

Business Bulletin

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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget 2026-27

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Tim Eagle: Supporting Scotland's Bridges

Committee Meetings

8:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:00am Criminal Justice Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

9:30am Education, Children and Young People Committee

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The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Health and Social Care – Questions 3 and 5.

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

1. David Torrance: [Not Lodged] ([S6O-05387](#))

2. Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government what cross-government action it is taking to support island connectivity in the West Scotland region. ([S6O-05388](#))

3. Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what consultation it has entered into with the Scottish Information Commissioner regarding the publication of the controlling interests of recipients of payments made under the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024. ([S6O-05389](#))

4. Gillian Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to ensure that future farm policy aligns with Scotland's climate and biodiversity targets, in light of the concerns raised by environmental stakeholders regarding the agricultural reform process. ([S6O-05390](#))

5. Christine Grahame: [Not Lodged] ([S6O-05391](#))

6. Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the rural secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the potential impact on farmers and crofters of any reintroduction of lynx into Scotland. ([S6O-05392](#))

7. Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it is having with the UK Government to ensure that the consultation on combinable crops will deliver for Scotland's arable farmers. ([S6O-05393](#))

8. Humza Yousaf: [Not Lodged] ([S6O-05394](#))

Health and Social Care

1. Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government what urgent action is being taken to improve whole-system patient flow, including seven-day discharge services, social care capacity, and shared responsibility across hospital departments, rather than focusing on redirecting patients away from A&E departments. ([S6O-05395](#))

2. Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce standards and regular public reporting on hospital discharges and the use of non-clinical spaces to deliver care. ([S6O-05396](#))

3. Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase the number of dental practices that are accepting new NHS patients, including how it will monitor the effectiveness of the November 2023 payment reforms in improving access for patients in rural and island communities. ([S6O-05397](#))

4. Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government how the work of the recently announced ADHD and Autism Taskforce will affect integrated care for residents in Strathkelvin and Bearsden, and for people across Scotland. ([S6O-05398](#))

5. Alasdair Allan: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting dental practices in island communities to provide sufficient levels of service to ensure that islanders can access the dental care

that they are entitled to. ([S6O-05399](#))

6. Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what the new Infrastructure Delivery Pipeline means for a replacement eye hospital for Edinburgh. ([S6O-05400](#))

7. Tess White: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to protect women from rape and sexual assault in hospitals. ([S6O-05401](#))

8. Evelyn Tweed: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential benefits of walk-in GP clinics compared with other potential service delivery models. ([S6O-05402](#))

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget 2026-27

S6M-20487 Kenneth Gibson: Scottish Budget 2026-27—That the Parliament notes the pre-budget scrutiny undertaken by the Finance and Public Administration Committee, and other parliamentary committees.

followed by Business Motions

S6M-20498 Graeme Dey: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

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S6M-20499 Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 1) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

S6M-20500 Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

S6M-20501 Graeme Dey: Committee Membership—That the Parliament agrees that Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace Paul O'Kane as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee.

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followed by Members' Business: Tim Eagle: Supporting Scotland's Bridges

S6M-20178 Tim Eagle: Supporting Scotland's Bridges—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital role that bridges play in connecting communities across Scotland, including in the Highlands and Islands region, supporting access to work, education, healthcare, emergency services and local economies; notes recent reported events highlighting the vulnerability of Scotland's bridge infrastructure, including the partial collapse of the Spey Viaduct and the ongoing closure, restriction or uncertainty affecting key local bridges such as Clooddach Bridge, Kirkcudbright Bridge and the Bridge of Alford; understands that many of these structures carry thousands of vehicles each day and serve as lifeline routes for both rural and urban communities; notes with concern reports that a number of local authorities, including Highland Council, have acknowledged that financial constraints mean that some bridges will be placed into managed decline, and recognises what it sees as the significant impact that bridge closures or long-term restrictions can have on connectivity, community resilience, local economies and public confidence in Scotland's transport infrastructure.

Committee Meetings

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

Economy and Fair Work Committee

3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 8:30AM in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- 2. Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2026-27 from—
Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic, Colin Cook, Director of Economic Development, Aidan Grisewood, Director of Jobs and Wellbeing Economy, and Kathleen Swift, Head of Director General Economy Finance Unit, Scottish Government.
- 3. UK subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating in a devolved area as set out in the following UK statutory instrument proposal—
The Provision of Services (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026

- 4. Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).
- 5. Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
- 6. Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Criminal Justice Committee

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
- 2. Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report.
- 3. Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- 2. Scottish Government Budget 2026 to 2027:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, George Burgess, Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy, Brendan Callaghan, Interim Chief Executive, Scottish Forestry, Karen Morley, Joint Head of Agriculture and Rural Economy Finance, and Iain Wallace, Interim Director of Marine, Scottish Government.
- 3. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Animal Health \(Fixed Penalty Notices\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft) from—
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, Caroline Blair, Policy Manager, Megan O'Brien, Lawyer, and Eilidh Wallace, Policy Lead, Scottish Government.
- 4. Subordinate legislation:** Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity to move—

S6M-20214—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Animal Health (Fixed Penalty Notices) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) be approved.
- 5. Scottish Government Budget 2026 to 2027:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- 6. Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee**2nd Meeting, 2026**

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

- 1. Consideration of a continued petition:** The Committee will consider the following continued petition—

PE1992: Dual the A9 and improve road safety.
- 2. Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—

PE2191: Review legislation in order to strengthen the Scottish Outdoor Access Code;

PE2192: Prevent domestic abusers from using bankruptcy to escape debt;

