

Wednesday 8 October 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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 Conservative and
Unionist Party Debate: Stopping Illegal
Immigration and Recognising its Impact on
Housing

followed by Scottish Conservative and
Unionist Party Debate: Backing Scotland's
Colleges and Apprenticeships

followed by Ministerial Statement: Secure
Accommodation – Capacity and Future of
Secure

followed by Scottish Government Debate:
Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009
(Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment
Regulations 2025

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

6:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-
18931 Edward Mountain: Bowel Cancer
Screening

Committee Meetings

8:45am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public
Petitions Committee

9:30am Criminal Justice Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

10:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

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2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of its relations with the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly. ([S6O-05026](#))
- 2. David Torrance:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-05027](#))
- 3. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support libraries within local communities. ([S6O-05028](#))
- 4. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the implementation of its international strategy, how and by what mechanisms it is engaging with the governments of other European nations. ([S6O-05029](#))
- 5. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what representations NGOs have made to it regarding its work to support humanitarian assistance in Palestine. ([S6O-05030](#))
- 6. Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its role in proposing the scheduling of parliamentary business, how it can help ensure that parliamentary time is used constructively for the remainder of this parliamentary session. ([S6O-05031](#))
- 7. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the veterans minister has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the role of local authorities in maintaining Commonwealth War Graves to a national standard. ([S6O-05032](#))
- 8. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in relation to its overseas tours and performances, in light of their reported contribution to the Tattoo's reputation and economic impact in Scotland. ([S6O-05033](#))

Justice and Home Affairs

- 1. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve access to legal aid for survivors of domestic abuse. ([S6O-05034](#))
- 2. Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports of rising levels of knife crime in Dundee over the summer, how it is supporting Police Scotland and local partners to prevent and reduce incidents of violent crime. ([S6O-05035](#))
- 3. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on legal enforcement measures being taken with regard to retailers committing age of sale offences when selling age-restricted items, such as vapes and cigarettes. ([S6O-05036](#)) **R**
- 4. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take to address the misuse of e-bikes and off-road vehicles, in light of reported concerns that it is a growing community safety issue. ([S6O-05037](#))
- 5. Oliver Mundell:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure there is appropriate policing cover for communities in Dumfriesshire. ([S6O-05038](#))
- 6. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact of sustained overcrowding in prisons on suicide and self-harm prevention. ([S6O-05039](#))
- 7. George Adam:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-05040](#))

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8. Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what actions Police Scotland is taking to deal with problem street drinkers. ([S6O-05041](#))

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing

[S6M-19252](#) Russell Findlay: Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing—That the Parliament believes that illegal immigration must be stopped because of the damaging impact on public finances and local communities; recognises that the Scottish Government's decision to suspend local connection rules in relation to homelessness provision back in 2022 has contributed towards attracting asylum seekers to Scotland at an unsustainable level, and calls on the Scottish Government to immediately reverse this decision.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-19252.5](#) Màiri McAllan: Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing—As an amendment to motion S6M-19252 in the name of Russell Findlay (Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “notes that the suspension of local connection referrals in 2022 did not change the rights of newly recognised refugees to choose where they settle in Scotland, nor did it prevent Scottish local authorities from referring households presenting as homeless to an English or Welsh local authority with which they have a local connection; reaffirms that Scotland is a welcoming nation to people fleeing persecution, seeking safety and who have been granted refugee status, ensuring that they can rebuild their lives in the country through the New Scots Refugee Integration Strategy; highlights action in Scotland to tackle homelessness and destitution, including new prevention measures in the Housing (Scotland) Bill, increased investment in affordable homes and the £4 million investment in homelessness prevention pilots, alongside the extension of rapid rehousing transition plan funding of £8 million into 2026-27, and calls again on the UK Government to urgently uphold the European Convention on Human Rights, 1951 Refugee Convention and 1967 Protocol.”

[S6M-19252.4](#) Mark Griffin: Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing—As an amendment to motion S6M-19252 in the name of Russell Findlay (Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing), leave out from “because” to end and insert “; regrets that the previous UK Conservative administration left the immigration system in a state of collapse; recognises the progress made by the UK Labour administration to clear the backlog of asylum claims, and believes that the failure to tackle the challenges facing Scotland's local authorities, public services and housing system, for which the Scottish Government has devolved responsibility and has received record levels of funding from the UK Government, is the root cause of the housing emergency.”

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Backing Scotland's Colleges and Apprenticeships

[S6M-19253](#) Murdo Fraser: Backing Scotland's Colleges and Apprenticeships—That the Parliament recognises that future economic growth is reliant on providing the right opportunities to create good jobs that allow businesses to expand; notes with concern the findings of the recent Audit Scotland report, highlighting a 20% real-terms cut in funding to the college sector over the past five years, and believes that this has a negative impact on the economy and limits

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opportunities for young people to get ahead; acknowledges the concern from business representative groups about the future of apprenticeships, and the harm that a restriction in apprenticeship numbers causes to job creation in Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to restore funding to Scotland's colleges and raise the number of modern apprenticeship places from 25,507 in 2024-25 to at least the 34,000 identified by Skills Development Scotland as necessary to meet Scottish economic growth ambitions.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-19253.3 Richard Lochhead: Backing Scotland's Colleges and Apprenticeships—As an amendment to motion S6M-19253 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Backing Scotland's Colleges and Apprenticeships), leave out from "with concern" to end and insert "the Audit Scotland report entitled, *Scotland's colleges 2025*, and the importance of continued investment in Scotland's colleges and skills system to support inclusive economic success, prosperity and job creation, including provision of around three quarters of a billion pounds in Scotland's colleges in 2025-26, and an additional £3.5 million for skills, through the Scottish Budget; acknowledges that this is particularly important in the thriving sectors, like those critical to realising the transition to net zero, and the shared opportunities of this; recognises the key role that colleges, employers and training providers have played in ensuring that 93% of school leavers have a positive destination, and providing apprenticeships and training to a record 39,000 individuals, and notes, however, concern about the impact of Brexit and the UK Government's migration system, which is contributing to key skills gaps and labour market shortages."

S6M-19253.2 Lorna Slater: Backing Scotland's Colleges and Apprenticeships—As an amendment to motion S6M-19253 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Backing Scotland's Colleges and Apprenticeships), leave out from "that future" to end and insert "the transformative power of education and training, and the vital roles that colleges and apprenticeships play in supporting young people and building resilient communities, including in a just transition away from fossil fuels; acknowledges the importance of having college facilities located close to where people live, ensuring accessibility and inclusion; believes that improved college governance is essential to prevent poor management decisions and to safeguard the quality of provision; acknowledges the work of EIS-FELA and UNISON in campaigning for better further education provision and supporting college staff across the country who face uncertainty about the future; calls for enhanced outcomes for women, students and apprentices, to ensure that they are not disproportionately channelled into low-waged sectors; urges colleges to align their skills offerings with the ambitions of the National Performance Framework; supports the introduction of regulated minimum training hours and standards for apprenticeships; believes that colleges must be living wage employers and exemplars of fair work practices, and calls for all apprentices to be paid a living wage."

followed by Ministerial Statement: Secure Accommodation – Capacity and Future of Secure

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025

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S6M-19267 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 October 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 29 October 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

10.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 30 October 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: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 4 November 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Financial Considerations When Leaving an Abusive Relationship

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 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 Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 November 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Strengthening Committees' Effectiveness

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 October 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S6M-19268 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Suspension of Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the supplementary

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legislative consent memorandum on the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill, Rules 9B.3.5 and 9B.3.6 of Standing Orders are suspended.

[S6M-19269](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-19270](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Cross-border Provision, Case Transfer and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-19271](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-19272](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

[S6M-19273](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

6:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-18931](#) Edward Mountain: Bowel Cancer Screening—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Government in taking the lead in bowel cancer screening; understands that Scotland has the most sensitive level of screening in the whole of the UK; notes calls on the Scottish Government to continue to lead the way by working with bowel cancer charities to ensure that Scotland remains at the forefront of UK bowel cancer screening; congratulates all bowel cancer charities on their continued work, and notes that Stoma Aware Day/World Ostomy Day is on 4 October 2025, which, it believes, is vital in continuing to raise awareness.

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Committee Meetings

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee 29th Meeting, 2025

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

- Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 Fiona Whitelock, Policy Manager, The Promise, COSLA;
 Dave Berry, Director, Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership;
 Jim Savege, Chief Executive, Aberdeenshire Council, representing the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers (Solace Scotland);
 Professor Soumen Sengupta, Director Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Council;
 and then from—
 Charlotte Wilson, Chief Inspector (Temporary), Children and Young People, Care Inspectorate;
 Maree Allison, Chief Executive, Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC);
 John Trainer, Chief Social Work Officer for Renfrewshire Council and Convener, Social Work Scotland.
- Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 28th Meeting, 2025

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

- Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 Stephen Cranston, Member of sub-committee on Rural Affairs, Law Society of Scotland;
 Brian Inkster, Chief Executive, Inksters Solicitors;
 Chris Kerr, Director of Policy and Corporate Services and Accountable Officer, Registers of Scotland;
 Katie MacKay, Director, FMS Law;
 Eilidh Ross, Crofting Law Specialist, Camus Consulting.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Plant Health \(Export Certification\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/241)
- Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 15th Meeting, 2025

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

- Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 PE1865: Suspend all surgical mesh and fixation devices;

PE1979: Establish an independent inquiry and an independent national whistleblowing officer to investigate concerns about the alleged mishandling of child safeguarding enquiries by public bodies;

PE2056: Introduce legislation allowing Scottish Ministers to intervene on the hire of public land;

PE2099: Stop the proposed centralisation of specialist neonatal units in NHS Scotland;

PE2129: Standardise criteria and consultations for assessing demand for denominational schools; and

PE2137: Fair regulation for non-medical aesthetic injectors.

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

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

PE2167: Stop the pavement parking ban for Scottish roads built before 2019;

PE2168: Guarantee Legal Aid for "Death or Serious Injury" victims in legal action against Police Scotland;

PE2169: Facilitate a review and upgrade of the teaching resource 'Palestine and Israel, understanding the conflict';

PE2170: Abolish the General Teaching Council for Scotland;

PE2171: Stop the use of prisons for punishment and focus them on public protection; and

PE2173: Ban ultra-processed foods in school meals.

Criminal Justice Committee 27th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Diane Martin CBE, A Model for Scotland;

Amanda Jane Quick, Nordic Model Now!;

Bronagh Andrew, Operations Manager, TARA and Routes Out Services;

and then from—

Niki Adams, English Collective of Prostitutes;

Lynsey Walton, Chief Executive, National Ugly Mugs;

Laura Baillie, Political Officer, Scotland for Decrim.

2. **Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Public Audit Committee 27th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.

2. **The 2023/24 audit of UHI Perth:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, Audit Scotland;

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Nicola Wright, Engagement Lead, Deloitte LLP.

3. **Our impact: Monitoring and evaluation report 2025:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, and Michelle Borland, Head of Organisational Improvement, Audit Scotland.
4. **The 2023/24 audit of UHI Perth:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, Audit Scotland;
Nicola Wright, Engagement Lead, Deloitte LLP.
5. **Our impact: Monitoring and evaluation report 2025:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, and Michelle Borland, Head of Organisational Improvement, Audit Scotland.
6. **The 2023/24 audit of UHI Perth:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
7. **Our impact: Monitoring and evaluation report 2025:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and 5 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 28th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Sarah Boyack will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will further consider options for scrutiny of AI's potential impact on the Scottish economy.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 1 October 2025

Thursday 9 October 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-18752 Clare Adamson: Breast Cancer Now Awareness Day 2025 and Wear It Pink

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Youth Mental Health Support

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Planning and Infrastructure Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Members' Business — S6M-18364 Clare Haughey: Opposition to Proposed Closure of Cambuslang Jobcentre

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Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9 October 2025

26th Meeting, 2025

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

- STV:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Paul McManus, Negotiations Officer Scotland, BECTU;
Nick McGown-Lowe, National Organiser for Scotland, National Union of Journalists;
and then from—
Rufus Radcliffe, Chief Executive Officer, and Bobby Hain, Managing Director of Audience, News, Regulation and Audio, STV.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

9 October 2025

18th Meeting, 2025

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

- Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

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

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

9 October 2025

26th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Carer's Assistance (Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments, Revocation, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Dawn Kane, Senior Policy Officer, Carer Benefits, Jane Sterry, Team Leader, Carer Support Payment

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Policy, and Karolina Bodzak, Solicitor, Disability and Carer Benefits Branch, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice) to move—S6M-18774—
That the Social Justice and Social Security Committee recommends that the Carer's Assistance (Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments, Revocation, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.
4. **Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Professor Calvin Jones, Economist;
Professor Colin Reid, Emeritus Professor of Environmental Law, University of Dundee.
5. **Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 4.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Diane Barr on 85220 or at diane.barr@parliament.scot

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Motions

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Motions for Debate

***[S6M-19276](#) Gillian Martin: Planning and Infrastructure Bill - UK Legislation—**That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 11 March 2025, and subsequently amended, relating to clauses 18 to 24, 46 and 112, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Supported by: Graeme Dey*

***[S6M-19275](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill - UK Legislation—**That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 22 January 2025, and subsequently amended, relating to clauses 78, 90, 98 and 99, and schedule 4, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Supported by: Kaukab Stewart*

[S6M-19253](#) Murdo Fraser: Backing Scotland's Colleges and Apprenticeships—That the Parliament recognises that future economic growth is reliant on providing the right opportunities to create good jobs that allow businesses to expand; notes with concern the findings of the recent Audit Scotland report, highlighting a 20% real-terms cut in funding to the college sector over the past five years, and believes that this has a negative impact on the economy and limits opportunities for young people to get ahead; acknowledges the concern from business representative groups about the future of apprenticeships, and the harm that a restriction in apprenticeship numbers causes to job creation in Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to restore funding to Scotland's colleges and raise the number of modern apprenticeship places from 25,507 in 2024-25 to at least the 34,000 identified by Skills Development Scotland as necessary to meet Scottish economic growth ambitions.

***[S6M-19253.3](#) Richard Lochhead: Backing Scotland's Colleges and Apprenticeships—**As an amendment to motion S6M-19253 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Backing Scotland's Colleges and

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Apprenticeships), leave out from “with concern” to end and insert “the Audit Scotland report entitled, *Scotland’s colleges 2025*, and the importance of continued investment in Scotland’s colleges and skills system to support inclusive economic success, prosperity and job creation, including provision of around three quarters of a billion pounds in Scotland’s colleges in 2025-26, and an additional £3.5 million for skills, through the Scottish Budget; acknowledges that this is particularly important in the thriving sectors, like those critical to realising the transition to net zero, and the shared opportunities of this; recognises the key role that colleges, employers and training providers have played in ensuring that 93% of school leavers have a positive destination, and providing apprenticeships and training to a record 39,000 individuals, and notes, however, concern about the impact of Brexit and the UK Government’s migration system, which is contributing to key skills gaps and labour market shortages.”

