development Scotland, or
 - (C) Student Awards Agency Scotland,involved in delivering functions related to skills, including but not limited to Scottish apprenticeships.”.
 - (b) after paragraph 2(5) insert—

“(5A) For the avoidance of doubt, no member is to be removed from office solely on the grounds of having raised concerns regarding fair work.”.>

Section 15

Ross Greer

178 In section 15, page 10, line 17, at end insert—

<(aab) persons who have experience of the interests of persons undertaking a Scottish apprenticeship or work-based learning,>

Ross Greer

179 In section 15, page 10, line 19, at end insert—

<(ac) such persons as the Scottish Ministers consider representative of the interests of staff of the Council,”>

Miles Briggs

180 In section 15, page 10, line 19, at end insert—

<(ac) persons nominated by a recognised trade union representing teaching and non-teaching staff of fundable bodies,”>

Section 17

Daniel Johnson

181 In section 17, page 11, line 6, leave out subsection (2) and insert—

<() After paragraph 12 of schedule 1 insert—

“12A(1) The Council must establish a committee (to be known as the industry skills board) for the purposes of—

- (a) advising the Council on matters concerning apprenticeships,
- (b) ensuring that the apprenticeship system meets the needs of industry,
- (c) aligning apprenticeships with economic growth and job opportunities,
- (d) reviewing Scottish apprenticeship frameworks to ensure that they result in a competent, highly skilled, flexible workforce in line with the needs of industry,
- (e) informing and making recommendations on development and continuous improvement, including in relation to equalities,
- (f) advising on matters affecting employers and policy issues relevant to the delivery of Scottish apprenticeships,
- (g) promoting Scottish apprenticeships to businesses and potential apprentices.

(2) The industry skills board must, on an annual basis, prepare a report to the Council including—

- (a) its view on whether there are any skills gaps in the workforce,
- (b) an analysis of the demand for Scottish apprenticeships,
- (c) information on adult upskilling and retraining initiatives,
- (d) recommendations in relation to the use of grants provided to the Council under section 12C and 12I.

(3) The Council must, on receiving a report under sub-paragraph (2)—

- (a) consider the report, and
- (b) respond to the report, including a statement of what, if any, actions it will take as a result of the information in the report,

- (4) Where the industry skills board has made recommendations under sub-paragraph (2)(d), the Council must implement those recommendations.
- (5) The Council is to appoint an individual with experience at a senior level in industry to chair meetings of the industry skills board.
- (6) Membership of the industry skills board must include —
 - (a) at least one person representing the interests of companies that pay the apprenticeship and skills levy established by Part 6 of the Finance Act 2016,
 - (b) at least one person representing the interests of businesses with not more than 250 employees,
 - (c) at least one person representing the interests of colleges of further education,
 - (d) at least one person representing the interests of independent training providers,
 - (e) at least one person representing the interests of trade unions.
- (7) In appointing members of the industry skills board, the Council is to have regard to any guidance issued to it under sub-paragraph (8)(a).
- (8) The Scottish Ministers may issue to the Council guidance about—
 - (a) the composition of the industry skills board, and
 - (b) the industry skills board’s functions, including its role in setting Scottish apprenticeship frameworks.”.>

Miles Briggs

182 In section 17, page 11, line 8, at end insert—

<(1A) In exercising its functions, the committee may consult local authorities and have regard to their views.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

183 In section 17, page 11, line 10, at end insert—

<(2A) Membership of the apprenticeship committee must include—

- (a) at least one member that represents a body that represents the interests of small and micro businesses,
- (b) at least one member that is an employer from a sector where the majority of businesses engaged in the sector are micro businesses.

(2B) For the purposes of subsection (2A)—

“micro business” means a business with fewer than 10 employees,
“small business” means a business with fewer than 50 employees.>

Miles Briggs

184 In section 17, page 11, line 10, at end insert—

<(2A) The Council is to appoint to the apprenticeship committee—

- (a) persons who appear to the Council to represent the interests of businesses in relevant industries,
- (b) other such persons the Council considers appropriate.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

185 In section 17, page 11, line 10, at end insert—

<(2A) The Council is to appoint to the apprenticeship committee—

- (a) at least one person who is undertaking either a Scottish apprenticeship or work-based learning,
- (b) at least one person who is a student at a college of further education..>

Monica Lennon

186 In section 17, page 11, line 10, at end insert—

<(2A) In appointing members to the committee, the Council must include trade and industry representatives.>