PE2193: Address Dangerous Delays in Paediatric Cancer Diagnostics;

PE2194: Amend the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act to prevent abuse of power of attorney;

PE2197: Allow more survivors of care abuse to access redress;

PE2198: Establish a standardised and fair public participation process for all Scottish councils;

PE2199: Facilitate access to emergency telephone services for remote communities;

PE2200: Provide a sustainable funding model for Scotland's colleges;

PE2201: Introduce a legal requirement to notify parents and carers by the end of the school day when an incident involving their child occurs;

PE2202: Stop the Guga Hunt;

PE2203: Make schools in Scotland safe for pupils with allergies;

PE2204: Create a national database to record patient outcomes for endometriosis treatments;

PE2205: Extend access to justice by reforming court rules in equality and human rights claims;

PE2206: Review the weighting for single-track roads in the road maintenance funding formula;

PE2207: I demand the Scottish Parliament create a pilot court to try Russian war criminals with Ukraine;

PE2208: Implement mandatory collection and publication of child sexual offender data; and

PE2209: Make CCTV mandatory in all taxis and private hire vehicles.

Education, Children and Young People Committee

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

1. Budget Scrutiny 2026-27: The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2026-27 from—

Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Natalie Don-Innes, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, Ben Macpherson, Minister for Higher and Further Education, Clare Hicks, Director of Education Reform, Shirley Laing, Director for Lifelong Learning and Skills, Alison Taylor, Director for Learning, and Andrew Watson, Director for Children and Families, Scottish Government.

2. **Evidence Session (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
3. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Public Audit Committee

3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM 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 and 6 in private.
2. **Improving care experience: Delivering The Promise:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Fiona Duncan, Independent Strategic Advisor - the promise and Chair of, The Promise Scotland.
3. **Delayed discharges: A symptom of the challenges faced by health and social care/ Community health and social care: Performance 2025:** The Committee will take evidence from
—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carol Calder, Audit Director and Adam Bullough, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland;
Malcolm Bell, Member, Accounts Commission.
4. **Delayed discharges: A symptom of the challenges facing health and social care/ Community health and social care: Performance 2025:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carol Calder, Audit Director and Adam Bullough, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland;
Malcolm Bell, Member, Accounts Commission.
5. **Improving care experience: Delivering The Promise:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
6. **Delayed discharges: A symptom the the challenges facing health and social care/ Community health and social care: Performance 2025:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 14 January 2026

Thursday 22 January 2026

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business: Emma Roddick: Growing2Gether Programme Success

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Liam McArthur: Future Farming Investment Scheme

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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.

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

22 January 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

1. Scottish Broadcasting, BBC Charter Renewal and BBC Annual Report: The Committee will take evidence from—

Hayley Valentine, Director and Louise Thornton, Head of Multiplatform Commissioning, BBC Scotland;

Luke McCullough, Corporate Affairs Director, Nations and Rhona Burns, Finance Director: Financial Planning & Insight, BBC.

2. Historic Environment Scotland: Auditor General for Scotland Section 22 Report: The Committee will take evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Lisa Duthie, Audit Director, Audit Scotland.

Proposed future business

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

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

22 January 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

1. Decisions on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.

2. Social Security Scotland: The Committee will take evidence from—

David Wallace, Chief Executive, Karyn Dunning, interim Chief Operating Officer, and Gerry O'Donnell, interim Deputy Director for Finance and Corporate Services, Social Security Scotland.

3. Social Security Scotland: The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.

4. Correspondence - Section 8 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018: The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice.

5. 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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

22 January 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
- 2. Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.
- 3. Standing Order Rule Changes - Gender Sensitive Audit:** The Committee will consider a draft report and draft Standing Order Rule changes.
- 4. Standing Order Rule Changes - Committee Effectiveness:** The Committee will consider a draft report and draft Standing Order Rule changes.
- 5. Correspondence - Committee Conveners:** The Committee will consider correspondence it has received in relation to Committee Conveners.

Proposed future business

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

Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***S6M-20497 Brian Whittle: Sport and Activity as a Force for Good**—That the Parliament recognises the importance of sport and activity as a force for good that goes beyond just physical health; considers that they have a significant impact on mental health, as well as contributing to community and national cohesion and wellbeing; believes that sport breaks down barriers of colour, race, religion and creed by bringing individuals and communities together through a common shared interest and passion; recognises that, by promoting sport and activity, the Scottish Government can positively impact on confidence, resilience and aspiration which, in turn, can positively impact on education and benefit the economy, and notes the view that the Scottish Government should do everything that it can to make sport and activity available for all, in the South Scotland region and across the country, irrespective of personal circumstances.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S6M-20506 Jamie Greene: All In for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of All In, the national call to action for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games; recognises that Glasgow 2026 is considered Scotland's Games, inviting participation from communities across the country and delivering benefits that it believes will be felt well beyond the city of Glasgow, including across the West Scotland region; commends the aim of All In to be inclusive, accessible and locally led, empowering communities, schools, sport and voluntary organisations and businesses to create their own activities, events and celebrations to build excitement ahead of the Games; notes that the All In programme will provide participating organisations with practical resources to promote local activities in the lead up to the Games; recognises the intention to support community-led events and celebrations across Scotland; considers that this approach can contribute to improved wellbeing and physical activity, strengthened local pride and cohesion and increased local economic activity, and encourages communities, schools, sport and voluntary organisations, businesses and local authorities to engage with Glasgow 2026's All In initiative and register their interest, so that communities in every part of the country can play their part in Scotland's Games.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***S6M-20505 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Clydebank Schoolgirl Cora Courtney Qualifies for the ADC IBC Youth International Ballet Competition in USA**—That the Parliament congratulates Cora Courtney, who is a nine-year-old ballet dancer from Clydebank, on qualifying for the prestigious ADC