Supported by: Ben Macpherson*, Jenny Gilruth*, Kate Forbes*, Natalie Don-Innes*

***S6M-19253.2 Lorna Slater: Backing Scotland’s Colleges and Apprenticeships**—As an amendment to motion S6M-19253 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Backing Scotland’s Colleges and Apprenticeships), leave out from “that future” to end and insert “the transformative power of education and training, and the vital roles that colleges and apprenticeships play in supporting young people and building resilient communities, including in a just transition away from fossil fuels; acknowledges the importance of having college facilities located close to where people live, ensuring accessibility and inclusion; believes that improved college governance is essential to prevent poor management decisions and to safeguard the quality of provision; acknowledges the work of EIS-FELA and UNISON in campaigning for better further education provision and supporting college staff across the country who face uncertainty about the future; calls for enhanced outcomes for women, students and apprentices, to ensure that they are not disproportionately channelled into low-waged sectors; urges colleges to align their skills offerings with the ambitions of the National Performance Framework; supports the introduction of regulated minimum training hours and standards for apprenticeships; believes that colleges must be living wage employers and exemplars of fair work practices, and calls for all apprentices to be paid a living wage.”

***S6M-19253.1 John Mason: Backing Scotland’s Colleges and Apprenticeships**—As an amendment to motion S6M-19253 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Backing Scotland’s Colleges and Apprenticeships), insert at end “, and asks the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party to explain whether the extra money required should come from additional taxation or, if not, from which other part of the Scottish Budget there should be cuts.”

S6M-19252 Russell Findlay: Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing—That the Parliament believes that illegal immigration must be stopped because of the damaging impact on public finances and local communities; recognises that the Scottish Government’s decision to suspend local connection rules in relation to homelessness provision back in 2022 has contributed towards attracting asylum seekers to Scotland at an unsustainable level, and calls on the Scottish Government to immediately reverse this decision.

***S6M-19252.5 Màiri McAllan: Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing**—As an amendment to motion S6M-19252 in the name of Russell Findlay (Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “notes that the suspension of local connection referrals in 2022 did not change the rights of newly recognised refugees to choose where they settle in Scotland, nor did it prevent Scottish local authorities from referring households presenting as homeless to an English or Welsh local authority with which they have a local connection; reaffirms that Scotland is a welcoming nation to

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people fleeing persecution, seeking safety and who have been granted refugee status, ensuring that they can rebuild their lives in the country through the New Scots Refugee Integration Strategy; highlights action in Scotland to tackle homelessness and destitution, including new prevention measures in the Housing (Scotland) Bill, increased investment in affordable homes and the £4 million investment in homelessness prevention pilots, alongside the extension of rapid rehousing transition plan funding of £8 million into 2026-27, and calls again on the UK Government to urgently uphold the European Convention on Human Rights, 1951 Refugee Convention and 1967 Protocol.”

Supported by: Kaukab Stewart*, Shirley-Anne Somerville*

***[S6M-19252.4](#) Mark Griffin: Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing**—As an amendment to motion S6M-19252 in the name of Russell Findlay (Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing), leave out from "because" to end and insert “; regrets that the previous UK Conservative administration left the immigration system in a state of collapse; recognises the progress made by the UK Labour administration to clear the backlog of asylum claims, and believes that the failure to tackle the challenges facing Scotland’s local authorities, public services and housing system, for which the Scottish Government has devolved responsibility and has received record levels of funding from the UK Government, is the root cause of the housing emergency.”

***[S6M-19252.3](#) Willie Rennie: Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing**—As an amendment to motion S6M-19252 in the name of Russell Findlay (Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing), leave out from “illegal” to end and insert “the UK asylum system is in crisis and that, under the last UK Conservative administration, the system was ruined, with backlogs becoming out of control and thousands of vulnerable people, who have fled war, persecution and unimaginable trauma, stuck in hotels that are not fit for purpose; further believes that, not only must all asylum seekers be treated with dignity and compassion, there also needs to be a fair, effective immigration system that enforces the rules on who has the right to stay in the UK; notes the Liberal Democrats' calls for the UK Government to declare the asylum backlog a national emergency and set up Nightingale processing centres, independent from the Home Office and part of a dedicated new unit to take over processing asylum claims, in order to clear the backlog within six months, and calls on the UK Government to bring in these centres as soon as possible.”

***[S6M-19252.2](#) Maggie Chapman: Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing**—As an amendment to motion S6M-19252 in the name of Russell Findlay (Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “recognises the UK’s obligations under the 1951 Refugee Convention to offer protection and sanctuary to those fleeing persecution and conflict; further recognises that many people who are seeking asylum do so as a direct consequence of decades of UK foreign policy and imperial intervention; rejects the hostile environment created by successive UK administrations’ immigration policies, which have restricted the rights of migrants and people seeking asylum and forced many into poverty and destitution; celebrates the contribution of New Scots to the culture, public services and communities of Scotland; urges the UK Government to urgently establish safe and regular routes for people seeking asylum, reject divisive and xenophobic policies that are harming communities, and restore dignity and respect in the UK’s immigration and asylum system, and supports a compassionate, rights-based approach that welcomes refugees and asylum seekers as members of Scotland’s communities.”

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***[S6M-19252.1](#) Graham Simpson: Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing**—As an amendment to motion S6M-19252 in the name of Russell Findlay (Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing), insert at end "; believes that the Scottish Government's suspension of local connection rules has placed unsustainable pressure on housing and public services in certain communities; notes that Scotland faces a housing emergency exacerbated by poor planning, underinvestment and a failure to meet housebuilding targets; calls for a homelessness policy that ensures that support is targeted towards those with lawful residence and genuine need, and urges the Scottish Government to prioritise housing delivery, restore local connection criteria and ensure that immigration policy does not undermine the availability of homes for citizens in Scotland."

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-19277](#) Alexander Stewart: Charity Bingo Tea in Alloa Raises Over £3,600 for Andy's Man Club**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that a charity bingo tea in Alloa raised over £3,600 for Andy's Man Club; understands that the event took place on 14 September 2025 in Alloa Bingo Club and was organised by Robert Syme in memory of his friend's son, Brad Womersley, who tragically passed away aged just 36; believes that Robert decided to hold a bingo tea to raise funds for Andy's Man Club in Brad's memory; notes that around 200 people attended and donations reached £3,650; further notes that Robert said of the event that "it was just amazing and everybody pulled together" and that it was great to do it in Brad's memory and raise a lot of money; acknowledges that Andy's Man Club was brought to Clackmannanshire in 2024 by George Peat from Alloa and that it offers free peer-to-peer support for men with a group meeting each Monday evening, excluding on bank holidays, at the town's Hawkhill Community Centre; congratulates everyone involved on what it sees as their highly magnanimous gestures; sends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Brad, and commends Robert and George on their selfless work in each regard.

***[S6M-19274](#) Miles Briggs: Hospice Care Week 2025**—That the Parliament marks Hospice Care Week 2025, which runs from 6 to 12 October 2025, and celebrates the incredible work of hospice care staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to make sure everyone can benefit from the best possible care at the end of life; acknowledges that hospice care supports over 20,000 people across Scotland each year and that hospice care staff make over 70,000 visits to people in their own homes, delivering expert care that allows people to remain at home and stay out of hospital; recognises that with Scotland's ageing population, demand for palliative care is growing and the contribution of hospice care is even more important; understands that Scotland's hospices rely on fundraising to enable them to help people and to keep their doors open; thanks dedicated local communities for their incredible support; acknowledges the work of Hospice UK, which champions the causes of hospices across Scotland and the UK, and thanks everyone in the hospice care sector for ensuring that people are treated with dignity and compassion at the end of life.

Supported by: Douglas Ross*, Paul McLennan*, Jamie Hepburn*, Alexander Stewart*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Annie Wells*, Monica Lennon*, Murdo Fraser*, Liam McArthur*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jeremy Balfour*, Brian Whittle*, Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, Liam Kerr*, Edward Mountain*, Craig Hoy*, Bob Doris*, Russell Findlay*, Colin Beattie*

***[S6M-19273](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

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***[S6M-19272](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—**That the Parliament agrees that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

***[S6M-19271](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

***[S6M-19270](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Cross-border Provision, Case Transfer and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

***[S6M-19269](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

***[S6M-19268](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Suspension of Standing Orders—**That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill, Rules 9B.3.5 and 9B.3.6 of Standing Orders are suspended.

***[S6M-19267](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 October 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 29 October 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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10.00 pm Decision Time

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Thursday 30 October 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: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 4 November 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Financial Considerations When Leaving an Abusive Relationship

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 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 Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 November 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

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12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Strengthening Committees' Effectiveness

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 October 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

***[S6M-19266](#) Mark Griffin: Our Lady of Good Aid and Cathedral Primary School**—That the Parliament congratulates Our Lady of Good Aid and Cathedral Primary School, Motherwell, on what it sees as a fantastic HMI report; applauds the continuous efforts of the school, which resulted in it being rated excellent in three key areas of leadership of change, learning teaching and assessment, and ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion, and very good in raising attainment, by Education Scotland; notes that the rating places the primary school among Scotland's top schools; understands that the report commended the outstanding leadership of the school, the contribution of all staff in providing a high-quality environment for progressive learning focused on achieving the best outcomes for children, and praised the children for their articulation, engagement and motivation in taking part in a range of learning experiences across the curriculum; recognises the school-wide efforts in ensuring a positive culture for learning and in closing attainment gaps through targeted additional support; understands that the report comes as the school and parish celebrates its 150th anniversary of education in the community, and wishes the whole school community well in continuing to strive for good education and outcomes for children in Motherwell.

Supported by: Alasdair Allan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Miles Briggs*, Monica Lennon*, Annie Wells*, Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*

***[S6M-19265](#) Mercedes Villalba: Down's Syndrome Awareness Month**—That the Parliament notes that October 2025 is Down's Syndrome Awareness Month; understands that current estimates suggest that fewer than 5% of people with Down's syndrome are in meaningful paid work, despite reported evidence suggesting that people with the condition want to be meaningfully employed; welcomes the launch of the Down's Syndrome Scotland's Inclusive Employment Programme, which works with employer partners to develop a model that benefits and supports workers, community and employers; welcomes the Four Programmes for Change identified by young adults in Scotland with Down's syndrome, which are focused around health, employment, transition planning and community living, and pays tribute to the ongoing work of Down's Syndrome Scotland and the Inclusive Employment Programme.

Supported by: Monica Lennon*

***[S6M-19263](#) Michael Marra: HMS Unicorn Wins the Innovation Award at Central & East Thistle Awards 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates *HMS Unicorn* in Dundee on winning the Innovation Award at the annual Central & East Thistle Awards 2025; understands that the

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attraction was recognised for driving forward positive change in innovative ways; notes that the vessel is now over 200 years old and is the oldest ship in Scotland; acknowledges *HMS Unicorn*'s community initiatives such as its Wavemakers Volunteer Programme, which seeks to transform the lives of individuals by breaking down barriers to employment by providing structured volunteer placements; appreciates the hard work of the staff and volunteers, who have continuously helped preserve a golden piece of Dundee's heritage, and wishes *HMS Unicorn* well on its journey as a key tourist attraction in the heart of the city.

***[S6M-19262](#) Michael Marra: 90th Anniversary of Mills Observatory in Dundee**—That the Parliament marks 90 years since Mills Observatory in Dundee first opened its doors in 1935; notes that entry is free for all visitors, allowing amateur and professional astronomers alike to create lasting memories; understands that, in 2024, the facility had a record-breaking season, welcoming 14,000 visitors and contributing to Dundee's ever-expanding tourism sector; notes that Mills Observatory is the UK's first purpose-built public observatory; recognises that the observatory is unusual in that its dome is made from papier-mâché and that it is the only observatory open in the whole of the UK to boast this feature, and wishes Mills Observatory many more years of success providing educational experiences to the city and to visitors alike as Dundee's gateway to the stars.

***[S6M-19261](#) Michael Marra: University of Dundee Entrepreneurship Catalyst Award**—That the Parliament congratulates the University of Dundee's Centre for Entrepreneurship on securing the Entrepreneurship Catalyst award at the 2025 UK National Enterprise Educators Awards; understands that the university received the award in recognition for delivering exceptional entrepreneurship education to students and staff outside of the curriculum; notes that the award was hotly contested with the university surpassing the Anglia Ruskin Enterprise Academy by Anglia Ruskin University, and Strathclyde Inspire by the University of Strathclyde; believes that the University of Dundee continues to showcase its educational rigour, solidifying the institution's reputation as a national hub for entrepreneurship; notes that this award completes a hat-trick of entrepreneurial awards for the university, after it was named Innovative and Entrepreneurial University of the Year at the European Triple E Awards and Outstanding Entrepreneurial University of the Year at the Times Higher Education Awards, all within a year; acknowledges that the Centre for Entrepreneurship hosts an annual venture competition on campus with an externally sponsored prize fund of £65,000, which is backing the next generation of entrepreneurs and turning concept into creation, and wishes the team at the Centre for Entrepreneurship continued success for the future. **R**

***[S6M-19259](#) Christine Grahame: Recognising Borders Pet Rescue's Contribution to Animal Welfare**—That the Parliament warmly congratulates Borders Pet Rescue on the appointment of Spencer Harris as the new chair of the board; acknowledges the outstanding contribution and seven years of dedicated service by the outgoing chair, Ann Southwood; commends Borders Pet Rescue for what it sees as its invaluable work supporting animal welfare and promoting responsible pet ownership in the Borders community, and wishes Spencer every success in leading the charity to continue making a positive difference for animals and the people who care for them.

***[S6M-19258](#) Christine Grahame: Border Raiders Cycle Speedway Club Awarded Sportscotland Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates Border Raiders Cycle Speedway Club on receiving £121,618 from sportscotland's Cycling Facilities Fund towards a new short track facility at Tweedbank Sports Complex in Galashiels, a project worth £243,236; notes that the facility will provide a permanent home for the club, reduce the need for participants to travel to

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Edinburgh and support growth in membership; welcomes the club's work with schools, young people and additional needs groups, and its plans to develop pathways from youth to adult and across performance levels; notes that the £8 million fund, which was established following the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships with support from the Scottish Government, sportscotland and National Lottery funds, has so far supported 47 facilities with over £18 million of investment, and believes that this is helping to create a lasting legacy by encouraging participation in cycling for people of all ages and abilities.