Miles Briggs

187 In section 17, page 11, line 11, after <to> insert <—

- (a) consult persons who appear to the Council to represent the interests of businesses in relevant industries,
- (b)>

Miles Briggs

188 In section 17, page 11, line 12, after <to> insert <—

- (a) the desirability of including persons who appear to the Council to represent the interests of businesses in relevant industries,
- (b)>

Miles Briggs

189 In section 17, page 11, line 12, after <to> insert <—

- (a) the desirability of ensuring the membership of the committee reflects the interests of businesses in relevant industries across different regions in Scotland,
- (b)>

Stephen Kerr

190 In section 17, page 11, line 12, at end insert—

<(3A) But the apprenticeship committee must have no fewer than 20 members, a majority of whom must be employer or industry representatives.>

Lorna Slater

- 191** In section 17, page 11, line 13, leave out <may> and insert <must>

Stephen Kerr

- 192** In section 17, page 11, line 15, at end insert—

- <(5) The apprenticeship committee must, in each financial year, prepare and lay before the Scottish Parliament a report setting out how employer views have informed its decisions and recommendations.”.>

After section 17

Pam Duncan-Glancy

- 193** After section 17, insert—

<Participation in Council governance roles

Supporting participation in Council governance roles

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within 1 year of Royal Assent, prepare and publish a report on supporting participation in governance roles in the Council.
- (2) The report under subsection (1) must include consideration of what support should be provided to enable persons undertaking a course of education or training, who are not in a paid sabbatical role, to become a member of the Council or a committee of the Council.>

Stephen Kerr

- 194** After section 17, insert—

<Regional skills boards

Regional skills boards

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 1, after paragraph 14 insert—

“Regional skills boards

- 14A(1) The Council must establish a regional skills board for each college region.
- (2) The Council must appoint employers to be the majority of members on each board.
- (3) Each regional skills board must advise the Council on—
 - (a) regional skills priorities,
 - (b) apprenticeship demand, and
 - (c) alignment of provision of funding to labour market needs.”.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

- 195** After section 17, insert—

<PART

INFORMATION SHARING

Information sharing on socioeconomic disadvantage to meet obligations under the Act

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, make provision that the information mentioned in subsection (2) may be shared between any relevant body for the purpose of ensuring such bodies meet any obligations imposed on them by this Act or the 2005 Act.
- (2) The information which may be shared is any indicator of socioeconomic disadvantage, including but not limited to—
 - (a) eligibility for free school meals during the senior phase of secondary education,
 - (b) experience of having been in the care system,
 - (c) residence in one of the 20 per cent lowest ranked areas in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.
- (3) In this section, “relevant body” means—
 - (a) the Council,
 - (b) any fundable body,
 - (c) any local authority.>

Daniel Johnson

196 After section 17, insert—

<PART

TRANSITIONAL MEASURES

Requirement for statement on transitional funding for apprenticeships

- (1) As soon as reasonably practicable after Royal Assent, the Scottish Ministers must lay before the Scottish Parliament a statement on the financial implications of the implementation of provision in this Act for Scottish apprenticeships and any transfer of apprenticeship functions arising from this Act.
- (2) A statement under subsection (1) must include—
 - (a) information on the estimated costs of such implementation and transfer,
 - (b) confirmation that the level of funding for delivery of apprenticeships will not be reduced as a result of the costs of such implementation and transfer.>

Miles Briggs

197 After section 17, insert—

<PART

TRANSITIONAL MEASURES

Statement on financial implications

As soon as reasonably practicable after Royal Assent, the Scottish Ministers must lay before the Scottish Parliament a statement on the financial implications of any transfer of functions arising from this Act.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

198 After section 17, insert—

<PART

TRANSITIONAL MEASURES

Consultation with trade unions

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after Royal Assent, consult on the matters mentioned in subsection (2) with recognised trade unions representing employees of—
 - (a) the Council,
 - (b) Skills Development Scotland,
 - (c) Student Awards Agency Scotland.
- (2) The matters to be consulted on under subsection (1) are—
 - (a) any proposed transfers of functions or staff between bodies,
 - (b) any proposed restructuring of functions within a single body,
 - (c) any proposed material changes to terms and conditions,
 arising from this Act.
- (3) In consulting under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) establish formal joint consultation groups with recognised trade unions representing employees of each body mentioned in subsection (1),
 - (b) share information relevant to the matters mentioned in subsection (2) with each consultation group, including—
 - (i) workforce impact assessments,
 - (ii) timescales,
 - (iii) staffing scope proposals,
 - (iv) costing assumptions.
- (4) After consulting under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must publish and lay before the Scottish Parliament a statement setting out—
 - (a) that the required consultation has been undertaken,
 - (b) which recognised trade unions were consulted,
 - (c) the issues raised by recognised trade unions as part of the consultation.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