IBC Youth International Ballet Competition in the United States, following her success at the semi-finals in Berlin; commends her dedication to training at elite programmes across England since 2022 and balancing rigorous practice with academic life; recognises the support of her family; notes that a fundraising campaign has been launched to help cover Cora's travel, accommodation and entry costs, reflecting strong community spirit and highlighting Clydebank's capacity to rally behind its young talent, and wishes her the very best of success for all future competitions.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Kenneth Gibson*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Annabelle Ewing*, Tim Eagle*, Colin Beattie*, Liam Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*

***S6M-20504 Fulton MacGregor: Recognising the Economic Contribution of Scottish Professional Football**—That the Parliament welcomes new independent academic research from the University of Strathclyde's Fraser of Allander Institute, which calculates that Scottish football contributes £820 million in gross value added to Scotland's economy and supports 14,315 full-time equivalent jobs; notes that the research, which was commissioned by the SPFL, SWPL and the SFA, highlights the combined economic impact of professional men's and women's club football, international matches and supporter-related spending during the 2023–24 season; recognises that the Scottish football sector accounts for around 20% of the direct sports and recreation sector's gross value added in Scotland, with attendances exceeding 6.8 million across professional matches involving Scottish teams; acknowledges what it sees as the vital role played by football clubs and their supporters in sustaining their local economies, supporting employment and driving community regeneration across Scotland; welcomes the report's recognition of the growing contribution of the women's game, reflecting increased participation, attendances and investment, and commends the work of the football authorities, clubs, supporters and volunteers for their ongoing contribution, not only to Scotland's sporting success, but also to its wider economic and social wellbeing.

Supported by: Rona Mackay*, Paul McLennan*, Miles Briggs*, Clare Haughey*, Karen Adam*, Jamie Hepburn*, Annabelle Ewing*, Emma Harper*, Elena Whitham*, Marie McNair*, Bill Kidd*, Bob Doris*, Stuart McMillan*, Evelyn Tweed*, Tim Eagle*, Colin Beattie*, Kenneth Gibson*, Liam McArthur*, David Torrance*, Paul Sweeney*

***S6M-20503 Clare Adamson: Lanarkshire Finalists Celebrate Success at the Scottish Makeup Awards 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates the Lanarkshire specialists that have been announced as finalists in the fifth Scottish Makeup Awards 2026; notes that the winners will be revealed at an elegant ceremony on 8 February 2026 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Glasgow; recognises that the Scottish Makeup Awards celebrate the masters of their craft who create stunning looks, offer top-class services and treatments and continually enhance their clients' confidence through the use of innovative products and techniques; acknowledges that the awards showcase excellence in what it believes is Scotland's thriving and growing makeup industry; congratulates Pamper and Polish in Wishaw on being shortlisted in the Bridal Make Up Specialists of the Year category and Alchemé Beauty in Motherwell on being shortlisted for People's Choice of the Year; commends the dedication, talent and professionalism shown by all finalists, and wishes each of them the very best at the 2026 awards ceremony and continued success in their businesses.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, Clare Haughey*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kevin Stewart*, Karen Adam*, Jamie Hepburn*, Marie McNair*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Paul Sweeney*

***S6M-20502 Alexander Burnett: Hollie Davidson Makes Six Nations History**—That the Parliament congratulates Hollie Davidson, who is from Aboyne, Aberdeenshire, and is set to become the first woman to referee a men's Six Nations rugby match when she oversees Ireland v Italy on 14 February 2026; recognises her outstanding referee career, including becoming Scottish Rugby's first full-time female referee, officiating a New Zealand Test, refereeing at the Olympic and Commonwealth Games, and being inducted in Scottish Rugby's Hall of Fame; notes her role in major fixtures such as the 2025 European Challenge Cup final; acknowledges that Hollie will continue her involvement in the 2026 Championship as an assistant referee for the last game of the tournament, which is the France v

England match in Paris on 14 March; commends Hollie for her achievements so far, and wishes her a successful career.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

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***S6M-20496 Graeme Dey: Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Economy and Fair Work Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament during Members' Business on Wednesday 21 January 2026.

***S6M-20495 Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 20 January 2026—

delete

9.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and insert

9.05 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 22 January 2026—

after

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

followed by Members' Business

***S6M-20494 Jackson Carlaw: 50th Anniversary of St Cadoc's Primary School and Nursery—**

That the Parliament welcomes the 50th anniversary of St Cadoc's Primary School and Nursery in Newton Mearns; recognises that, to mark this milestone occasion, there was a Golden Jubilee Mass at the St Cadoc's Parish on 19 January 2026; acknowledges that, alongside the mass, a special open evening is to take place on 28 January; notes that there will be a display at the event to celebrate the 50th anniversary and that members of the St Cadoc's community have been invited to contribute photos, memorabilia and stories from any of the school and nursery's previous five decades; understands that St Cadoc's delivers very high standards of education for pupils and that this was highlighted by a positive Education Scotland inspection report in October 2024; acknowledges that St Cadoc's is firmly embedded as an integral part of the Newton Mearns locality, and wishes the school community every success with the celebration event at the end of January.