***[S6M-19257](#) Monica Lennon: Celebrating 30 Years of SUDEP Action**—That the Parliament marks the 30th anniversary of SUDEP Action, a charity that has worked alongside bereaved families to raise awareness of Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) and improve epilepsy safety across Scotland and globally; recognises that SUDEP Action Day takes place on 15 October 2025 and is a global awareness day founded by the charity and supported by organisations worldwide; encourages MSPs to wear the SUDEP Action pin in solidarity with families affected by epilepsy-related deaths, including the family of Jessica Johnston, a young woman from Hamilton, who tragically died aged 20 in hospital while awaiting treatment for seizures; pays tribute to the courage and advocacy of Jessica's mother, Lindsey Greer, and her family, who continue to campaign for better epilepsy care and accountability; notes that epilepsy-related deaths in Scotland remain a serious public health issue, with 76% of young adult deaths between 2009 and 2016 deemed potentially avoidable; commends SUDEP Action for developing practical and evidence-based digital tools such as the SUDEP and seizure safety checklist, the EpsMon app and the Charlie card to support clinicians and empower people living with epilepsy, and calls on the Scottish Government and the Parliament to strengthen efforts to improve epilepsy safety, ensure clear communication of risk and provide support for bereaved families.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Jamie Hepburn*, Annie Wells*, Mercedes Villalba*, Paul McLennan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jeremy Balfour*, Brian Whittle*, Bill Kidd*

***[S6M-19256](#) Annie Wells: Sebb's Glasgow Bar and Restaurant Joins Michelin Guide 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates Sebb's, the underground bar and restaurant on Miller Street, Glasgow, on being added to the prestigious *Michelin Guide* less than a year after opening; recognises the exceptional creativity, dedication and skill demonstrated by the team in transforming a listed building into a vibrant venue that combines a dynamic bar atmosphere with a high standard of globally inspired, charcoal-grilled cuisine; understands that this accolade reflects the commitment to excellence, innovation and career development within Glasgow's hospitality sector, providing opportunities for staff to grow and develop in a professional and supportive environment; acknowledges the significant role that Sebb's plays in enhancing Glasgow's food, drink and leisure culture, attracting both locals and visitors, and contributing to the city's reputation as a centre of culinary innovation and nightlife, and celebrates the determination and vision required to establish a successful venue in the challenging post-COVID-19-pandemic hospitality landscape, which, it considers, demonstrates resilience, ambition and a commitment to maintaining the highest standards in service and food quality.

Supported by: Sandesh Gulhane*, Liam Kerr*, Edward Mountain*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Russell Findlay*

***[S6M-19255](#) Fulton MacGregor: Recognising the Contribution of Alison Bavidge to Social Work in Scotland**—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding contribution of Alison Bavidge during her tenure as National Director of the Scottish Association of Social Work (SASW); acknowledges that, since taking up the role during the COVID-19 pandemic, Alison has delivered significant achievements on behalf of SASW members and the wider social work profession in

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Scotland, including securing improved bursary funding for postgraduate social work students, contributing to establishing the first ever Cross-Party Group on Social Work in the Scottish Parliament, advocating for improved working conditions through the One Deal for Social Work campaign, and developing comprehensive professional training to reflect the unique needs of Scotland's social work community; commends her leadership in advancing anti-racism, justice reform and community resilience, and for influencing progress towards national terms and conditions for social workers across Scotland; recognises her unwavering commitment to social justice, equity and the empowerment of practitioners and the communities that they serve; considers that, under Alison's guidance, SASW has become stronger, more inclusive, and more responsive to the complex challenges facing society; acknowledges her warmth, humour and humanity, which have made her a respected and much-loved colleague; expresses its gratitude to Alison for her dedicated service and leadership, wishing her every success and happiness in her future endeavours, and is confident that her legacy will continue to shape the future of social work in Scotland and beyond. **R**

Supported by: Paul McLennan*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*, Clare Haughey*

***[S6M-19251](#) Alexander Stewart: University of Stirling Triathletes to Compete at the World Championship Finals, Capping a Summer of Success for the University—**That the Parliament congratulates three triathletes, Millie Breese, Alex Robin and Tom Williamson, from the University of Stirling, who have been selected to compete at the World Championship Finals in Australia during October 2025; understands that, representing Great Britain, Millie will compete in the under-23s category and Alex in the junior event, while Tom will represent Ireland and will vie for the Para PTS5 title; notes that the finals are the climax to the World Triathlon Championship Series and are to take place in coastal Wollongong, New South Wales, from 15 to 19 October 2025; considers that their selection caps an impressive summer of international success for athletes at Stirling, which is known as "Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence"; acknowledges that Stirling swimmers returned from the World Aquatics Championships with two Gold medals; notes that its Head of Golf, Dean Robertson, captained the Great Britain and Ireland team at the Walker Cup, its 1,500-metre runner, Ryan Martin, competed at the Under-23 European Athletics Championships and its basketballer, Shayne Humphries, won Silver at the World University Games; wishes Millie, Alex and Tom all the very best in Australia, and commends everyone involved on their truly excellent achievements.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Paul McLennan*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Annie Wells*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*, Douglas Ross*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Russell Findlay*

***[S6M-19250](#) Alexander Stewart: University of Stirling to Play Key Role in UK Space Agency-funded Water Quality Monitoring Project—**That the Parliament acknowledges that the University of Stirling will play a leading role in a major new international satellite project, which will be funded by the UK Space Agency and dedicated to monitoring water quality from space; understands that AquaWatch AUK, which is a suite of activities that will aim to improve water quality measurements and allow critical water resources to be managed more efficiently and effectively, is one of 23 projects to be funded through the programme; notes that it has been awarded £479,000 through the International Bilateral Fund; believes that this reinforces the University's position at the forefront of earth observation science; understands that the project builds on the University's pioneering use of satellite data to monitor inland and coastal waters; considers that the University will play a leading role in this major new international satellite project by developing a system to accurately detect nuisance plankton blooms and pollution events from

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space, building on the University's decade-long history of pioneering the use of satellite data to monitor inland and coastal waters; believes that this funding is a powerful acknowledgment that Stirling is home to world-leading expertise in satellite water science, enabling those on the project to turn satellite pixels into actionable insights by providing high-resolution data on water quality that will allow researchers to monitor even smaller lakes and rivers, extending coverage to unprecedented levels; acknowledges that the University will work alongside a consortium of leading UK and Australian partners, including Surrey Satellite Technology Limited, Pixalytics Ltd, Assimila Ltd and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation; understands that funding was granted as part of the second round of projects from the International Bilateral Fund, representing a £6.5 million boost for UK companies and universities collaborating internationally on space innovation with partners in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, India, Japan, Lithuania and the USA, and commends the University and everyone involved in what it sees as this groundbreaking initiative.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-19254 Paul Sweeney: Congratulating Humane World for Animals UK on the Success of its Crate Britain Tour (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba*, John Mason*, Colin Beattie*, Monica Lennon*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kenneth Gibson*

S6M-19249 Alexander Stewart: Forth Valley Early Learning Centre is First in Region to Earn a Top Language Award Twice (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, Edward Mountain*, Russell Findlay*

S6M-19248 Alexander Stewart: 15th Clackmannanshire (Kincardine) Scout Group 60th Anniversary Colours Change (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance* R, Edward Mountain*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alex Rowley*, Russell Findlay*

S6M-19247 Alexander Stewart: Sunnyside Primary School in Alloa Receives Two Coveted Awards (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Edward Mountain*, Jeremy Balfour*, Evelyn Tweed*, Russell Findlay*

S6M-19246 Annie Wells: Honouring Allison Gardner's 32 Years of Outstanding Contribution to Glasgow Film (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Liz Smith*, Liam Kerr*, Craig Hoy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bob Doris*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*, Douglas Ross*, Russell Findlay*

S6M-19245 Annie Wells: Glasgow Business Awards 2025, Honouring Sir Jim McDonald GBE (lodged on 06 October 2025)

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[S6M-19244](#) Craig Hoy: Congratulating Crawick Multiverse and Digital Dairy Chain (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Liam Kerr*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Pam Gosal*, Douglas Ross*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19243](#) Annie Wells: Congratulating EGG Lighting, Glasgow's Most Outstanding Business 2025 (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Liam Kerr*, Liz Smith*, Craig Hoy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bob Doris*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*, Douglas Ross*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19242](#) Annie Wells: Congratulating Oakminster Healthcare, Glasgow's Favourite Business 2025 (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Liam Kerr*, Liz Smith*, Craig Hoy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bob Doris*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*, Douglas Ross*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19241](#) Annie Wells: Congratulating Jemma Robertson, Glasgow's Young Business Person of the Year 2025 (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Liz Smith*, Craig Hoy*, Liam Kerr*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*, Douglas Ross*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19240](#) Annie Wells: Celebrating Peel Ports Clydeport as Glasgow's Sustainable Development Winner (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Liam Kerr*, Liz Smith*, Jeremy Balfour*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19239](#) Michelle Thomson: Callum Clydesdale, Falkirk East's Young Hero 2025 (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*

[S6M-19238](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Business Awards 2025: DTS Recognised for Family Business Leadership (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Craig Hoy*, Liz Smith*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liam Kerr*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*, Douglas Ross*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19237](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Business Awards 2025: Threesixty Architecture Recognised for Employee Wellbeing (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Craig Hoy*, Liz Smith*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liam Kerr*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*, Douglas Ross*, Emma Roddick*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19236](#) Annie Wells: Beatson Cancer Charity Wins Excellence in Communications Award (lodged on 06 October 2025)

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S6M-19235 Annie Wells: Glasgow Business Awards 2025: Language Service Solutions Recognised for Outstanding Performance (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Craig Hoy*, Liz Smith*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*, Douglas Ross*, Russell Findlay*

S6M-19234 Annie Wells: Celebrating Silverburn: Glasgow's Best Performing Large Business 2025 (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Edward Mountain*, Miles Briggs*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Craig Hoy*, Liz Smith*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liam Kerr*, Bob Doris*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*, Douglas Ross*, Russell Findlay*

S6M-19233 Annie Wells: Celebrating CCG's Award-winning Glasgow Developments (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Craig Hoy*, Liz Smith*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bob Doris*, Liam Kerr*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*, Douglas Ross*, Russell Findlay*

S6M-19232 Marie McNair: Clydebank Woman Raises Further Funds for St Margaret of Scotland Hospice (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Monica Lennon*

S6M-19231 Marie McNair: Blue Triangle Charity Celebrates 50th Anniversary (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-19230 Craig Hoy: Congratulating Wallace Hall Academy (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, Paul Sweeney*, Edward Mountain*, Jeremy Balfour*, Russell Findlay*

S6M-19229 Craig Hoy: Congratulating Moffat Town Hall Development Trust (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, Paul Sweeney*, Edward Mountain*, Jeremy Balfour*, Russell Findlay*

S6M-19227 John Mason: World Teachers' Day 2025 (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Monica Lennon*

S6M-19226 John Mason: World Post Day 2025 (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-19225 Craig Hoy: Celebrating Annan Day Centre's 20th Anniversary (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jeremy Balfour*, Russell Findlay*

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S6M-19224 Annie Wells: St Martin's Primary Achieves Glasgow's First International School Award (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jeremy Balfour*

S6M-19223 Jackie Baillie: Helping it Happen Awards - Success in Dumbarton (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-19218 Liam Kerr: Recognition of the Scottish Men's Shed Association in the 2025 SURF Awards (lodged on 03 October 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alexander Burnett* R

S6M-19216 Emma Harper: Commending CRY Cardiac Screening Event at Cairndale Hotel in Dumfries (lodged on 03 October 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

S6M-19215 Rona Mackay: Celebrating Success at Business Awards (lodged on 03 October 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

S6M-19213 Audrey Nicoll: Opening of Aberdeen's Energy Transition Skills Hub (lodged on 03 October 2025)

New Support: Paul McLennan*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Alasdair Allan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Clare Haughey*, Kenneth Gibson*

S6M-19209 Liam McArthur: Eday's Refurbished War Memorial Named Best in Scotland by Royal British Legion (lodged on 03 October 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

S6M-19208 Sarah Boyack: Supporting Callum Pigott's 53-mile Run for the Mental Health Foundation (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-19207 John Mason: Nature Champions Initiative (lodged on 02 October 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Lorna Slater*, Paul McLennan*, Douglas Ross*, Beatrice Wishart*, Elena Whitham*, Fulton MacGregor*, Willie Rennie*, Miles Briggs*, Sandesh Gulhane*

S6M-19205 Paul McLennan: Condemnation of Israel's Interception of the Global Sumud Flotilla (lodged on 02 October 2025)

New Support: Alex Rowley*, Lorna Slater*, Elena Whitham*

S6M-19204 Fulton MacGregor: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2025 (lodged on 02 October 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

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[S6M-19203](#) Miles Briggs: Recognising the Contribution of Alison Cuplan FRSE to Life Sciences (lodged on 02 October 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19202](#) Craig Hoy: Regretting Bank Closures (lodged on 02 October 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*, Monica Lennon*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19199](#) Paul McLennan: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2025, Together, We Care (lodged on 02 October 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Emma Roddick*, Monica Lennon*

[S6M-19194](#) Audrey Nicoll: Protecting Scotland's Rivers (lodged on 02 October 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Emma Roddick*

[S6M-19192](#) Monica Lennon: Celebrating the Life and Pioneering Conservation Legacy of Dr Jane Goodall DBE (lodged on 02 October 2025)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S6M-19183](#) Pam Gosal: 10 Years of the Disclosure Scheme (lodged on 01 October 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19180](#) Clare Adamson: Artisan Finalist at Scottish Whisky Awards 2025 (lodged on 01 October 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

[S6M-19175](#) Annie Wells: Boost for Glasgow Amputees as Charity Secures Backing (lodged on 01 October 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19169](#) Tess White: Launch of Montrose Urban Guerillas (MUGs) Volunteer Initiative (lodged on 01 October 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19167](#) Mercedes Villalba: Land Ownership in the Public Interest (lodged on 01 October 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

[S6M-19166](#) Monica Lennon: Celebrating World Menopause Day by Commending the College Sector's Policy (lodged on 01 October 2025)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S6M-19164](#) Sandesh Gulhane: The Piper Whisky Bar in Glasgow Wins Best Bar or Pub Award (lodged on 01 October 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19163](#) Pam Gosal: Robert Marshall completes 100th West Highland Way Walk (lodged on 01 October 2025)

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New Support: Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19162](#) Sandesh Gulhane: The Tall Ship Glenlee on the River Clyde Named Best Visitor Attraction (lodged on 01 October 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19161](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Mae MacInnes of Mharsanta Wins Rising Star Award at West of Scotland Thistle Awards (lodged on 01 October 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19159](#) Annie Wells: Piper Whisky Bar Recognised for Outstanding Hospitality (lodged on 01 October 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19158](#) Annie Wells: Elements Recognised as West of Scotland's Top Dining Experience (lodged on 01 October 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19154](#) Annie Wells: DF Concerts & Events Recognised for Inclusive Live Music Experience with TRNSMT Festival (lodged on 01 October 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19153](#) Annie Wells: Celtic Connections Triumphs at West of Scotland Thistle Awards (lodged on 01 October 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19145](#) Annie Wells: Rugby and STEM - a Partnership Making a Lasting Impact (lodged on 30 September 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

[S6M-19088](#) Miles Briggs: Warren Berwick, Self Management Champion at the Self Management Awards 2025 (lodged on 02 October 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

[S6M-19052](#) Tess White: Celebrating 60 Years of Guide Dogs Scotland (lodged on 02 October 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

[S6M-18993](#) Jeremy Balfour: Scottish Disability Sport: A Call to Action (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*, Clare Haughey*

[S6M-18981](#) Evelyn Tweed: 30th Anniversary of the Hamilton Toy Collection in Callander (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Audrey Nicoll*, Mark Ruskell*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Marie McNair*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Jamie Hepburn*, Colin Beattie*

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[S6M-18951](#) Fergus Ewing: Restoration of Vaccination Services in NHS Highlands to GPs
(lodged on 23 September 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Jeremy Balfour*, Graham Simpson*

[S6M-18939](#) Meghan Gallacher: Congratulating Dr Linda Irvine on the Appointment as CEO of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (lodged on 06 October 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-18919](#) Mercedes Villalba: Engender Report: Women's Political Journey (lodged on 16 September 2025)

New Support: Katy Clark*

[S6M-18862](#) Katy Clark: Global Sumud Flotilla (lodged on 15 September 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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Written Questions

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

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

Government initiated questions lodged on 07 October 2025

S6W-41095 Keith Brown: To ask the Scottish Government what further publications it has planned in connection with its policy on giving people in Scotland the information that they need to make an informed decision on their constitutional future.