199 After section 17, insert—

<PART

TRANSITIONAL MEASURES

Statement on functions and roles within scope to be transferred

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after Royal Assent, prepare a statement detailing, in relation to any proposed transfers of functions or staff between bodies arising from this Act, the specific functions and roles within scope to be transferred.
- (2) A statement prepared under subsection (1) must be published and laid before the Scottish Parliament.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

200 After section 17, insert—

<PART

TRANSITIONAL MEASURES

Requirement for pre-implementation report for Scottish apprenticeships

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must lay before the Scottish Parliament a pre-implementation report in relation to the establishment of Scottish apprenticeships and any transfer of apprenticeship functions.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must include—
 - (a) an implementation plan, including details of—
 - (i) the transfer of functions,
 - (ii) which body will be accountable for employer support during the transfer period,
 - (iii) which body will be accountable for apprentice support during the transfer period,
 - (iv) quality assurance measures,
 - (v) contract management,
 - (vi) data reporting,
 - (vii) staffing models,
 - (viii) the transfer of staff,
 - (ix) pensions impacts,
 - (x) estimated costs,
 - (xi) estimated timetable, including operational milestones,
 - (b) impact assessments, including for—
 - (i) disabled people,
 - (ii) women,
 - (iii) people under the age of 26 with minimal work experience or qualifications,

- (c) a cost-benefit analysis demonstrating the impact on support over a 1 to 3 year period for delivery of skills in sectors identified by the Scottish Ministers as experiencing skill shortages,
- (d) a statement confirming that measures are in place to ensure uninterrupted—
 - (i) payment of training providers and employer related contributions,
 - (ii) support for current apprentices and employers of apprentices,
 - (iii) access to up to date information on apprenticeships, including—
 - (A) numbers of apprenticeships commenced,
 - (B) numbers of apprentices leaving apprenticeships,
 - (C) available apprenticeship frameworks,
 - (D) participation of employers,
 - (iv) links between delivery of apprenticeships and careers planning, including contacts for employers and learners,
- (e) an assessment of any risk of redundancies as a result of any transfer of apprenticeship functions or of staff, and any measures for the mitigation of such risks,
- (f) a consultation summary including details of—
 - (i) engagement with—
 - (A) employers,
 - (B) training providers,
 - (C) trade unions,
 - (D) colleges,
 - (E) representatives of apprentices and learners,
 - (ii) key issues arising from that engagement and how such issues have been addressed.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

201 After section 17, insert—

<PART

TRANSITIONAL MEASURES

Requirement for statement prior to implementation of Scottish apprenticeships

The Scottish Ministers must lay a statement before the Scottish Parliament confirming that measures are in place to ensure uninterrupted—

- (a) payment of training providers and employer related contributions,
- (b) support for current apprentices and employers of apprentices on pastoral and safeguarding matters,
- (c) access to up to date information on apprenticeships, including—
 - (i) numbers of apprenticeships commenced,
 - (ii) numbers of apprentices leaving apprenticeships,

- (iii) available apprenticeship frameworks,
- (iv) participation of employers.>

Miles Briggs

202 After section 17, insert—

<PART

TRANSITIONAL MEASURES

Pre-implementation report

- (1) As soon as reasonably practicable following Royal Assent, the Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish a report on the implementation of measures under this Act.
- (2) The report under subsection (1) must include consideration of how they intend to implement the provisions of this Act having regard to the need to—
 - (a) embed employer leadership in the development and delivery of Scottish apprenticeships,
 - (b) define apprentice rights and employer responsibilities,
 - (c) ensure competency-based frameworks,
 - (d) provide minimum funding guarantees,
 - (e) align funding and delivery of tertiary education and training with local labour market needs, and transitions from school to employment,
 - (f) address the further and higher education funding crisis,
 - (g) improve oversight of the Council,
 - (h) ensure equitable access to funding for national training programmes, Scottish apprenticeships, and work-based learning,
 - (i) provide robust quality assurance and performance monitoring of education and training for which the Scottish Ministers or the Council have provided funding,
 - (j) protect funding for existing successful education and training programmes,
 - (k) ensure inclusive policy making around the development and delivery of funded education and training programmes,
 - (l) align funding with long-term educational and economic goals,
 - (m) provide continuity, equity, and impact in education and training through a national career education programme for people aged 15 to 25 years.
- (3) The report under subsection (1) must be laid before the Scottish Parliament.>