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***S6M-20493 Ross Greer: Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week—**That the Parliament recognises Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week, which runs from 9 to 15 February 2026; notes that the theme for 2026 will be, This is My Place; acknowledges that a child's sense of belonging can have a powerful and long-lasting impact on their physical and mental health, education, employment and relationships; notes that belonging is related to several issues increasingly faced by schools, including poor mental health, emotionally-based absence, declining good behaviour in the classroom and, ultimately, attainment; understands that, with half of all mental health issues reportedly arising before the age of 14, childhood is a chance to act, and calls therefore on the Scottish Government to support positive mental health and wellbeing in primary schools, to ensure that children get help early so they can thrive through childhood and into adulthood.

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***S6M-20492 Jackson Carlaw: Calderwood Lodge Receives Exemplary Education Scotland Report—**That the Parliament congratulates Calderwood Lodge Primary School, which is in Newton Mearns, on receiving what it believes to be an exemplary report from Education Scotland; acknowledges that, during a visit by a team of inspectors in October 2025, it was established that pupils are articulate, motivated, kind and proud of their school community, with the children making strong progress in the core skills of literacy and numeracy; recognises that Education Scotland identified a welcoming, nurturing, caring and highly inclusive ethos, which is underpinned by positive relationships across the school community and effective communications between staff and parents to embed the Jewish faith in the work of Calderwood Lodge as a core strength; further recognises that the Education Scotland inspection also identified a staff team with strong working relationships and a highly effective headteacher who discharges their duties with honesty, sensitivity and high ambitions for every pupil as strengths; notes that, based on the inspection, Education Scotland graded Calderwood Lodge as "very good" on the four quality indicators of leadership of change, learning,

teaching and assessment, ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion and raising attainment and achievement; further notes that Calderwood Lodge is one half of the first Jewish-Catholic joint schools campus to be established anywhere in the world, alongside St Clare's Primary and that it opened in August 2017; commends pupils, staff and parents at Calderwood Lodge for achieving what it views as an outstanding inspection report from Education Scotland, and looks forward to the school community building in future on the very positive set of results.

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***S6M-20491 Tim Eagle: Moray Business Revives Rothes Brewery**—That the Parliament welcomes that Rothes Brewery, which closed in 2020, has been revived thanks to the intervention of the local business, Forsyth's, which also owns the Station Hotel in Rothes; understands that the beers produced by the brewery have great flavour profiles and consistency; notes that one of the reasons that Forsyth's stepped in was because the Station Hotel was no longer able to acquire the Toots Ale that Rothes Brewery had produced; recognises that the new range of beers will now be sold in the hotel's Toots Bar and Bistro; believes that local craft breweries are a vital part of Scotland's rural economy, and wishes everyone involved years of successful trading.

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***S6M-20490 Tim Eagle: Two Highland Takeaways Win Fish and Chip Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Monster Fish and Chips Co in Fort Augustus and The Trawler in Golspie on being ranked in the top 50 fish and chip takeaways for 2026 as part of the annual Fry Awards; understands that the rankings were announced by the *Fry Magazine*, which is the leading trade communication outlet for the fish and chip industry in the UK, and that it independently mystery dines each entry; notes that entries had to exceed a pass mark of 97% to be considered, and wishes Monster Fish and Chips Co and The Trawler an excellent trading year.

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***S6M-20489 Claire Baker: Recognising and Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Twinning Link between Burntisland and Flekkefjord, Norway** —That the Parliament recognises and celebrates the 80th anniversary of the twinning link between Burntisland and Flekkefjord, Norway; understands that the twinning began in February 1946, and is believed to be one of the oldest town twinning links in the world; notes that it aims to develop and maintain friendships and cultural links between the two communities; recognises that Burntisland and Flekkefjord have much in common, including their rich maritime history, industry and tourism; believes that the Burntisland and Flekkefjord Twinning Committee is hosting an exchange programme of events in Burntisland in summer 2026 to celebrate this special anniversary; acknowledges that the most recent annual exchange, in August 2025, took place in Flekkefjord, where a delegation from Burntisland was treated to many great experiences; recognises the hard work of the committee in organising and years of planning and fundraising; expresses its gratitude to supporters, including Tom Courts Butchers, the Sands Hotel, Talented Witches, Fife Council, the Scottish Norwegian Society and the Norwegian Scottish Association; extends its very best wishes for the success of the celebrations and events, and hopes that everyone enjoys them immensely.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Kevin Stewart*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Martin Whitfield*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Annabelle Ewing*, Annie Wells*, Kenneth Gibson*, Paul Sweeney*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-20482 Alexander Burnett: Retirement of John Sinclair and Barry Florence of HM Sheridan Butchers in Ballater (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Edward Mountain*, Kevin Stewart*, Brian Whittle*, Douglas Ross*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Liam Kerr*, Tim Eagle*, Colin Beattie*

S6M-20481 John Mason: Welfare of the Sheep on St Kilda (lodged on 19 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Kenneth Gibson*, Audrey Nicoll*, Paul Sweeney*, Edward Mountain*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Rhoda Grant*, Douglas Ross*, Tess White*, Elena Whitham*

S6M-20479 Jackson Carlaw: Busby Primary School Reaches 150th Anniversary (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle*

S6M-20478 Jackson Carlaw: Netherlee Takeaway Wins Fish and Chips Award (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle*

S6M-20477 Emma Harper: Happy Faces Nursery and After School Club Awarded Excellent Grading by Care Inspectorate (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*

S6M-20476 Michelle Thomson: Grangemouth Runner Amy Meichan Receives Awards for Strathcarron Hospice 10k Success (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*

S6M-20474 Emma Harper: Outstanding Fundraising for Marie Curie (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*

S6M-20473 Michael Marra: Accessible Technology to Make Live Sport Inclusive for All (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-20472 Michael Marra: Remembering Former Councillor Peter Murphy (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-20471 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Jazz Festival (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*