Written questions lodged on 07 October 2025

S6W-40917 Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what action it takes when its corporate devices, including laptops and mobile phones, reach the end of their business needs and are no longer required by it, and how they are routinely disposed of, including whether it allows any of these devices to be reused subsequently outside of its supervision and, if so, (a) under what circumstances, (b) what information it has regarding how many devices in each of the last five years, have been repurposed and (i) by whom and (ii) for what reason, broken down by type of device, and (c) what action it takes to ensure that these devices cannot be compromised and no longer hold confidential or sensitive information, and how it monitors the effectiveness of this.

S6W-41039 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government when it will seek to schedule a parliamentary debate on fishing, in light of the commitment of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands in the Parliament on 18 February 2025.

S6W-41040 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has held with livestock marts, particularly those specialising in cattle trading, regarding its policy to mandate the use of ultra-high frequency (UHF) cattle electronic identification (EID) tags by 2026. **R**

S6W-41041 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government on what date it will advise farmers to fit new-born calves with ultra-high frequency tags, in line with its plans to mandate the use of ultra-high frequency (UHF) cattle electronic identification (EID) tags by 2026. **R**

S6W-41042 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to any impact on cross-border trading regarding its plans to mandate the use of ultra-high frequency (UHF) cattle electronic identification (EID) tags by 2026. **R**

S6W-41046 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that it will publish its health and social care winter preparedness plan for 2025-26.

S6W-41047 Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what financial commitment will be required to maintain the removal of peak rail fares on an annual basis beyond the next five years.

S6W-41048 Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what the cost in the current financial year is of the removal of peak rail fares, and how this policy is being financed.

S6W-41049 Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what adjustments have been made to the transport budget to finance the removal of peak rail fares.

S6W-41050 Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government whether the ability to finance the removal of peak rail fares is a consequence of an improved UK budget allocation.

S6W-41051 Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government whether it expects that modal shift or changes in passenger usage, resulting from the removal of peak rail fares, will allow the policy to be self-financing, and, if so, by when it expects the policy to be cost neutral.

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S6W-41052 Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government (a) how it plans to fund and (b) what the expected cost will be of the removal of peak rail fares, in each of the next five years.

S6W-41053 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on reintroducing supervised working for individuals with a pending Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) disclosure from Disclosure Scotland, in light of reported delays in PVG processing.

S6W-41054 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what the (a) average, (b) median and (c) longest processing time has been for Protecting Vulnerable Groups disclosures in each month since January 2025 to date.

S6W-41055 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it gave to the staffing levels at Disclosure Scotland prior to the introduction of the Scottish Statutory Instruments under the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020, which introduced a requirement for all employees in regulated roles to obtain a new Protecting Vulnerable Groups disclosure for each new employer, and removed the previous provision that allowed supervised working while checks were pending.

S6W-41056 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what support is available for businesses and voluntary organisations impacted by the reported Protecting Vulnerable Groups scheme processing delays.

S6W-41057 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to introducing a paid expedited Protecting Vulnerable Groups application service under Disclosure Scotland, in light of reported delays impacting businesses' and voluntary organisations' operations.

S6W-41058 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, when introducing a requirement for all employees in regulated roles to obtain a new Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) disclosure for each new employer under the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020, what consideration it gave to the potential impact of such a policy on seasonal work, such as employment in summer camps, where PVG checks are required.

S6W-41059 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address high-value car thefts.

S6W-41060 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide information on the number of high-value car thefts committed and the location where they were reported, broken down by year since 2021-22.

S6W-41061 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with Police Scotland to address high-value car thefts committed by organised gangs.

S6W-41062 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address keyless car thefts.

S6W-41063 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide information on the number of keyless car thefts committed and the location where they were reported, broken down by year since 2021-22.

S6W-41075 Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care last met with (a) Alzheimer Scotland, (b) Cancer Research UK, (c) Marie Curie, (d) Prostate Cancer UK, (e) Age Scotland, (f) MacMillan Cancer Support, (g) Parkinson's UK, (h) Royal College of Psychiatrists, (i) British Heart Foundation, (j) National Autistic Society, (k) MND Scotland, (l) Scottish Action for Mental Health, (m) Children's Hospices Across Scotland, (n) Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland and (o) Versus Arthritis. **R**

S6W-41078 Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will mirror changes to the GP contract that are equivalent to those being applied in England from 1 October 2025 that will require GP practices to keep their online consultation tool open throughout core hours for non-urgent requests and queries. **R**

S6W-41079 Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce "Jess's Rule" in Scotland for patients who present three times with the same symptoms or concerns. **R**

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S6W-41080 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what its plans are to increase funding for hospices in line with inflation, in light of reports that hospices in Edinburgh are reducing services due to a lack of funding increases.

S6W-41081 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Royal College of Psychiatrists' recent report, *Multi-system solutions for meeting the needs of autistic people and people with ADHD in Scotland*.

S6W-41082 Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the inclusion of a (a) public interest test assessment of potential buyers, (b) fit and proper person test of potential buyers, and (c) presumed limit against large-scale land ownership unless in the public interest, in the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill.

S6W-41083 Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase the diversification of land ownership.

S6W-41084 Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government, with regard to concentration of land ownership, what action it is taking to (a) increase adherence to the terms of the Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement, (b) protect relevant human rights and (c) support animal welfare.

S6W-41085 Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government, with regard to the concentration of land ownership, what action it is taking to support (a) environmental, (b) biodiversity and (c) natural processes (i) protection and (ii) restoration.

S6W-41086 Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government, with regard to the concentration of land ownership, what action it is taking to increase community (a) ownership of (i) land and (ii) energy, and (b) wealth building.

S6W-41087 Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government, with regard to the concentration of land ownership, what action it is taking to improve (a) community engagement and (b) local democracy regarding land ownership decisions.

S6W-41088 Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government, with regard to the concentration of land ownership, what action it is taking to support a just transition to a net zero (a) energy system and (b) economy.

S6W-41089 Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government, with regard to the concentration of land ownership, what action it is taking to (a) improve sustainable development and (b) increase levels of rural (i) employment, (ii) housing provision, and (iii) repopulation.

S6W-41090 Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government, with regard to the concentration of land ownership, what action it is taking to (a) increase the number of new (i) crofts, (ii) land tenancies and (iii) agriculture tenancies and (b) improve food (i) security and (ii) system resilience.

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 7 October 2025

Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill—
The Bill was reprinted as passed. (SP Bill 52B) (Government Bill)

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Amendments Atharrachaidhean				

Amendments

Amendments to Bills lodged or withdrawn on 7 October 2025

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

Section 1

David Torrance

- 232 In section 1, page 1, line 20, at end insert <(including without prejudice to the foregoing, the establishment of any asserted public right of way over the owner's land and the proper exercise of that right)>

Rhoda Grant

- 233 In section 1, page 1, line 23, after <44B> insert <, 44BB>

Mark Ruskell

- 234 In section 1, page 1, line 23, after <44C> insert < and 44CD>

Bob Doris

- 235 In section 1, page 2, line 6, at end insert—

<44AA Power to make further provision about obligations imposed by virtue of section 44A

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision in connection with obligations imposed by virtue of section 44A.
- (2) The further provision that may be made under subsection (1) includes—
 - (a) the conferral of functions on public bodies,
 - (b) provision requiring the payment of reasonable fees.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must, before laying a draft of any regulations under this section, consult—
 - (a) the Land and Communities Commissioner, and
 - (b) such other persons as they consider appropriate.>

Rhoda Grant

- 236 In section 1, page 2, line 11, after <communities> insert <and tenants (including, where relevant, crofters and small landholders)>

Rhoda Grant

- 237 In section 1, page 2, leave out lines 13 to 15

Mark Ruskell

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

<(bb) there is engagement with communities as to the existence, assertion and exercise of public rights of way affecting the land owned by the owner of the land,>

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Amendments Atharrachaidhean				

Bob Doris

239 In section 1, page 2, leave out lines 21 to 25

Douglas Lumsden

240 In section 1, page 2, line 29, at end insert—

<(ab) a map of the land that identifies high quality agricultural land,>

Tim Eagle

241 In section 1, page 2, leave out line 31

Edward Mountain

242 In section 1, page 2, line 31, after <sale> insert <(only insofar as such information is not commercially sensitive)>

Rhoda Grant

243 In section 1, page 2, line 32, after <communities> insert <and tenants (including, where relevant, crofters and small landholders)>

Rhoda Grant

244 In section 1, page 2, line 34, leave out <the owner's engagement with communities> and insert <that engagement>

Edward Mountain

245 In section 1, page 3, leave out lines 1 and 2 and insert—

<(ca) the extent to which (if at all) the owner's deer management procedures on the land are aligned with the code of practice on deer management in operation in pursuance of section 5A of the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996,>

Edward Mountain

246 In section 1, page 3, line 3, leave out <how> and insert <the extent to which>

Tim Eagle

247 In section 1, page 3, leave out lines 5 and 6

Edward Mountain

248 In section 1, page 3, line 5, leave out <achieving> and insert <the achievement by Ministers of>

Douglas Lumsden

249 In section 1, page 3, line 8, at end insert—

<(iv) protecting productive land and rural livelihoods, in particular by ensuring any high

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quality agricultural land identified under paragraph (ab) is not used for major energy infrastructure.>

Rhoda Grant

250 In section 1, page 3, leave out lines 13 to 15

Douglas Lumsden

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

<(g) whether the owner intends to enter into any agreement to allow the construction of pylons on the land.>

Brian Whittle

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

<(g) where the plan relates to land to which section 44DA applies, the steps taken by the community body in relation to organisational succession planning to ensure that the plan is implemented.>

Douglas Lumsden

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

<(3A) Regulations under section 44A must provide that, where a land management plan indicates that the landowner intends to enter into an agreement to allow the construction of pylons on the land, the plan must set out how the landowner has taken into account the cumulative impact of existing pylons and other energy infrastructure in the surrounding area.>

Douglas Lumsden

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

<(3A) Regulations under section 44A must provide that, where a land management plan indicates that the landowner intends to enter into an agreement to allow the construction of pylons on the land, the plan must set out the local impacts and mitigations associated with this construction.

(3B) In identifying the local impacts and mitigations mentioned in subsection (4), the landowner must consult with—

- (a) an independent expert with knowledge of the impacts of pylon construction,
- (b) the local community.>

Douglas Lumsden

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

<(3A) Regulations under section 44A must provide that, where a land management plan indicates that the landowner intends to enter into an agreement to allow the construction of pylons on the land, the plan must set out why buried cables do not offer an appropriate alternative.>

Bob Doris

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256 In section 1, page 3, line 17, leave out <which the owner of land may,>

Bob Doris

257 In section 1, page 3, line 18, after <land> insert <may or>

Bob Doris

258 In section 1, page 3, line 18, leave out from second <the> to end of line 19 and insert <obligations imposed in accordance with subsection (1), for example—

- (a) provision requiring the owner to ensure that a land management plan is given to another person in order that all land management plans can be published on a single website,
- (b) provision about the timescales for compliance in circumstances where ownership of land is transferred.>

Brian Whittle

259 In section 1, page 3, line 19, at end insert—

<(4A) Regulations under subsection 44A must provide that, where a community body—

- (a) was notified about a possible transfer of land under section 46D(2)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, and
- (b) purchased an area of that land that exceeds 50 hectares,

the community body must adopt the land management plan until such time as the plan is reviewed, and where appropriate, revised (which must be no later than 2 years after the land is purchased by the community body).>

Tim Eagle

127A As an amendment to amendment 127, line 6, leave out <, including its potential sale>

Bob Doris

260 In section 1, page 3, line 22, at end insert—

<(6) Subsection (7) applies where—

- (a) in accordance with section 29(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 a draft Scottish statutory instrument is laid before the Scottish Parliament containing either—
 - (i) regulations imposing the obligation described in subsection (1), or
 - (ii) regulations modifying the obligation imposed in accordance with that subsection, and
- (b) the effect of those regulations would be that the obligation imposed in accordance with subsection (1) would not apply in relation to all of the land to which section 44D applies.>

(7) At the same time as laying the draft instrument mentioned in subsection (6) before the Parliament, the Scottish Ministers must also lay before the Parliament a statement of their reasons for not imposing the obligation described in subsection (1) in relation to all of the land to which section 44D applies.>

Rhoda Grant

261 In section 1, page 3, line 37, at end insert—

<44BB Regulations to include obligation to have regard to the public interest when preparing a land management plan

- (1) Regulations under section 44A must require a landowner to have regard to the public interest in land ownership when preparing the land management plan.
- (2) In this section, the “public interest” includes the desirability of—
 - (a) achieving a more diverse ownership of land, including more community ownership of land,
 - (b) furthering sustainable development,
 - (c) securing a greater proportion of community owned energy,
 - (d) advancing community wealth building,
 - (e) increasing community agency on matters seen as important to them,
 - (f) ensuring an adequate supply of affordable housing and of workspace for employment,
 - (g) enabling the repopulation or settlement of land,
 - (h) enabling the creation of new crofts, and land and agricultural tenancies,
 - (i) ensuring adherence to the terms of the Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement (published under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016).
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must publish and lay before the Scottish Parliament guidance setting out, in detail, how the public interest matters referred to in subsection (2) are to be addressed in land management plans.>