Section 18

Miles Briggs

203 Leave out section 18

Section 19

Pam Duncan-Glancy

204 In section 19, page 12, line 19, at end insert—

<() after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) The Scottish Ministers must direct that a body or person administering funds for the purpose referred to in section 73(f) in relation a course of further education meets the conditions in subsection (2B).

(2B) The conditions are that the body or person—

(a) must ensure that advice on the provision of such funds—

(i) is provided in person (if requested by the person applying for, or in receipt of, such funds),

(ii) is reasonably available at the place of further education,

(iii) is adequately resourced,

(b) has regard, in the provision of such advice, to the needs of learners at risk of exclusion, including low-income students, student carers, disabled learners and rural and island learners,

(c) must—

(i) report annually to the Scottish Ministers on—

(A) whether the provision of advice met the conditions set out in paragraphs (a) and (b),

(B) what action, if any, the body or person intends to take to ensure access to advice about the provision of funds,

(ii) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.”.>

After section 20

Pam Duncan-Glancy

205 After section 20, insert—

<PART

MAINTENANCE SUPPORT

Assessment of maintenance support

(1) The Council and the Student Awards Agency Scotland must, within 12 months of the provisions in Part 1 and Part 3 coming into force, jointly prepare a report on the provision of maintenance support to individuals who are undertaking—

(a) a course of education provided by a post-16 education body,

(b) a national training programme,

(c) work-based learning,

(d) a Scottish apprenticeship,

- (2) The report under subsection (1) must in particular—
 - (a) compare core maintenance support entitlements across further education, higher education, national training programmes and apprenticeships,
 - (b) assess distributional impacts on protected groups and socio-economic disadvantage, including by Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation quintile and care-experienced status,
 - (c) set out options for improving equity and adequacy, including indicative costs and implementation considerations.
- (3) The report must be published and laid before the Scottish Parliament.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must publish a statement setting out their response to the report.
- (5) The statement must set out in particular—
 - (a) any action the Scottish Ministers intend to take,
 - (b) if no action is proposed, their reasons for not doing so.
- (6) In this section—
 - (a) “a post-16 education body” means a body specified in schedule 2 of the 2005 Act,
 - (b) “national training programme” has the meaning given in section 12C of the 2005 Act,
 - (c) “Scottish apprenticeship” has the meaning given in section 12E of the 2005 Act.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

206 After section 20, insert—

<PART

REVIEW OF ACT

Review of operation of Act

- (1) The Council must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the review period—
 - (a) undertake a review of the operation of this Act,
 - (b) prepare a report on that review.
- (2) The report must, in particular, set out the impact of the Act on—
 - (a) the experience of learners, including access to information and support about different learner options,
 - (b) the experience of employers who provided, or are providing, work-based learning or the training of an apprentice, including levels of flexibility in providing such learning or training,
 - (c) participation, progression and completion outcomes in respect of individuals belonging to any socio-economic or other group which the Council reasonably considers to be under-represented in—
 - (i) fundable further education,
 - (ii) fundable higher education,
 - (iii) Scottish apprenticeships and work-based learning,

- (d) any changes in uptake of—
 - (i) fundable further education,
 - (ii) fundable higher education,
 - (iii) work-based learning,
 - (iv) Scottish apprenticeships,
 broken down by region and sector (where appropriate).
- (3) In undertaking the review and preparing the report, the Council must—
 - (a) take reasonable steps to secure the views of persons undertaking—
 - (i) fundable further education,
 - (ii) fundable higher education,
 - (iii) work-based learning programmes,
 - (iv) Scottish apprenticeships,
 - (b) consult such other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (4) The Council must, as soon as reasonably practicable after preparing the report—
 - (a) publish the report, and
 - (b) lay the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) respond to a report published under subsection (4),
 - (b) indicate any action it intends to take as a result of the report.
- (6) In this section—
 - (a) “fundable further education” and “fundable higher education” have the meanings given in section 5 of the 2005 Act,
 - (b) the “review period” is the period of 1 year beginning with the day on which section 1 comes into force and each subsequent period of 1 year up to a maximum period of 2 years,
 - (c) “Scottish apprenticeship” has the meaning given in section 12E of the 2005 Act,
 - (d) “work-based learning” has the meaning given in section 12I of the 2005 Act.
- (7) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations increase the maximum period for the time being mentioned in subsection (6)(b).
- (8) Regulations under subsection (7) are subject to the negative procedure.>