S6M-20470 Rona Mackay: Torrance Tractor Run Raises £10k for Wee Scottish Livers Charity (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*

S6M-20468 Paul McLennan: Commending the Success of the East Lothian Roots and Fruits Christmas Appeal 2025 (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Jeremy Balfour*

S6M-20467 Paul McLennan: Commending St Andrew Blackadder Church for Raising £2,801 for Jamaica Hurricane Relief (lodged on 19 January 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Karen Adam*, Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Martin Whitfield*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alasdair Allan*

[**S6M-20465** Liz Smith: David Lilley MBE](#) (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Tim Eagle*

[**S6M-20464** Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Dance Schools and Teacher Recognised as Scottish Dance Awards Finalists](#) (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle*

[**S6M-20463** Liam McArthur: St Magnus Cathedral Marks Holocaust Memorial Day with Moving Exhibition by Orkney-based Artist](#) (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*

[**S6M-20462** Liam McArthur: Five S3 Pupils from Stromness Academy Earn £3,000 Grant for Local Charity Soma's Light](#) (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*

[**S6M-20460** Gordon MacDonald: 50th Anniversary for C&B News](#) (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Tess White*

[**S6M-20453** Paul McLennan: Recognition of East Lothian Residents in The King's New Year Honours List 2026](#) (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[**S6M-20450** Joe FitzPatrick: Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland](#) (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[**S6M-20447** Fulton MacGregor: Awareness and Support for People Affected by PANS and PANDAS in Scotland](#) (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[**S6M-20442** Annie Wells: Hallside Primary Earns Top Marks in Education Scotland Inspection](#) (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[**S6M-20436** Annie Wells: Congratulating Milton Arts Project on North Glasgow's First Community Album](#) (lodged on 14 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[**S6M-20433** Jamie Hepburn: Sharon Coggins Awarded Queen's Nurse Title](#) (lodged on 14 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[**S6M-20432** Jackson Carlaw: Eastwood Nurse Lynsey O'Dwyer Receives Award](#) (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[**S6M-20430** Martin Whitfield: East Lothian Reads](#) (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Tess White*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[**S6M-20418** Claire Baker: Welcoming £70,000 in Climate Grants Awarded from Fife Climate Hub to 35 Fife Community Groups](#) (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[**S6M-20413** Michelle Thomson: Professor John Wallace CBE](#) (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[**S6M-20412** Clare Adamson: Thanking Karen's Closet for Supporting St Andrew's Hospice](#) (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-20411](#) Clare Adamson: Tribute to Muirhouse Senior Citizens Monday Club for Supporting St Andrew's Hospice (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-20409](#) Clare Adamson: Stuart Gillespie Wins Seal of Excellence in NHBC Pride in the Job Awards (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20408](#) Clare Adamson: James Paterson Undertakes Epic Challenge to Support Children First (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-20407](#) Clare Adamson: Tokui Ryu Karate Club and Saturday Circuit Class Support Pathway Church Toy Appeal in Wishaw (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-20405](#) Clare Adamson: Celebrating the Cherry Tree Pub's Fundraising Success for Beatson Cancer UK and Bowel Research UK (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-20403](#) Paul Sweeney: Motion of Condolence, The Very Reverend Thomas Canon Hendry (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-20402](#) Annie Wells: Championing FND Awareness in Glasgow (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-20401](#) Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Radio Clyde Leaves Clydebank Offices After 43 Years (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-20400](#) Colin Beattie: Loanhead Post Office Social Isolation Initiative (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20398](#) Karen Adam: Buckies Roots Wins at It's Your Neighbourhood Awards 2025 (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20397](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulating Paul Wycherley, CEO of Paisley Radio (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-20396](#) Alasdair Allan: Congratulations to Stephen Libby (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Annabelle Ewing*

[S6M-20395](#) Paul O'Kane: David Arthur Celebrates 100th Birthday (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-20394](#) Kenneth Gibson: Recognition of HMS Dasher Crew and Commemoration of Wartime Loss (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-20393](#) Clare Haughey: 900th Anniversary of Rutherglen as a Royal Burgh (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20392 Karen Adam: Celebrating Drew McIntyre as Scotland's First Undisputed WWE Champion](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-20391 Craig Hoy: Welcoming the Next Phase of the Chapelcross Masterplan](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*

[S6M-20387 Liam McArthur: Future Farming Investment Scheme](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston* **R**, Alexander Burnett* **R**

[S6M-20386 Pauline McNeill: Restricting Grok AI and Urgent Regulatory Action](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-20384 Jackie Baillie: Marking Less Survivable Cancers Awareness Week](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-20382 Clare Haughey: Gilbert Feron Awarded a British Empire Medal](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-20380 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Antonine House in Bearsden Raises Funds for Cash for Kids](#) (lodged on 9 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-20379 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Kirkintilloch High School Pupils Raise £1,885 for Marie Curie](#) (lodged on 9 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-20378 Rhoda Grant: Commending the Efforts of the Highland and Islands' Council Workers and the Farming Community in Response to the Recent Severe Weather](#) (lodged on 9 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-20376 Beatrice Wishart: 70 Years of Junior Up-Helly-A'](#) (lodged on 9 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20371 David Torrance: Kirkcaldy YMCA Marks Milestone 140th Anniversary](#) (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-20369 Douglas Lumsden: Protests Across Iran](#) (lodged on 9 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*

[S6M-20363 Liam Kerr: 10th Anniversary of the Fit Like Joggers](#) (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*