Bob Doris

262 In section 1, page 4, line 7, at end insert—

<(2A) Subsection (2B) applies where—

- (a) in accordance with section 29(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 a draft Scottish statutory instrument is laid before the Scottish Parliament containing either—
 - (i) regulations imposing the obligation described in subsection (1), or
 - (ii) regulations modifying the obligation imposed in accordance with that subsection, and
 - (b) the effect of those regulations would be that the obligation imposed in accordance with subsection (1) would not apply in relation to all of the land to which section 44D applies.
- (2B) At the same time as laying the draft instrument mentioned in subsection (2A) before the Parliament, the Scottish Ministers must also lay before the Parliament a statement of their reasons for not imposing the obligation described in subsection (1) in relation to all of the land to which section 44D applies.>

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Rhoda Grant

263 In section 1, page 4, line 9, at end insert—

<44CA Regulations to include obligation to consider crofting request

- (1) Regulations under section 44A must require the owner of land to give consideration to a reasonable request from a community body for the landowner to apply under section 3A(1) of the 1993 Act to have constituted as a croft—
 - (a) the whole of the land (provided it is all in a crofting area), or
 - (b) any part of the land that is in a crofting area.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not require the obligation it describes to be imposed in connection with all land to which section 44D applies.
- (3) In this section—

“1993 Act” means the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993,

“community body” means—

 - (a) a community body within the meaning of section 34 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, or
 - (b) a crofting community body within the meaning of section 71 of that Act,

“crofting area” means—

 - (a) any of the crofting counties within the meaning of section 61 of the 1993 Act, or
 - (b) any area designated by virtue of section 3A(1)(b) of that Act.>

Mark Ruskell

264 In section 1, page 4, line 9, at end insert—

<44CD Regulations to include obligation to establish public rights of way

- (1) Regulations under section 44A must require the owner of land to—
 - (a) establish asserted public rights of way over the owner’s land,
 - (b) ensure the proper exercise of those rights.
- (2) The owner of land must engage with communities on the rights to be established under subsection (1).>

Douglas Lumsden

265 In section 1, page 4, line 19, at end insert—

- <(c) a single holding forms part of a composite holding with another if it is one holding of 30 or more holdings that are—
 - (i) used for the purposes of electricity infrastructure, and
 - (ii) owned by the same licence holder,>

Mark Ruskell

266 In section 1, page 4, line 30, leave out <250 metres of> and insert <the same or adjoining electoral ward

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as>

Mark Ruskell

- 267** In section 1, page 4, line 36, leave out <250 metres of> and insert <the same or adjoining electoral ward as>

Mark Ruskell

- 268** In section 1, page 5, line 12, at end insert—
- <(7) In this section, “electoral ward” has the meaning given by section 1 of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004.>

Michael Matheson

- 269** In section 1, page 5, line 12, at end insert—
- <44DA Guidance about obligations imposed under section 44A**
- (1) The Scottish Ministers must issue guidance about obligations imposed by regulations under section 44A.
 - (2) Before issuing guidance under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) the Land and Communities Commissioner, and
 - (b) such other persons as they consider appropriate.
 - (3) The Scottish Ministers must make publicly available the latest version of any guidance issued under subsection (1) as soon as practicable after issuing it.>

Rhoda Grant

- 270** In section 1, page 5, line 27, at end insert—
- <(aba) a grazings committee or a grazings constable, if the land to which the report of the alleged breach relates falls (wholly or partly) within the common grazing in relation to which the committee or, as the case may be, the constable is appointed under section 47 of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993,>

Tim Eagle

- 271** In section 1, page 8, line 26, after <£40,000> insert <for repeated offences>

Tim Eagle

- 272** In section 1, page 8, line 26, after <£40,000> insert <, and must only be used in full for repeat offences>

Tim Eagle

- 273** In section 1, page 10, line 4, after <£40,000> insert <for repeated offences>

Tim Eagle

- 274** In section 1, page 10, line 4, after <£40,000> insert <, and must only be used in full for repeat

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Rhoda Grant

275 In section 1, page 12, line 17, at end insert—

<44N Subordinate legislation: pre-laying procedure

- (1) This section applies where the Scottish Ministers propose to lay before the Scottish Parliament a draft of a statutory instrument containing regulations made under section 44M.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must, before doing so, lay before the Parliament—
 - (a) a copy of the proposed regulations,
 - (b) a statement setting out their reasons for proposing to make those regulations, and
 - (c) in the case of regulations mentioned in section 44M(1)(a), a statement setting out whether the proposed limit is consistent with the most up-to-date advice they have received from the relevant body.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must, when laying such a copy, specify a period (the “representation period”) during which representations on the proposed regulations may be made to them.
- (4) The representation period must be at least 90 days, of which no fewer than 30 must be days on which the Parliament is not dissolved or in recess.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after laying a copy of the proposed regulations, publicise them in such manner as they consider appropriate.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers must, before laying the proposed regulations before the Parliament, have regard to—
 - (a) any representations on the proposed regulations made to them,
 - (b) any resolution relating to those regulations passed by the Parliament, and
 - (c) any report relating to those regulations published by any committee of the Parliament for the time being appointed by virtue of standing orders, before the expiry of the representation period.
- (7) The Scottish Ministers must, when laying such proposed regulations, lay a statement setting out—
 - (a) details of any representations, resolutions or reports mentioned in subsection (6),
 - (b) the changes (if any) they have made to the proposed regulations in response to such representations, resolutions or reports and the reasons for those changes, and
 - (c) in the case of regulations mentioned in section 44M(1)(a), whether the proposed limit is consistent with the most up-to-date advice they have received from the relevant body.
- (8) In this section, “proposed regulations” means a draft of a statutory instrument to which subsection (1) applies.>

Bob Doris

276 In section 1, page 12, line 19, at end insert—

<(baa) section 44AA,>

After section 1

Brian Whittle

277 After section 1, insert—

<Land management plans: land owned by community body

- (1) The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 44A (inserted by section 1), in subsection (3), after “44D” insert or “44DA”.
- (3) In section 44B (inserted by section 1), in subsection (2), after “44D” insert or “44DA”.
- (4) After section 44D (inserted by section 1), insert—

“44DA Land in relation to which obligations may be imposed: land owned by community body

This section applies to land that is—

- (a) owned by a community body,
- (b) exceeds 50 hectares in area.”.>

Section 2

Rhoda Grant

278 In section 2, page 14, line 12, at end insert—

- <(4) Ministers must issue guidance in relation to the making of a request under subsection (2).
- (5) Ministers must make publicly available the latest version of any guidance issued under subsection (4) as soon as practicable after issuing it.>

Michael Matheson

279 In section 2, page 15, line 23, leave out from <until—> to end of line 26 and insert <until they have decided whether they are or are not required to impose such a prohibition.

- (3) If Ministers decide that they are required to impose a prohibition on the transfer of the land under section 46F they must not give notice under subsection (1) before giving notice under section 46F(2) intimating the imposition of that prohibition.
- (4) The giving of notice under subsection (1) is not to be delayed by virtue of subsection (2) beyond the period of 60 days beginning with the day that Ministers fulfilled their duty under section 46D to publicise the possible transfer of the land.
- (5) Any failure to comply with the time limit specified in subsection (4) does not affect the validity of anything done under this section.>

Michael Matheson

280 In section 2, page 15, line 36, leave out <the person receives notice from Ministers> and insert <Ministers give notice>

Mark Ruskell

281 In section 2, page 18, line 25, leave out <250 metres of> and insert <as the same or adjoining electoral ward>

Mark Ruskell

282 In section 2, page 18, line 31, leave out <250 metres of> and insert <as the same or adjoining electoral ward>

Mark Ruskell

283 In section 2, page 19, line 6, at end insert—

- <(6) In this section, “electoral ward” has the meaning given by section 1 of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004.>

Rhoda Grant

284 In section 2, page 19, line 33, at end insert—

<46M Subordinate legislation: pre-laying procedure

- (1) This section applies where the Scottish Ministers propose to lay before the Scottish Parliament a draft of a statutory instrument containing regulations made under section 46L.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must, before doing so, lay before the Parliament—
 - (a) a copy of the proposed regulations,
 - (b) a statement setting out their reasons for proposing to make those regulations, and
 - (c) in the case of regulations mentioned in section 46L(1)(b), a statement setting out whether the proposed limit is consistent with the most up-to-date advice they have received from the relevant body.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must, when laying such a copy, specify a period (the “representation period”) during which representations on the proposed regulations may be made to them.
- (4) The representation period must be at least 90 days, of which no fewer than 30 must be days on which the Parliament is not dissolved or in recess.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after laying a copy of the proposed regulations, publicise them in such manner as they consider appropriate.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers must, before laying the proposed regulations before the Parliament, have regard to—
 - (a) any representations on the proposed regulations made to them,
 - (b) any resolution relating to those regulations passed by the Parliament, and
 - (c) any report relating to those regulations published by any committee of the Parliament for the time being appointed by virtue of standing orders, before the expiry of the representation period.
- (7) The Scottish Ministers must, when laying such proposed regulations, lay a statement setting out—
 - (a) details of any representations, resolutions or reports mentioned in subsection (6),
 - (b) the changes (if any) they have made to the proposed regulations in response to such representations, resolutions or reports and the reasons for those changes, and
 - (c) in the case of regulations mentioned in section 46L(1)(b), whether the proposed limit is consistent with the most up-to-date advice they have received from the relevant body.
- (8) In this section, “proposed regulations” means a draft of a statutory instrument to which

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subsection (1) applies.>

After section 3

Rhoda Grant

285 After section 3, insert—

<Duty to promote community ownership

- (1) The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 67B, insert—

“Duty to promote community ownership

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must promote genuine community ownership of land, in particular through—
 - (a) co-operatives,
 - (b) community benefit societies,
 - (c) community interest companies.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must report to the Parliament annually on—
 - (a) how they have fulfilled the duty in subsection (1), and
 - (b) progress towards increasing the amount of land owned by co-operatives, community benefit societies a community interest companies.”.>

Mark Ruskell

286 After section 3, insert—

<Community right to buy: abandoned, neglected or detrimental land

- (1) The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 97C (right to buy eligible land), after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) For the purposes of subsection (2)(a), land is to be considered wholly or mainly abandoned or neglected if less than 25% of the land is frequently used.”.
- (3) In section 97G (right to buy: application for consent), after subsection (10) insert—

“(10A) When the owner of the land receives an invitation under subsection (9)(a)(i), the owner is precluded from making any changes to the land until the Scottish Ministers have decided whether or not to consent to the application under this section.”.>

Section 4

Mark Ruskell

287 In section 4, page 23, line 21, leave out <250 metres of> and insert <as the same or adjoining electoral ward>

Mark Ruskell

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288 In section 4, page 23, line 27, leave out <250 metres of> and insert <as the same or adjoining electoral ward>

Mark Ruskell

289 In section 4, page 23, line 28, at end insert—

<(5) In this section, “electoral ward” has the meaning given by section 1 of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004.>

Tim Eagle

290 In section 4, page 25, line 31, at beginning insert <Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (A1),>

Edward Mountain

291 In section 4, page 25, line 35, after <sustainable> insert <, and

(b) not reduce the ability to achieve the net-zero emissions target set by section A1 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009,>

Douglas Lumsden

292 In section 4, page 26, line 17, at end insert—

<67NA Consequences of lotting decisions

(1) Ministers are liable for any costs incurred to an employer arising from the employer’s staff being made redundant as a result of a lotting decision under section 67N stating that land may only be transferred in lots.

(2) Ministers may by regulations make further provision for the purposes of subsection (1).>

Ariane Burgess

293 In section 4, page 27, line 6, at end insert—

<(d) how the Commissioner will identify community bodies for the purposes of section 67O(3)(c).>

Ariane Burgess

294 In section 4, page 27, line 6, at end insert—

<(d) how Ministers will identify community bodies for the purposes of section 67W(b).>

Douglas Lumsden

295 In section 4, page 30, line 18, at end insert—

<(c) have regard to any failure by Ministers to comply with the time limit set out in section 67N(6), 67P(3) or 67R(8).>

Tim Eagle

296 In section 4, page 30, line 28, leave out from <stating> to end of line 29

Douglas Lumsden

297 In section 4, page 30, line 29, at end insert—

<(1A) In determining whether compensation is payable under this section Ministers or the Lands Tribunal as the case may be must have regard, amongst other things, to any failure by Ministers to comply with the time limit set out in section 67N(6), 67P(3) or 67R(8).>

Michael Matheson

298 In section 4, page 31, line 11, after <must> insert <—

(a)>

Ariane Burgess

299 In section 4, page 31, line 11, after <to> insert <—

<(a)>

Michael Matheson

300 In section 4, page 31, line 11, after <to> insert <—

(i)>

Michael Matheson

301 In section 4, page 31, line 12, after <and> insert—

<(ii)>

Ariane Burgess

302 In section 4, page 31, line 13, after <land> insert <, and

<(b) any community body that Ministers consider might have an interest in purchasing lots of the land to which the decision relates>

Michael Matheson

303 In section 4, page 31, line 13, at end insert—

<(b) inform of the decision any person whose wish to be notified of possible transfers of the land (or any area it wholly or partly subsumes or is subsumed by) is recorded in the list kept in accordance with section 46A.>

Rhoda Grant

304 In section 4, page 31, line 27, at end insert—

<67Z Subordinate legislation: pre-laying procedure

- (1) This section applies where the Scottish Ministers propose to lay before the Scottish Parliament a draft of a statutory instrument containing regulations made under section 67Y.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must, before doing so, lay before the Parliament—
 - (a) a copy of the proposed regulations,

- (b) a statement setting out their reasons for proposing to make those regulations, and
- (c) in the case of regulations mentioned in section 67Y(1)(b), a statement setting out whether the proposed limit is consistent with the most up-to-date advice they have received from the relevant body.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must, when laying such a copy, specify a period (the “representation period”) during which representations on the proposed regulations may be made to them.
- (4) The representation period must be at least 90 days, of which no fewer than 30 must be days on which the Parliament is not dissolved or in recess.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after laying a copy of the proposed regulations, publicise them in such manner as they consider appropriate.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers must, before laying the proposed regulations before the Parliament, have regard to—
 - (a) any representations on the proposed regulations made to them,
 - (b) any resolution relating to those regulations passed by the Parliament, and
 - (c) any report relating to those regulations published by any committee of the Parliament for the time being appointed by virtue of standing orders, before the expiry of the representation period.
- (7) The Scottish Ministers must, when laying such proposed regulations, lay a statement setting out—
 - (a) details of any representations, resolutions or reports mentioned in subsection (6),
 - (b) the changes (if any) they have made to the proposed regulations in response to such representations, resolutions or reports and the reasons for those changes, and
 - (c) in the case of regulations mentioned in section 67Y(1)(b), whether the proposed limit is consistent with the most up-to-date advice they have received from the relevant body.
- (8) In this section, “proposed regulations” means a draft of a statutory instrument to which subsection (1) applies.>