Before section 21

Section 24

Pam Duncan-Glancy

- 207** In section 24, page 13, line 24, leave out <This Part comes> and insert <Sections (*National skills and apprenticeships funding strategy*) and (*National skills and apprenticeships funding strategy: annual reporting*) and this Part come>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

208 In section 24, page 13, line 24, at end insert—

<() Part 1 and sections 15 and 17 come into force on such day as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations appoint, but not before the day on which the Scottish Ministers lay a statement under section (*Consultation with trade unions*)(4).>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

209 In section 24, page 13, line 24, at end insert—

<() Part 1 and sections 15 and 17 come into force on such day as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations appoint, but not before the day on which the Scottish Ministers lay a statement under section (*Statement on functions and roles within scope to be transferred*)(2).>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

210 In section 24, page 13, line 24, at end insert—

<() Part 1 and sections 15 and 17 come into force on such day as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations appoint, but not before the day on which the Scottish Ministers lay a statement under section (*Requirement for statement prior to implementation of Scottish apprenticeships*).>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

211 In section 24, page 13, line 24, at end insert—

<() Part 1 and sections 15 and 17 come into force on such day as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations appoint, but not before the day on which the Scottish Ministers lay a report under section (*Requirement for pre-implementation report for Scottish apprenticeships*).>

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 20 November 2025 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 64(4)(a) of the Education (Scotland) Act 2025 and section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2025.

[Official Statistics \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 65(6)(a) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007.

Not subject to any parliamentary procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 November 2025 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

[Housing \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/355 \(C. 27\)\)](#)

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

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 2 (Day 4) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee), 25 November 2025

Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Finance and Public Administration)), 18 November 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (83rd Report, 2025)

Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 5 November 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (74th Report, 2025)

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 25 November 2025

Stage 1 Report - Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee (7th Report, 2025)

Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 24 June 2025

Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 20 November 2025

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Economy and Fair Work Committee), 14 January 2026

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 8 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 25 November 2025
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (77th Report, 2025)

Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 12 November 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69th Report, 2025)

Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture)), 4 September 2025

Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 8 October 2025
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (81st Report, 2025)

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 2 completed, 5 November 2025
Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 11 November 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (70th Report, 2025)

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.

Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 20 November 2025
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (79th Report, 2025)

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)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 12 November 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (52nd Report, 2025)

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 5 November 2025

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 26 November 2025

Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill (G)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 25 November 2025
Lead committee - Health, Social Care and Sport

Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 25 June 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (56th Report, 2025)

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 19 November 2025
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (80th Report, 2025)

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 12 November 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (53rd Report, 2025)

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

Stage 2 completed, 19 November 2025
Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 1 completed, 13 November 2025
Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 26 November 2025

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee), 11 December 2025
All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 5 December with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 20 November 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (54th Report, 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>

Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill LCM-S6-58

Lodged on 3 June 2025
 Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 17 June 2025
 Meeting of the Parliament, 25 June 2025
Lead committee – Rural Affairs and Islands

Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill LCM-S6-64

Lodged on 25 September 2025
 Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 28 October 2025

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

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

Lodged on 4 November 2025

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill LCM-S6-60

Lodged on 12 June 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 June 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 26 June 2025

Report – Lead committee (Education, Children and Young People) (8th Report, 2025)

Crime and Policing Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-57b

Lodged on 1 August 2025

Report – Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (7th Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (67th Report, 2025)

Employment Rights Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-53b

Lodged on 14 August 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 4 September 2025

Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (6th Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (56th 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)

Pension Schemes Bill LCM-S6-65

Lodged on 26 September 2025

Meeting (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 25 November 2025

Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (78th Report, 2025)

Planning and Infrastructure Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-56b

Lodged on 24 October 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 30 October 2025

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

Lodged on 3 October 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 9 October 2025

Public Office (Accountability) Bill LCM-S6-66

Lodged on 31 October 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 25 November 2025