[S6M-20358 Finlay Carson: Dumfries's People Project, Community Clean-up of the A75 at The Glen](#) (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20357 Finlay Carson: Jan Crooks Awarded Prestigious Queen's Nurse Title](#) (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20356](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr Practice Manager Receives BEM in The King's New Year Honours List 2026 (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20355](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Orchestral Society Shortlisted for Success (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20353](#) David Torrance: Sportscotland Scottish Sports Awards 2025 (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20351](#) Michelle Thomson: Women in Enterprise CEO Carolyn Currie Appointed an MBE (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20350](#) Michelle Thomson: Founder of Car 4U Anne McDonald Awarded a British Empire Medal (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20349](#) Annie Wells: University of Glasgow Celebrates 575th Anniversary (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-20347](#) Alexander Stewart: Scotmid Clackmannanshire's Innovative Donation Scheme for Alzheimer Scotland (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-20340](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayrshire's Big Boxing Day Dip (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20339](#) Sharon Dowey: Top Award for Ayr Salon (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20338](#) John Mason: Nature Champions Initiative (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-20336](#) Annabelle Ewing: Queen's Nurse Award (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20335](#) Annabelle Ewing: Sympathy for Victims of New Year's Eve Fire in Crans-Montana (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20334](#) Sharon Dowey: Prestwick's Wilma Milligan Appointed an MBE in The King's New Year Honours List 2026 (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20332](#) Fulton MacGregor: Congratulations to Coatbridge Darts Player Aiden Ballantyne on Junior World Cup Success (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20331](#) Audrey Nicoll: Congratulating NHS Grampian Nurses on Receiving the Queen's Nurse Title (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[**S6M-20330 Pauline McNeill: Israel's Ban on NGOs in Gaza and the West Bank**](#) (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Liam McArthur*

[**S6M-20329 Douglas Ross: Recognising Concerns Regarding Moray FLOW-Park**](#) (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Liam McArthur*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Beatrice Wishart*

[**S6M-20328 Tim Eagle: Thanking Farmers for Assisting in Road Clearing Efforts**](#) (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Jamie Halcro Johnston* R

[**S6M-20326 Annie Wells: Congratulations to Bartholomew McCran on His BEM for Voluntary Services**](#) (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[**S6M-20325 Annie Wells: Congratulations to Elaine Balfour on Her BEM for Services to the Community**](#) (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[**S6M-20324 Annie Wells: Congratulations to Firefighter Alexander Muir on King's Fire Service Medal**](#) (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[**S6M-20323 Annie Wells: Congratulations to Mohammed Shaukat on MBE Award for Community Volunteer Work**](#) (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[**S6M-20322 Annie Wells: Congratulations to Lawrence Peter McGarry on MBE Award for Voluntary Services**](#) (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[**S6M-20321 Annie Wells: Congratulations to Hilary Alba on MBE Award for Community Midwifery**](#) (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[**S6M-20319 Elena Whitham: Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2026**](#) (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[**S6M-20318 Kenneth Gibson: Holocaust Memorial Day 2026, Bridging Generations**](#) (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Maggie Chapman*

[**S6M-20310 Liam McArthur: Ba' Honours Even For the Uppies and Doonies**](#) (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*

[**S6M-20305 Claire Baker: Celebrating 25 Years of Success in Business with New Plans for Kirkcaldy's Bliss Beauty Salon**](#) (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[**S6M-20304 Liam McArthur: Four Orcadians Recognised in The King's New Year Honours List for Outstanding Contributions to Community, Care, and Design**](#) (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*

[**S6M-20303 Liam McArthur: Three Outstanding Musicians from Orkney Recognised in The King's New Year Honours List**](#) (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*

S6M-20302 Liam McArthur: Orkney Christmas Tractor Run Raises Over £25,000 for Local Charities (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston* **R**

S6M-20300 Liam Kerr: Celebrating the Commitment of Ray McBain to her Business, Rose Bowl Florists in Stonehaven (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*

S6M-20299 Stuart McMillan: Congratulating Inverclyde Nurses on Receiving the Queen's Nurse Title (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-20293 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Kathryn Jane Bennet of Helensburgh Appointed MBE in the Kings New Year Honours List (lodged on 5 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-20286 Tess White: Amanda Inglis Wins Women in PR, Marketing and Communications Award (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

S6M-20282 Liam Kerr: Dr Sylvia Halkerston Awarded OBE (lodged on 5 January 2026)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*

S6M-20281 Liam Kerr: Jimmy Buchan MBE, Recognition in the New Year Honours List (lodged on 5 January 2026)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*

S6M-20278 Alexander Stewart: Karen Helen Ross, Member of the Order of the British Empire (lodged on 5 January 2026)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*

S6M-20265 Paul Sweeney: Glasgow 850 (lodged on 22 December 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-20022 Miles Briggs: Jen Hardy Awarded Honorary Doctorate from Heriot-Watt University (lodged on 3 December 2025)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*

S6M-19214 Jackie Dunbar: Banking Charges for Charities and Not-for-profit Organisations (lodged on 3 October 2025)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

Questions

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 20 January 2026

S6W-43092 Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the point of order by Stephen Kerr MSP in the Chamber on 14 January 2026, whether an earlier published version of its draft Budget 2026-27 included a specific allocation of £500,000 for film houses in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen and, if so, (a) for what reason, (b) when and (c) by whom the decision was taken to remove that funding from the budget; what plans it has to reinstate any such allocation and, if it has no plans to do so, what other targeted support for independent cinemas and film houses is available.