After section 4

Douglas Lumsden

305 After section 4, insert—

<Transfer of large landholdings in the public interest

- (1) The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 is modified as follows.
- (2) After Part 2 insert—

“PART 2B

PROHIBITIONS ON TRANSFER OF LAND FOR ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE

67Z Prohibition on transfer where there is community objection

- (1) A purported transfer of land by the owner, or a creditor in a standard security having a right to sell the land, is of no effect if—
 - (a) the new owner intends to use that land to construct electricity infrastructure, and

- (b) the local community objects to the transfer.
- (2) The owner, or creditor in a standard security, must take reasonable steps to publicise the purported transfer to the local community.”.>

Section 5

Douglas Lumsden

- 306 In section 5, page 31, line 31, after <insert > insert <“67NA, >

Section 6

Edward Mountain

- 307 In section 6, page 32, line 27, after <empowerment> insert <, and
(c) land valuation>

Edward Mountain

- 308 In section 6, page 33, line 28, at end insert—
<(bb) maintain the online database established under section 44ZBA,>

Rhoda Grant

- 309 In section 6, page 33, line 31, at end insert—
<(ca) commissioning research into—
(i) land management,
(ii) community empowerment, and
(iii) land valuation.>

Michael Matheson

- 310 In section 6, page 33, line 33, at end insert—
<38AA Functions of the Land and Communities Commissioner: further provisions
In exercising the functions under section 38A, the Land and Communities Commissioner—
(a) may hold public meetings or undertake other such consultations as the Commissioner considers appropriate,
(b) must have regard to the policies of the Commission and act in ways which are consistent with those policies,
(c) must have regard to any considerations the Commission must have regard to.>

After section 6

Ross Greer

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311 After section 6, insert—

<Land and buildings transaction tax

- (1) The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 26A (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.) insert—

“26B Additional amount: transactions relating to large land holdings

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, make provision to increase the amount of tax chargeable in respect of transactions, the subject-matter of which consists of or includes the acquisition of ownership of a large holding of land, by the additional amount mentioned in subsection (2).
- (2) The additional amount is an amount prescribed by the Scottish Ministers in regulations under subsection (1) exceeding the amount specified in paragraph 4(2) of schedule 2A.
- (3) In subsection (1), a “large holding of land” means—
 - (a) a single holding, or
 - (b) a composite holding,
 that exceeds 1,000 hectares in area.
- (4) For the purposes of this section—
 - (a) a single holding is the whole of a contiguous area of land in the ownership of one person or set of persons,
 - (b) two or more single holdings form a composite holding if the conditions in subsection (5) are met.
- (5) The conditions referred to in subsection (4)(b) are that—
 - (a) each single holding is contiguous with at least one other single holding, and
 - (b) the owner of one single holding (“holding A”)—
 - (i) is connected to the owner of another single holding (“holding B”) with which holding A is contiguous, and
 - (ii) where there are more than two single holdings, is also the owner of, or connected to the owner of, every other single holding.
- (6) For the purposes—
 - (a) subsection (4)(a), an area of land is to be treated as being contiguous with another if any part of the area is within 250 metres of any part of the other,
 - (b) subsection (5)—
 - (i) a holding is contiguous with another if a boundary of the holding is (wholly or partly) contiguous with a boundary of the other, and
 - (ii) a boundary of a holding is to be treated as being contiguous with a boundary of another if any part of the boundary is within 250 metres of the other.
- (7) For the purposes of subsection (5)(b)—
 - (a) one person is connected to another person if—

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- (i) they are both companies in the same group,
 - (ii) one has a controlling interest in the other, or
 - (iii) a person holds a controlling interest in them both,
 - (b) companies are in the same group if they are, or are included in a number of, companies which, by virtue of section 170 of the Taxation and Chargeable Gains Act 1992, together form part of a group for the purposes of sections 171 to 181 of that Act,
 - (c) one person (“person A”) has a controlling interest in another (“person B”) if regulations under section 39 provide that person A is to be treated as having a controlling interest in person B.
- (8) Regulations under subsection (1) may modify—
- (a) this Act,
 - (b) the additional amount in subsection (2),
 - (c) the definition of “large holding of land” in subsection (3).”.
- (3) In section 68 (subordinate legislation), in subsection (3), after paragraph (a) insert—
- “(aa) section 26B(1).”.>

Rhoda Grant

89C As an amendment to amendment 89, line 4, after <Part> insert <in respect of each review period>

Mercedes Villalba

89D As an amendment to amendment 89, line 4, at end insert—

- <() The review must consider the appropriateness of the Part’s application to land as described in section 44D of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 and sections 46K and 67G of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, having particular regard to the size of the areas of land, and whether the size of the areas need to be reduced.>

Mark Ruskell

89E As an amendment to amendment 89, line 4, at end insert—

- <() The review must consider the appropriateness of the Part’s application to land as described in section 44D of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 and sections 46K and 67G of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, having particular regard to what land is to be treated as contiguous and what land forms a composite holding.>

Rhoda Grant

89F As an amendment to amendment 89, line 4, at end insert—

- <() The review must consider—
- (a) whether there is greater transparency of land ownership and management as a result of this Part,
 - (b) whether communities are experiencing greater involvement in decisions about the land on which they live and work as a result of this Part,

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- (c) any impact that this Part has had on the amount of land purchased by community bodies,
- (d) whether there is a greater diversification of land ownership as a result of this Part and, if so, the impact this has had on community sustainability,
- (e) whether the thresholds for the land to which section 44D of the 2016 Act and sections 46K and 67G of the 2003 Act apply should be amended,
- (f) whether there are any loopholes that have been identified in the application of this Part,
- (g) any negative unintended consequences of this Part.>

Rhoda Grant

89G As an amendment to amendment 89, leave out lines 5 and 6, at end insert—

- <() For the purposes of this section, “review period” means—
- (a) the period of 5 years beginning with the day of Royal Assent,
 - (b) each subsequent period of 3 years.>

Ariane Burgess

312 After section 6, insert—

<CHAPTER

FUNCTIONS OF THE LAND COMMISSIONERS

Functions of the Land Commissioners: natural capital markets

- (1) The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 22 (functions of the Land Commissioners)—
 - (a) in subsection (5), after paragraph (d) insert “,
 - (e) the effects of natural capital markets in relation to other matters relating to land in Scotland.”,
 - (b) after subsection (5) insert—
 - “(6) In subsection (5) “natural capital market” means the trading of units or credits which are generated through a registration scheme for projects to restore or improve the natural environment.”.>

Ariane Burgess

203 *Withdrawn*

Michael Matheson

313 After section 6, insert—

<Functions of the Land Commissioners: further provisions

- (1) The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 22 (functions of the Land Commissioners), in subsection (5), after paragraph (d) insert—
 - “(f) the relationship between scale and concentrations of land holdings and

- local economic development,
- (g) the desirability of achieving a more diverse pattern of landownership comprising more landowners and different types of landowners, and
 - (h) measures to prevent depopulation and support the repopulation of land and the sustainability of communities.”.>

Ross Greer

314 After section 6, insert—

<PART

RATES TO BE LEVIED ON LAND

Valuation of crofts

- (1) The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 1A (valuation of shootings and deer forests), after paragraph (b) insert—
“(c) crofts, in so far as situated in,”.
- (3) The title of section 1A becomes “**Valuation of shootings, deer forests, and crofts**”.>

Ross Greer

315 After section 6, insert—

<PART

RATES TO BE LEVIED ON LAND

Eligibility for relief from non-domestic rates: shootings

- (1) The Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 20, insert—

“20A Eligibility for relief from non-domestic rates: shootings

Any land holding which is entered separately on the valuation roll as a shooting under section 1A(a) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975 is not eligible for any relief from the payment of non-domestic rates.”.>

Ross Greer

316 After section 6, insert—

<PART

RATES TO BE LEVIED ON LAND

Additional surcharge: vacant land

- (1) The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 24B (certain lands to be treated as unoccupied), insert—

“24C Additional surcharge: vacant land

- (1) If it appears to the rating authority that part of any land holding included in the valuation roll is vacant, the authority may levy a rate greater than that which

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would ordinarily be levied.

- (2) For the avoidance of doubt, in determining whether part of a land holding is vacant, the rating authority may have regard to the same matters it has regard to when determining whether a property is unoccupied for the purposes of rating.”.>

Mark Ruskell

317 After section 6, insert—

<PART

LICENSING: LAND ON WHICH CERTAIN BIRDS MAY BE KILLED OR TAKEN

Section 16AA licences: land to be covered by licences and code of practice

- (1) The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 16AA (licensing: land on which certain birds may be killed or taken Scotland), after subsection (6) insert—
 - “(6A) Subject to subsection (6B), the area of land identified under subsection (6)(a)(ii) must include—
 - (a) land over which the killing or taking of any type of bird included in Part 1B of Schedule 2 takes place, and
 - (b) any other land, within the ownership or occupation of the applicant, that is—
 - (i) contiguous with the land referred to in paragraph (a), and
 - (ii) where either management activities related to the killing or taking of the that bird could take place or where any relevant offences could be committed, caused or permitted.
 - (6B) For the purposes of subsection (6A)(b)(i)—
 - (a) land is contiguous with other land if the boundary of the land is (wholly or partly) contiguous with a boundary of the other land,
 - (b) a boundary of land is to be treated as being contiguous with the boundary of other land if any part of the boundary is within 250 metres of the other.
 - (6C) Subsection (6A) does not apply where the area of land mentioned in that subsection is subject to—
 - (a) a shooting tenancy conferring the right to shoot red grouse, and
 - (b) a separate licence, or application for a licence, under this section.”.>

Douglas Lumsden

318 After section 6, insert—

<PART

ENERGY AND LAND USE STRATEGY>

<Energy and Land Use Strategy

- (1) Scottish Ministers must, within 40 weeks of Royal Assent, publish an Energy and Land Use Strategy.

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- (2) The Strategy must set out—
 - (a) the proportion of land used or proposed to be used for energy developments, disaggregated by technology (overhead line, substation, underground cable, battery energy storage system, onshore solar, ancillary works),
 - (b) the number, capacity and footprint of existing, consented and proposed developments, by local authority area and grid zone,
 - (c) a national constraints map identifying designated and sensitive areas (including National Scenic Areas, Wild Land Areas, National Parks, peatland, prime agricultural land, historic environment assets, and flood risk areas),
 - (d) identification of strategic corridors and areas of search, including opportunities to reuse or widen existing corridors before creating new ones,
 - (e) a dataset of proximity to settlements (including schools, hospitals and care homes) and to core paths, rights of way and popular recreation areas,
 - (f) objectives including—
 - (i) minimising land take, habitat loss, visual intrusion and community harm,
 - (ii) securing community benefit.
 - (g) the impact of the energy developments on—
 - (i) biodiversity net gain (and an avoidance hierarchy and compensatory measures),
 - (ii) peat, soils and carbon (including whole-life embodied carbon and carbon payback),
 - (iii) water environment (drainage, flood risk, pollution prevention, fire-water containment for BESS),
 - (iv) agriculture and forestry, including prime agricultural land loss (and compensatory planting policy),
 - (v) cultural heritage and archaeology,
 - (vi) public access, recreation and tourism (core paths, rights of way, cycle routes, wild land use),
 - (vii) community enjoyment of land and open-space quality.
- (3) Before publishing the Strategy, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) communities,
 - (b) planning authorities,
 - (c) the Land and Communities Commissioner,
 - (d) statutory nature and heritage bodies,
 - (e) emergency services, and
 - (f) such other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must publish a consultation report setting out—
 - (a) a summary of representations made by those consulted under subsection (3),
 - (b) how those views have informed the preparation of the Strategy.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must publish annual monitoring reports on progress being made towards the objectives of the Strategy.

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- (6) The Strategy must be reviewed and revised as considered necessary by the Scottish Ministers (but after no longer a period than 3 years after the publication of the previous strategy).
- (7) The Scottish Ministers must lay before the Parliament a copy of—
 - (a) the Strategy under subsection (1),
 - (b) any revised Strategy under subsection (6),
 - (c) consultation reports under subsection (4),
 - (d) monitoring reports under subsection (5).
- (8) Public authorities and the Land and Communities Commissioner must have regard to the Strategy in carrying out the duties conferred on them by this Act.
- (9) Scottish Ministers must publish guidance on how landowners are to demonstrate consistency with the Strategy in any agreement conferring rights to develop energy infrastructure.
- (10) Subsections (2), (3), (4), (5) and (8) apply to a revised strategy under subsection (6) as they do to the first strategy.
- (11) In this section, “energy infrastructure” includes (without limitation) electricity transmission and distribution works (overhead or underground, including towers, poles, lines, substations and converter stations), battery energy storage systems and associated plant, access and land reasonably required for construction, operation, maintenance or decommissioning.>

Douglas Lumsden

319 After section 6, insert—

<PART

COMPULSORY ACQUISITION

Compulsory acquisition: limitation on acquiring farmland

- (1) The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 189 (compulsory acquisition of land in connection with development and for other planning purposes), after subsection (2A) insert—

“(2AA) The Scottish Ministers must not authorise the acquisition of any interest in land used for farming for the purposes of developing energy infrastructure unless they have determined that no suitable alternative is offered by—

 - (a) acquiring alternative land that is not used for farming,
 - (b) underground options for energy infrastructure.”>

Rachael Hamilton

320 After section 6, insert—

<PART

MOORLANDS

Report on moorlands

The Scottish Ministers must, before the expiry of 2 years beginning with the day of Royal Assent, publish a report on—

- (a) what proportion of land in Scotland is moorland,

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- (b) the rate of moorland habitat loss, broken down by region,
- (c) the land uses that are replacing moorlands,
- (d) the consequences of moorlands being replaced with other land uses.>

David Torrance

321 After section 6, insert—

<PART

PLACES OF PUBLIC RESORT AND PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY>

<Places of public resort and public right of way

- (1) The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 30 insert—

“30A Places of public resort and public right of way

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations establish places of public resort and public right of way in respect of land at Burntisland Harbour.
- (2) In this section “Burntisland Harbour” means the area of land in Burntisland, south of the main line railway line, lying between the railway to the north and the River Forth to the south, extending to approximately 10 hectares, between the Burntisland Western Breakwater in the west and Lammerlaws Road in the east lying entirely within an imaginary rectangle commencing at a point at NT 29630 55000, via points NT38250 58000, NT 38810 56000 and NT 30800 52000.”
- (3) In section 98, in subsection (5), after second “section” insert “30A(1)”.>