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-61a

Lodged on 27 October 2025

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 4 November 2025

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill LCM-S6-62

Lodged on 27 August 2025

Report – Health, Social Care and Sport Committee (9th Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (73rd Report, 2025)

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)

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Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Made Affirmative Instruments

Subject to approval by 15 December 2025

[Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/353\)](#) (18 November 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Affirmative Instruments

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 19 November 2025

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2025 Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (25 September 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 30 November 2025

[Public Procurement \(Iraq Free Trade Agreement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (6 October 2025) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 1 December 2025

[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Notification Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (7 October 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 4 December 2025

[Energy Performance of Buildings \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (10 October 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Rural Support \(Improvement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (10 October 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 5 December 2025

[Cross-Border Public Procurement \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (27 October 2025) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

[Good Food Nation \(Specified Functions and Descriptions\) \(Scottish Ministers\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (27 October 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 9 December 2025

[Sheep Carcase \(Classification and Price Reporting\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (31 October 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 13 December 2025

[Food Safety Act 1990 Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (4 November 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 16 December 2025

[Management of Offenders \(Scotland\) Act 2019 and the Prisoners \(Early Release\) \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Modifications\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (7 November 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 4 January 2026

[Companies Act 2006 \(Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (14 November 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 10 January 2026

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (20 November 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Official Statistics \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (20 November 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 20 November 2025 Lead Committee report due by 20 November 2025

[Rural Support \(Simplification and Improvement\) \(Data Publication\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/274\)](#) (26 September 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 5\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/275\)](#) (26 September 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment by 26 November 2025 Lead Committee report due by 26 November 2025

[Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2025 \(SSI 2025/277\)](#) (2 October 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 30 November 2025 Lead Committee report due by 30 November 2025

[Qualifications Scotland \(Appointment of Initial Members\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/278\)](#) (6 October 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Gluasadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Subject to annulment by 1 December 2025
Lead Committee report due by 1 December 2025

[National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/280\)](#) (7 October 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 5 December 2025
Lead Committee report due by 5 December 2025

[Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2025 \(SI 2025/1101\)](#) (17 October 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 8 December 2025
Lead Committee report due by 1 December 2025

[Public Procurement \(Agreement on Government Procurement\) \(Thresholds\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/299\)](#) (30 October 2025) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Lead Committee report due by 8 December 2025

[Title Conditions \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Rural Housing Bodies\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/298\)](#) (30 October 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Motor Vehicles \(Competitions and Trials\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/300\)](#) (30 October 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 9 December 2025
Lead Committee report due by 9 December 2025

[Food \(Promotion and Placement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/303\)](#) (31 October 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 12 December 2025
Lead Committee report due by 12 December 2025

[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/312\)](#) (3 November 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment by 15 December 2025
Lead Committee report due by 8 December 2025

[Scottish Register of Tartans Fees Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/334\)](#) (6 November 2025) (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee)

[Official Controls \(Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/335\)](#) (6 November 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Subject to annulment by 16 December 2025
Lead Committee report due by 15 December 2025

[National Health Service \(General Ophthalmic Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/337\)](#) (7 November 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 19 December 2025
Lead Committee report due by 15 December 2025

[The Charities Accounts \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/341\)](#) (10 November 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment by 7 January 2026
Lead Committee report due by 5 January 2026

[Disclosure \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 6, Consequential Amendment, Saving and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/352 \(C. 26\)\)](#) (17 November 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Documents subject to parliamentary control

Lead Committee report due by 27 November 2025

[Public Services Reform \(Scottish Water\) Order 2026 \[draft\] \(SG/2025/238\)](#) (3 October 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Lead Committee report due by 19 December 2025

[Draft Code of Practice: The Non-Party Campaigner Campaign Expenditure \(Scottish Parliament Elections\) Code of Practice 2025 \(SG/2025/289\)](#) (10 November 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

[Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 85th Report, 2025 \(Session 6\): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 18 November 2025 \(SP Paper 916\)](#), publication date: 20 November 2025

[Economy and Fair Work Committee, 10th Report, 2025 \(Session 6\): Subordinate legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 19 November 2025 \(SP Paper 915\)](#), publication date: 20 November 2025

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

Other Documents

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

Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited, Annual Report and Accounts For the Year to 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/264) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Proposal for the Children’s Rights Scheme (SG/2025/290) laid under Section 15 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024

Tayside Health Board Annual Report and Accounts For Year Ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/221) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2024/25 audit of NHS Tayside (SG/2025/222) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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