S6W-43095 Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) consultation it held with and (b) feedback it received from film houses, independent cinemas and representative bodies regarding any proposed budget allocations for film houses in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen, in light of reports that an earlier published version of its draft Budget 2026-27 included an allocation of £500,000 for such film houses.

S6W-43096 Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government whether it routinely retains draft versions of budget spreadsheets and working documents that may change post-publication, and, if so, whether it will commit to making earlier versions available to MSPs where material changes are made in new versions.

S6W-43179 Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-40703 by Mairi Gougeon on 1 October 2025, how much money from the Forestry Grant Scheme has been spent on (a) natural regeneration of native woodlands and (b) invasive species control, in each year since 2021-22.

S6W-43180 Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-40703 by Mairi Gougeon on 1 October 2025, what proportion of the Forestry Grant Scheme funding allocated to native woodlands has been spent on (a) native woodland planting and (b) restoration of existing native woodlands, in each year since 2021-22.

S6W-43181 Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42791 by Mairi Gougeon on 13 January 2026, (a) what its position is on whether (i) national security encompasses a wider scope than the matters reserved by Schedule 5, Section 9 of the Scotland Act 1998 and (ii) the recent Strategic Defence Review, in particular chapter 6 (Home Defence and Resilience: A Whole-of-Society Approach) and chapter 7.2 (Maritime Domain), affords significant scope for the Scottish Government to exempt its procurement of vessels under the provision of Section 45 of the Subsidy Control Act 2022, and (b) whether it will agree to discuss this matter with the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Defence.

S6W-43182 Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) working, (b) reference, (c) policy sub, (d) network and (e) other groups have been established in relation to its delivery of Phase 2 of the Women's Health Plan; what the full name of each group is, and to whom each group reports.

S6W-43183 Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the publication of the Women's Health Plan: Phase 2 (2026-2029), by what date it will publish the National Plan for Gynaecology, and what the timeline is for its implementation.

S6W-43184 Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the publication of the Women's Health Plan: Phase 2 (2026-2029), by what date it will publish the Action Plan for the Elimination of Cervical Cancer, and what the timeline is for its implementation.

S6W-43185 Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government where the location will be for the first roll-out of self-sampling for cervical screening, which is expected to take place in spring 2026.

S6W-43186 Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the publication of the Women's Health Plan: Phase 2 (2026-2029), when it will (a) launch and (b) issue the national survey on women and girls health in Scotland.

S6W-43187 Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its engagement with NHS Tayside regarding mental health services, in particular the proposed move of inpatient learning disability services from Strathmartine Centre in Dundee to Murray Royal Hospital in Perth, in light of the comment by the First Minister on 20 November 2025 in which he stated that he would "give...an undertaking that I will review the issue in January, once I have seen the conclusions of the work that NHS Tayside has committed to doing...I will return to it once I see what progress has been made by December".

S6W-43188 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has purchased any Starlink products from SpaceX, and, if so, whether it will provide details of this.

S6W-43189 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which railway stations in Scotland (a) have and (b) do not have public Wi-Fi available.

S6W-43190 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is exploring the possibility of installing satellite Wi-Fi in rural railway stations that have no nearby mobile phone masts, and, if so, whether it will provide details of this.

S6W-43191 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what the anticipated lifespan is of all of ScotRail's rolling stock, broken down by class unit.

S6W-43192 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42985 by Jenni Minto on 20 January 2026, what funding has been allocated in the 2026-27 draft Scottish Budget to allow a national respiratory audit to progress.

S6W-43193 Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government what support is offered by the NHS to the victims of grooming gangs in Scotland.

S6W-43194 Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government how many men completed the Caledonian System programme in 2024-25.

S6W-43195 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what updates have been made since 2021 to its (a) AI and (b) Digital Health and Care Strategy.

S6W-43196 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government by what date in 2026 it will publish its renewed AI Strategy, and whether this will include a health-specific plan for AI in public health and the NHS.

S6W-43197 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42935 by Neil Gray on 20 January 2026, what timeline it has given to the Collaborative Response and Assurance group to consider the recommendations and report back to it.

S6W-43198 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42936 by Neil Gray on 20 January 2026, what form this work is taking, and what the timeline is for completion.

S6W-43199 Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government how many employees within the devolved civil service are currently on a development programme for underperformance.

S6W-43200 Beatrice Wishart: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the findings of the joint report by the Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission, which highlights that unpaid carers are often involved too late in hospital discharge planning despite their legal rights under the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016, what steps it is taking to ensure that NHS boards receive clear training

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and guidance on involving unpaid carers from the point of admission, and how compliance with these duties will be monitored.

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 20 January 2026

Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 57B) (Government Bill)

New accompanying documents printed on 20 January 2026

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)—A revised version of the Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 59A–EN) have been printed. (Government Bill)

Amendments to Bills lodged or withdrawn on 20 January 2026**Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3****Section 1****Tim Eagle**

63 In section 1, page 1, line 18, at end insert—

- <(2) In setting targets under this Part, the Scottish Ministers must have regard to the importance of local food production and domestic food security.
- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, any targets set under this Part must not have the purpose of reducing beef and dairy herd numbers.>

Douglas Lumsden

64 In section 1, page 1, line 26, at end insert—

- <(iv) the impacts of electricity infrastructure on biodiversity, including—
 - (A) overhead vs underground/subsea routeing indicators,
 - (B) habitat fragmentation,
 - (C) bird/bat strike risk,
 - (D) a “ pylons-as-last-resort” indicator showing undergrounding/subsea was reasonably ruled out,>

Sarah Boyack

65 In section 1, page 1, line 26, at end insert—

- <(iv) the condition of designated natural features on protected sites and marine protected sites,>