After section 7

Douglas Lumsden

322 After section 7, insert—

<CHAPTER

TENANT’S CONSENT FOR OVERHEAD LINES

Consent required for overhead lines: consent of tenants

- (1) The Electricity Act 1989 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 37, in subsection (3), after paragraph (a) insert—
 - “(ab) must not be granted without the consent of any tenant with a lease of the land on which the electric line is to be installed or kept installed;”>

Ariane Burgess

323 After section 7, insert—

<CHAPTER

MODEL LEASE FOR HUTTING

Duty to publish model lease

- (1) The Scottish Ministers are to make publicly available a model lease designed for letting public land so that it can be used for the purpose of building or occupying huts.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must fulfil their duty under this section before the end of the period of 3 years beginning with the day that the Bill for this Act receives Royal Assent.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify subsection (2) to change the date by which their duty under this section is to be fulfilled.
- (4) For the purpose of this section, a hut—
 - (a) is a simple building used intermittently as recreational accommodation,
 - (b) has an internal floor area of no more than 30m²,
 - (c) is constructed from low impact materials,
 - (d) generally not connected to mains water, electricity or sewerage,
 - (e) built in such a way that it is removable with little or no trace at the end of its life.>

Section 10

Tim Eagle

- 324 In section 10, page 37, line 11, after <notice)> insert <—
()>

Tim Eagle

- 325 In section 10, page 37, line 12, at end insert—
<() after subsection (5) insert—
“(6) Before laying a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing an order under subsection (5) before the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.”>

Tim Eagle

- 326 In section 10, page 37, line 12, at end insert—
<() In section 28 (right to buy), after subsection (5) insert—
“(6) Before laying a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing an order under subsection (5) before the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.”>

Tim Eagle

- 327 In section 10, page 38, line 21, at end insert—
<(aa) such persons as the Scottish Ministers consider representative of the interests of tenants of 1991 Act tenancies and their landlords,>

Section 11

Tim Eagle

- 340 In section 11, page 48, line 26, leave out from <land> to end of line 30 and insert <tenant's interest in the part of the lease being resumed is to be the amount assessed under paragraph 4(1) or, as the case may be, 8(3)(a).>

Tim Eagle

- 341 In section 11, page 49, line 9, leave out from <of> to end of line 11

Tim Eagle

- 342 In section 11, page 49, line 14, leave out <land> and insert <tenant's interest in the part of the lease>

Tim Eagle

- 343 In section 11, page 49, line 17, leave out <each of the values> and insert <the value>

Tim Eagle

- 344 In section 11, page 49, line 19, leave out <each of the values> and insert <that value>

After section 13

Mairi Gougeon

- 345 After section 13, insert—

<Compensation on termination and resumption

Power to make provision about compensation on termination

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify the enactment specified in column 1 of the table below for a purpose specified in column 2.

1: enactment	2: purpose
The Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991 ("the 1991 Act")	1. Creating an entitlement to compensation for a tenant (which is additional to any other entitlement to compensation the tenant may have under the 1991 Act) where— (a) the tenant's 1991 Act tenancy (as defined by section 1(4) of the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003) is terminated by reason of a notice to quit given by the landlord, and (b) the notice to quit is given solely on the ground mentioned in section 22(2)(b) of the 1991 Act 2. Changing or clarifying the method for determining the amount of that additional compensation

- (2) Without prejudice to its generality, the power under subsection (1) may be exercised for the first of the purposes specified in it to make any provision of a kind contained in schedule 2A of the 1991

Act (as inserted, or to be inserted, by section 11(4) of this Act).

- (3) Section (*Further procedure for regulations under sections (Power to make provision about compensation on termination) and (Power to make provision about compensation on resumption)*) applies in relation to the first regulations to be made under subsection (1).
- (4) No regulations may be made under subsection (1) after the end of the period of 5 years beginning with the day after Royal Assent.>

Mairi Gougeon

346 After section 13, insert—

<Power to make provision about compensation on resumption

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify the enactment specified in column 1 of the table below for the purpose specified in column 2.

1: enactment	2: purpose
The Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003 (“the 2003 Act”), schedule 2 (as inserted by section 12(5) of this Act)	Changing or clarifying the method for determining the additional amount of compensation payable to a tenant under section 17(4A) of the 2003 Act (as inserted, or to be inserted, by section 12(2)(b) of this Act)

- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may be made before section 12 of this Act comes into force so that the modifications the regulations make to schedule 2 of the 2003 Act come into force at the same time as section 12 of this Act inserts that schedule.
- (3) Section (*Further procedure for regulations under sections (Power to make provision about compensation on termination) and (Power to make provision about compensation on resumption)*) applies in relation to the first regulations to be made under subsection (1).
- (4) No regulations may be made under subsection (1) after the end of the period of 5 years beginning with the day after Royal Assent.>.

After section 18

Emma Harper

347 After section 18, insert—

<Tenant Farming Commissioner: codes of practice

Resumption and termination of relevant tenancies and small landholdings

- (1) The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 27(2) (Tenant Farming Commissioner: codes of practice), after paragraph (ea) (as inserted by section 10(5)) insert—
 - “(eb) the process for resuming land comprised in a lease constituting a relevant tenancy or comprising a small landholding,
 - (ec) the process for terminating a tenancy to which the 1991 Act applies where a notice to quit has been served which the tenant cannot contest through the counter-notice process under section 22(1) of that Act.”>

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Section 20

Edward Mountain

- 348 In section 20, page 68, line 31, leave out <, partridges and grouse> and insert <and partridges>

Section 23

Douglas Lumsden

- 349 In section 23, page 76, line 33, after <landlord> insert <that is used>

Douglas Lumsden

- 350 In section 23, page 77, line 2, after <account> insert <of>

Douglas Lumsden

- 351 In section 23, page 77, leave out lines 3 and 4 and insert—
- <(a) the amount by which the rental value of the holding has been increased by improvements to the extent determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (7),>

Douglas Lumsden

- 352 In section 23, page 77, line 5, leave out first <of>

Douglas Lumsden

- 353 In section 23, page 77, line 7, leave out from beginning to <account of> in line 8 and insert <(c)>

Douglas Lumsden

- 354 In section 23, page 77, leave out lines 26 to 35 and insert—
- <(7) The amount of increase in the rental value of the holding caused by an improvement that is to be disregarded in accordance with sub-paragraph (4A)(a) is the proportional amount of the increase corresponding to—
- (a) the proportion of the cost of carrying out the improvement that was met at the tenant's expense (see sub-paragraph (7A)), and
- (b) the proportion of the cost of carrying out the improvement—
- (i) that was met at the landlord's expense, and
- (ii) in respect of which the landlord has received, or will receive, a grant.
- (7A) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (7)(a)—
- (a) an improvement is to be regarded as having been carried out at the tenant's expense (wholly or partly as the case may) regardless of whether the tenant has been, or will be, reimbursed for the expense incurred by a grant,
- (b) an improvement is not to be regarded as having been carried out at the tenant's expense (wholly or partly)—

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- (i) if the tenant has, in respect of the expense incurred in carrying out the improvement, been made or given an equivalent allowance or benefit by the landlord,
- (ii) if the improvement was carried out under an obligation imposed on the tenant by the terms of the lease.>

Douglas Lumsden

- 355 In section 23, page 77, line 42, leave out <by the tenant> and insert <carried out wholly at the tenant's expense>

Section 24

Douglas Lumsden

- 356 In section 24, page 78, line 25, after <landlord> insert <that is used>

Douglas Lumsden

- 357 In section 24, page 78, line 32, after <taken> insert <of>

Douglas Lumsden

- 358 In section 24, page 78, leave out lines 33 and 34 and insert—
- <(a) the amount by which the rental value of the land has been increased by improvements to the extent determined in accordance with subsection (4A),>

Douglas Lumsden

- 359 In section 24, page 78, line 35, leave out first <of>

Douglas Lumsden

- 360 In section 24, page 78, line 37, leave out from beginning to <of> and insert <(c)>

Douglas Lumsden

- 361 In section 24, page 79, leave out lines 17 to 26 and insert—
- <(4A) The amount of increase in the rental value of the land caused by an improvement that is to be disregarded in accordance with subsection (2A)(a) is the proportional amount of the increase corresponding to—
 - (a) the proportion of the cost of carrying out the improvement that was met at the tenant's expense (see subsection (4B)), and
 - (b) the proportion of the cost of carrying out the improvement—
 - (i) that was met at the landlord's expense, and
 - (ii) in respect of which the landlord has received, or will receive, a grant.
 - (4B) For the purposes of subsection (4A)—
 - (a) an improvement is to be regarded as having been carried out at the tenant's expense

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(wholly or partly as the case may) regardless of whether the tenant has been, or will be, reimbursed for the expense incurred by a grant,

- (b) an improvement is not to be regarded as having been carried out at the tenant's expense (wholly or partly)—
 - (i) if the tenant has, in respect of the expense incurred in carrying out the improvement, been made or given an equivalent allowance or benefit by the landlord,
 - (ii) if the improvement was carried out under an obligation imposed on the tenant by the terms of the lease.>

Douglas Lumsden

- 362 In section 24, page 79, line 34, leave out <by the tenant> and insert <carried out wholly at the tenant's expense>

Section 29

Mairi Gougeon

- 363 In section 29, page 84, line 33, after <procedure:> insert <section (*Power to make provision about compensation on termination*)(1) (see also sections (*Power to make provision about compensation on termination*)(3) and (*Further procedure for regulations under sections (Power to make provision about compensation on termination) and (Power to make provision about compensation on resumption)*)) and>

Mairi Gougeon

- 364 In section 29, page 84, line 33, after <procedure:> insert <section (*Power to make provision about compensation on resumption*) (see also sections (*Power to make provision about compensation on resumption*)(3) and (*Further procedure for regulations under sections (Power to make provision about compensation on termination) and (Power to make provision about compensation on resumption)*)) and,>

After section 29

Mairi Gougeon

- 365 After section 29, insert—

<Further procedure for regulations under sections (*Power to make provision about compensation on termination*) and (*Power to make provision about compensation on resumption*)

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may not lay before the Scottish Parliament for approval by resolution a draft Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations in relation to which this section applies—
 - (a) until they have consulted on proposals for the regulations in accordance with subsection (4) for the 60 day period described by subsection (5), and
 - (b) without laying before the Parliament, at the same time as the draft instrument, an explanatory document fulfilling the requirements set out in subsection (7).
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (2)(a), proposals for regulations must take the form of—
 - (a) a draft of the regulations, and

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- (b) an explanatory document containing reasons for the draft regulations' content.
- (3) To consult on proposals for regulations, the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) lay the proposals before the Scottish Parliament, and
 - (b) send a copy of them to any other person they consider it appropriate to consult.
- (4) The 60 day period referred to in subsection (2)(a) begins with the day that the Scottish Ministers lay the proposals before the Parliament in accordance with subsection (4)(a).
- (5) In calculating the 60 day period, no account is to be taken of any time during which the Parliament is dissolved or is in recess for more than 4 days.
- (6) The requirements for the explanatory document referred to in subsection (2)(b) are that the document contain—
 - (a) reasons for the provisions contained in the draft instrument alongside which the document is laid before the Parliament,
 - (b) details of what was done to consult in relation to the proposals for the regulations,
 - (c) details of the representations received in relation to the proposals for the regulations during the 60 day period described by subsection (5),
 - (d) details of what changes (if any) were made as a result of those representations in turning the draft of the regulations that comprised the proposals into the regulations contained in the draft instrument.
- (7) In complying with subsection (7)(c), the Scottish Ministers must not disclose—
 - (a) representations received from a person who has not consented to their being disclosed,
 - (b) information about a person ("person A") contained in representations received from another person if and to the extent that—
 - (i) it appears to the Scottish Ministers that disclosure of the information could adversely affect the interests of person A, and
 - (ii) the Scottish Ministers have been unable to obtain person A's consent to the disclosure of the information.>

Section 30

Brian Whittle

366 In section 30, page 85, line 6, at end insert—

<() Section (*Land management plans: land owned by community body*) comes into force at the expiry of the period of 5 years, beginning with the day of Royal Assent.>

Schedule

Mairi Gougeon

367 In the schedule, page 86, line 15, leave out <or>

Mairi Gougeon

368 In the schedule, page 86, line 18, at end insert <, or

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- () the lease is one to which this schedule applies by virtue of section 32(11) of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act 1911 (provisions as to statutory small tenants) or section 14 of the Small Landholders and Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1931 (option to statutory small tenant to become landholder).>

Mairi Gougeon

369 In the schedule, page 87, line 31, at end insert—

<Duration of lease of small landholding

- (1) A lease of a small landholding—
 - (a) subsists until it is terminated in accordance with this schedule, and
 - (b) may not be terminated other than in accordance with this schedule.
- (2) Any term (whether express or implied) of a lease of a small landholding which provides for—
 - (a) an ish, or
 - (b) the lease to end other than in accordance with this schedule,
 is of no effect.
- (3) The absence of an ish does not affect the validity of a lease of small landholding.>

Mairi Gougeon

370 In the schedule, page 91, line 24, leave out <(with the exception of holiday lets)>

Mairi Gougeon

371 In the schedule, page 94, line 15, leave out <tenant> and insert <landholder>

Mairi Gougeon

372 In the schedule, page 110, line 26, leave out <(with the exception of holiday lets)>

Tim Eagle

373 In the schedule, page 119, line 28, at end insert—

- <() Before laying a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under sub-paragraph (4) before the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.>

Tim Eagle

374 In the schedule, page 125, line 15, at end insert—

- <() Before laying a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under sub-paragraph (5) before the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.>

Tim Eagle

375 In the schedule, page 126, line 8, at end insert—

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<() Before laying a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under sub-paragraph (7) before the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.>

Tim Eagle

376 In the schedule, page 133, line 24, at end insert—

<() such persons as the Scottish Ministers consider representative of the interests of small landholders and their landlords,>

Mairi Gougeon

377 In the schedule, page 133, line 33, at end insert—

<PART

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Agreement to resolve matters other than by application to Land Court

- 60ZA (1) Where this schedule makes provision for any matter to be determined by the Land Court, the matter may, if the landlord and small landholder agree at or after the time when the matter arises, instead be determined by another method of resolving the matter (including arbitration).
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply in relation to any matter which may be determined by the Land Court—
- (a) in pursuance of—
- (i) paragraph 5A(4) (whether a subsidiary or auxiliary purpose is reasonable and not inconsistent with the cultivation of the holding),
 - (ii) any question or difference between the landlord and landholder arising in relation to Part 3 (disposal of holding by the landholder: renunciation, assignation or succession),
 - (iii) any question or difference between the landlord and landholder arising in relation to Part 3A (removal of the landholder: breach of lease conditions, resumption by landlord),
 - (iv) paragraph 65 (whether a contract term or agreement contracting out of a provision of this schedule is to be approved), or
- (b) on appeal.

Arbitration: procedure etc

- 60ZB (1) This paragraph applies to any arbitration to which a matter is referred by the landlord and small landholder under paragraph 60ZA(1).
- (2) The agreement of the parties to refer the matter to arbitration has the effect of depriving each party of the right to—
- (a) have the matter heard (or any issue in relation to the matter determined) by the Land Court (other than on appeal), and
 - (b) agree under paragraph 60ZA(1) to another method of resolving the matter.
- (3) The landlord and landholder are to agree whether the arbitration is conducted by—

- (a) a single arbitrator, or
 - (b) two arbitrators (with or without an overseer),
- and the arbitrator or, as the case may be, each arbitrator, may be appointed by the parties or by a person nominated by them.
- (4) The procedure to be followed at arbitration (including any matters to be taken into account by the arbitrator and the matters to be contained in the award) are, subject to sub-paragraph (5), to be as the parties agree or, in the absence of such agreement, as the arbitrator considers appropriate.
 - (5) Any provision of this schedule that would apply to the Land Court as respects its consideration or determination of any matter had the matter not been referred to arbitration applies as respects the consideration or determination of the matter by arbitration.
 - (6) Any party to the arbitration may appeal to the Land Court against the arbitrator's award on a question of law within 28 days of the award.
 - (7) In an appeal under sub-paragraph (6) the Court may—
 - (a) quash, confirm or vary the award or any part of it, and
 - (b) where the Court quashes the award or any part of it—
 - (i) remit the case to the arbitrator for further procedure, and
 - (ii) direct the arbitrator on any question of law relevant to the case.

Conduct of arbitrator and setting aside of arbitrator's award

- 60ZC (1) Any person with an interest in a matter determined by an arbitration to which paragraph 60ZB applies that has reasonable grounds for believing that—
- (a) there has been material misconduct by the arbitrator, or
 - (b) the arbitration has been improperly procured,
- may make an application to the Land Court for an order under sub-paragraph (2).
- (2) Where, on such an application, the Land Court is satisfied that—
- (a) there has been material misconduct by the arbitrator, or the arbitration has been improperly procured, it may make an order setting aside the arbitrator's award,
 - (b) there has been material misconduct by the arbitrator, it may make an order removing the arbitrator.>

Mairi Gougeon

- 378** In the schedule, page 134, line 6, leave out from <5> to end of line 11 and insert <33>

Mairi Gougeon

- 379** In the schedule, page 134, leave out line 15

Mairi Gougeon

- 380** In the schedule, page 134, leave out line 21 and insert—
- <() sections 12 and 13,>

Mairi Gougeon

381 In the schedule, page 134, line 22, leave out from <19> to end of line 23 and insert <23>

Mairi Gougeon

382 In the schedule, page 134, line 23, at end insert—
<() section 26(4) to (6), (8) and (9),>

Mairi Gougeon

383 In the schedule, page 134, line 24, at end insert—
<() in section 31, the definition of “statutory successors”,>

Mairi Gougeon

384 In the schedule, page 134, leave out line 31 and insert—
<() sections 15 and 16,>

Mairi Gougeon

385 In the schedule, page 134, line 33, leave out from <8> to end of line 34 and insert <12>

Mairi Gougeon

386 In the schedule, page 135, line 2, leave out from <and 20> to end of line 3 and insert <to 22>

Mairi Gougeon

387 In the schedule, page 135, line 4, at end insert—
<() in section 26, the definitions of “the Act of 1886”, “the Act of 1919” and “the Landholders Acts”.>

Mairi Gougeon

388 In the schedule, page 135, leave out lines 7 to 13

Mairi Gougeon

389 In the schedule, page 135, line 24, at end insert—
<*Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act 1887*

60B(1) The Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act 1887 is modified as follows.

- (2) In section 2 (stay of proceedings for sale of crofter’s effects), the words from “The powers” to the end are repealed.

Small Landholders (Scotland) Act 1911

60C(1) The Small Landholders (Scotland) Act 1911 is modified as follows.

- (2) In section 14 (adjustment of rights by Land Court)—

- (a) the existing words become subsection (1),
- (b) in that subsection—
 - (i) for the words “resumption by the landlord, or in the case of an existing yearly tenant or a qualified leaseholder or” substitute “the lease of a”,
 - (ii) for the words “a landholder” in the first place they appear substitute “a lease of a small landholding”,
 - (iii) after “as” in the second place it appears insert “at”,
 - (iv) for the words “such tenant or leaseholder becomes a landholder, as the case may be,” substitute “the lease becomes a lease of a small landholding”,
- (c) after that subsection insert—
 - “(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a lease of a small landholding is a lease to which the schedule of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (small landholdings) applies.”.
- (3) In section 32 (provisions as to statutory small tenants)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), for the words “section sixteen of the Act of 1886” substitute “paragraph 21(2) and (3) of the schedule of the 2025 Act”,
 - (b) in subsection (11), for the words from “the tenant shall” to the end substitute “the lease giving rise to the tenancy will become, from the date specified in the finding, a lease to which the schedule of the 2025 Act applies”,
 - (c) in subsection (14)—
 - (i) the words “Subsection (4) of section six, section and section twenty of the Act of 1886, section 2 of the Act of 1887 down to the word “summarily,” and” and “section twelve, section twenty-five” are repealed,
 - (ii) for the word “apply” in the last place it appears substitute “applied”,
 - (d) after subsection (14) insert—
 - “(14A) Paragraphs 3(7), 5(1), 5D, 60ZA, 60ZB and 60ZC of the schedule of the 2025 Act apply for the purposes of this section as they apply in relation to small landholders and small landholdings within the meaning of paragraph 66 of that schedule, subject to the following modifications—
 - (a) in paragraph 3(7) for the words “the rent under sub-paragraph (1)” substitute “an equitable rent under section 32(7) of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act 1911”,
 - (b) in paragraph 60ZA—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (1), for the words “this schedule makes” substitute “the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts 1886 to 1931 make”,
 - (ii) for sub-paragraph (2)(a) substitute—
 - “(a) in pursuance of—
 - (i) section 32(4) of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act 1911 (dispute about renewal of statutory small tenancy),
 - (ii) section 32(11) of that Act (landlord’s failure to provide or maintain buildings or permanent improvements: whether lease is to become one to which this schedule applies),

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(iii) section 32(13) of that Act (whether a person is a statutory small tenant),

(iv) section 32(15) of that Act (authorisation of resumption by landlord),”.

(e) in subsection (15), for the words “section nineteen of this Act” substitute “paragraph 25C(2) of the schedule of the 2025 Act”,

(f) after subsection (15) insert—

“(16) In this section—

“2025 Act” means the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2025,

“permanent improvements” has the meaning given by paragraph 27(3) of the schedule of the 2025 Act.”.

Small Landholders and Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1931

60D(1) The Small Landholders and Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1931 is modified as follows.

(2) For section 14 substitute—

“14 Option to statutory small tenant to become small landholder

(1) The lease which gives rise to a statutory small tenancy becomes a lease of a small landholding if—

(a) not later than one month before the end of the period of the tenancy, the statutory small tenant gives the landlord written notice that the tenant wishes the lease to become a lease of a small landholding, and

(b) the landlord does not, before the expiry of the period of one month beginning with the day on which the notice is given, give the tenant a counter-notice stating that paragraph 27 of that schedule (in relation to rights to compensation for permanent improvements) is to apply as if the lease were a lease of a small landholding.

(2) Where a lease becomes a lease of a small landholding by virtue of subsection (1), it does so on the expiry of the period of the tenancy current when the notice mentioned in subsection (1)(a) is given.

(3) Where the landlord gives the tenant a counter-notice referred to in subsection (1)(b), paragraph 27 of the schedule of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (in relation to rights to compensation for permanent improvements) applies to the lease of the statutory small tenancy as if the lease were a lease of a small landholding.

(4) For the purposes of this section, a lease of a small landholding is a lease to which the schedule of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (small landholdings) applies.”.>

Mairi Gougeon

390 In the schedule, page 136, line 27, at end insert—

<*Scottish Land Court Act 1993*

64B(1) The Scottish Land Court Act 1993 is modified as follows.

(2) In section 1 (the Land Court), in subsection (6), for the words “or the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts 1886 to 1931” substitute “, the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts 1886 to 1931 or the schedule of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (small landholdings)”.>

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Mairi Gougeon

391 In the schedule, page 136, line 33, at end insert—

<Provision in lease or agreement as to resolution of disputes

65A Any term of—

- (a) a lease to which this schedule applies, or
- (b) any agreement in connection with such a lease (other than an agreement under paragraph 60ZA(1)),

that makes provision restricting any right of the landlord or small landholder to apply to the Land Court by virtue of this schedule to have a matter determined by the Court is, so far as it makes that provision, of no effect.>

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to the affirmative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 7 October 2025 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Notification Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 138(2) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

Subject to the negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 7 October 2025 and is subject to the negative procedure—

[National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/280\)](#)

Laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee), 4 November 2025

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 29 October with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Finance and Public Administration)), 7 October 2025

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 8 October 2025

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 7 October 2025

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 7 October 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2025)

Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

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Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report (Economy and Fair Work Committee) published, 3 October 2025

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

Introduced, 2 October 2025

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

Passed, 7 October 2025

Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 8 October 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69th Report, 2025)

Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Economy and Fair Work Committee), 8 October 2025

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 2 (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 5 November 2025

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 30 October with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 7 October 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 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 4 September 2025

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 30 September 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)

Introduced, 23 April 2025

Lead committee – Rural Affairs and Islands

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (52nd Report, 2025)

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Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 30 September 2025

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 28 October 2025

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 29 October 2025

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (71st Report, 2025)

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 30 October 2025

Stage 1 Report – Rural Affairs and Islands Committee (8th Report, 2025)

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)), 8 October 2025

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 30 September 2025

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

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

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (53rd Report, 2025)

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 9 October 2025

Stage 1 Report – Health, Social Care and Sport Committee (7th Report, 2025)

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

Stage 2 (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 19 November 2025

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 13 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 9 October 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (44th Report, 2025)

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

Stage 2 (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 26 November 2025

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 20 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee) published, 25 September 2025

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

Passed, 17 September 2025

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Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 9 October 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (54th Report, 2025)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill LCM-S6-59

Lodged on 12 June 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 June 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 June 2025

Report – Lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments) (2nd Report, 2025)

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

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

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

Lodged on 12 March 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 26 June 2025

Report – Lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice) (2nd Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2025)

Bus Services (No. 2) Bill LCM-S6-63

Lodged on 5 September 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 10 September 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 – Education, Children and Young People Committee (8th Report, 2025)

Crime and Policing Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-57b

Lodged on 1 August 2025

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 1 October 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (67th Report, 2025)

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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 (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 7 October 2025

Planning and Infrastructure Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-56a

Lodged on 13 August 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 9 October 2025

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (11th Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (61st Report, 2025)

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

Lodged on 3 October 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 9 October 2025

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 19 February 2025

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

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

Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill LCM-S6-61

Lodged on 24 July 2025

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 30 September 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 7 October 2025

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill LCM-S6-62

Lodged on 27 August 2025

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 23 September 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 7 October 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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Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 6 October 2025

[Social Security \(Cross-border Provision, Case Transfer and Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (24 June 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 10 October 2025

[Winter Heating Assistance \(Pension Age\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (25 August 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (28 August 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to approval by 27 October 2025

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Members of the House of Lords\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (2 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Councillors\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (2 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Members of the House of Commons\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (2 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to approval by 28 October 2025

[Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing Standards \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (3 September 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 30 October 2025

[Carer's Assistance \(Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments, Revocation, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (5 September 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 10 November 2025

[Equality Act 2010 \(Specification of Public Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (16 September 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Equality Act 2010 \(Specific Duties\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (16 September 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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Subject to approval by 11 November 2025

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber \(Police Appeals\) \(Procedure\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (17 September 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Police Appeals and Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Composition\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (17 September 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (17 September 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 13 November 2025

[Scottish Aggregates Tax \(Administration\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (19 September 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act \(Postponement of Tax Pending a Review or Appeal\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (19 September 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act \(Record Keeping\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (19 September 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval by 16 November 2025

[Absent Voting at Scottish Parliament and Local Government Elections \(Signature Refresh\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (22 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to approval by 17 November 2025

[Regulation of Care \(Child Contact Services\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (23 September 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Regulation of Care \(Child Contact Services\) \(Equality\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (23 September 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to approval 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 by 26 November 2025

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[Early Release of Prisoners \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (2 October 2025)
(Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval 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 by 1 December 2025

[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Notification Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (7 October 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 7 October 2025

Lead committee report due by 6 October 2025

[Teachers' Pensions \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/197\)](#) (25 June 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 10 October 2025

Lead committee report due by 6 October 2025

[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 4\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/212\)](#) (24 July 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/239\)](#) (29 August 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Offshore Fishing \(Prohibition of Fishing Methods\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/240\)](#) (1 September 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment 29 October 2025

Lead committee report due by 27 October 2025

[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/244\)](#) (4 September 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Plant Health \(Export Certification\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/241\)](#) (4 September 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Motor Vehicles \(Competitions and Trials\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/245\)](#) (4 September 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 5 November 2025

Lead committee report due by 3 November 2025

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[Council Tax \(Dwellings and Part Residential Subjects\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/249\)](#) (11 September 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Redemption of Heritable Securities \(Excluded Securities\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/251\)](#) (11 September 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 12 November 2025
Lead committee report due by 10 November 2025

[National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/259\)](#) (18 September 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/262\)](#) (18 September 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 16 November 2025
Lead committee report due by 10 November 2025

[Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/263\)](#) (22 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to annulment 20 November 2025
Lead committee report due by 17 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) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 26 November 2025
Lead committee report due by 24 November 2025

[Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2025 \(SSI 2025/277\)](#) (2 October 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 30 November 2025
Lead committee report due by 24 November 2025

[Qualifications Scotland \(Appointment of Initial Members\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/278\)](#) (6 October 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 1 December 2025
Lead committee report due by 24 November 2025

[National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/280\)](#) (7 October 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Documents subject to parliamentary control

- [Draft Code of Practice: The Non-Party Campaigner Campaign Expenditure \(Scottish Parliament Elections\) Code of Practice 2025 \(SG/2025/214\)](#) (16 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)
- [Draft statutory guidance on imprints for non-party campaigners at Scottish Parliamentary elections and council elections in Scotland \(SG/2025/215\)](#) (16 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 7 October 2025—

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 9th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 24 September 2025 (SP Paper 880)

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 7 October 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Improving care experience: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2025/9) laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual report and accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/181) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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