Ariane Burgess

66 In section 1, page 2, line 2, at end insert—

- <(1A) The Scottish Ministers must exercise the power under subsection (1) to set a target that restricts demersal mobile fishing gear in at least 30% of Scotland’s inshore waters.
- (1B) The progress and achievement of the target under subsection (1A) is to be measured by—
 - (a) the prioritisation of Scotland’s inshore areas for fishing techniques that have a reduced impact on the environment, including but not limited to static gear, lining and hand-diving collecting,
 - (b) the installation of robust, tamper-proof and accurate vessel tracking and monitoring technology on all Scottish fishing vessels,
 - (c) the support provided to affected fisheries sector to adapt.
- (1C) For the purpose of subsection (1A), "demersal mobile fishing gear" means any fishing gear that is towed along the sea bed or is otherwise moved through the water on or

close to the sea bed to catch fish, and includes, for example, a dredge, beam trawl, demersal seine net or demersal trawl.>

Sarah Boyack

67 In section 1, page 2, line 13, leave out <coming into force> and insert <receiving Royal Assent>

Sarah Boyack

68 In section 1, page 3, line 2, after <met> insert <within a period of 12 months beginning on the day on which the target in question was expected to be met>

Sarah Boyack

69 In section 1, page 3, line 6, after <meet> insert <within a period of 12 months beginning with the day on which the target in question was expected to be met>

Mercedes Villalba

28 *Withdrawn*

Mercedes Villalba

70 In section 1, page 5, line 31, at end insert—

<(4A) Regulations under this section must specify a public body or office holder who is independent of the Scottish Ministers.>

After section 1B**Rhoda Grant**

31A As an amendment to amendment 31, line 5, leave out <12 months> and insert <2 years>

Rhoda Grant

31B As an amendment to amendment 31, line 8, leave out from <consult> to end of line 9, and insert <establish an independent working group to advise the Scottish Ministers on the matters mentioned in subsection (2A).>

(2A) The matters are—

- the information to be included in the guidance under subsection (1),
- the efficacy of the law as it relates to the habitats regulations and the Scottish Ministers' ability to fulfil their duties in relation to biodiversity.

(2B) When preparing the guidance under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must have regard to any advice provided by the independent working group.

(2C) The Scottish Ministers may appoint such persons as they consider to have an interest in the habitats regulations as members of the independent working group.>

Section 5

Tim Eagle

71 In section 5, page 7, line 23, after <sustainable> insert <economic growth and>

Sarah Boyack

72 In section 5, page 7, line 23, leave out from <improves> to the end of line 25 and insert—

- <(i) improves the health and wellbeing of individuals who visit, live and work in the area, and
- (ii) supports the prosperity of communities in the area, including in relation to the provision of housing for people to live and work in the area.>

After section 5A

Sarah Boyack

73 After section 5A, insert—

<National Park Proposals

Advice before making National Park proposals

(1) The National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 is modified as follows.

(2) In section 2, after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) Before making a proposal under subsection (1) the Scottish Ministers must have regard to advice provided under section 2A.”.

(3) After section 2, insert—

“2A Advice before making a National Park proposal

(1) Before making a National Park proposal, the Scottish Ministers must seek expert advice on the matters set out in subsection (2) from such persons as the Scottish Ministers consider to have expertise relevant to the National Park aims and the conditions for designation set out in section 2(2).

(2) The matters are, in relation to the National Park aims and conditions for designation—

(a) the management needs of the area,

(b) whether designation as a National Park could—

(i) improve the management of the area, and

(ii) help to meet the special needs of the area, and

(c) such other matters relating to the designation of a National Park as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.

(3) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the expert advice has been provided, lay a copy of the advice before the Scottish Parliament.”>

Section 6

Sarah Boyack

74 In section 6, page 8, line 24, after <subsection (1)> insert <—
()>

Sarah Boyack

75 In section 6, page 8, line 28, at end insert—
<() after the definition of “community council”, insert—
““cultural development” includes the development of arts, tangible and intangible cultural heritage, creative industries, and activities which reflect the diversity and distinctiveness of the area and its communities.”>

After section 6

Ross Greer**Supported by: Jackie Baillie**

76 After section 6, insert—
<*Planning functions of National Park authorities*

Planning functions of National Park authorities

(1) Section 10 of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 (planning functions) is modified as follows.

(2) After subsection (1), insert—
“(1A) Where a National Park authority is designated as a planning authority under subsection (1), the process for considering any appeal against a decision of that planning authority must include a public hearing where the decision relates to a major or national development.”.

(3) In subsection (2), after “section” insert “—
“major development” has the same meaning as in the schedule of The Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Developments) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (S.S.I. 2009/51),
“national development” means the development or classes of development designated as such in the National Planning Framework under section 3A(4)(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.”>

Section 7

Sarah Boyack

77 In section 7, page 8, line 34, leave out <facilitate the implementation of> and insert <actively implement>

After section 11**Edward Mountain**

78 After section 11, insert—

<Close seasons

Close seasons

- (1) The Deer (Close Seasons) (Scotland) Order 2011 (S.S.I. 2011/417) is modified as follows.
- (2) For the table in the schedule (close seasons), substitute—

<i>“Species</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Period</i>
Fallow deer (Dama dama)	Male	1 May to 31 July
	Female	16 February to 20 October
Red deer (Cervus elaphus)	Male	21 October to 20 June
	Female	16 February to 20 October
Red/sika deer hybrid	Male	21 October to 30 June
	Female	16 February to 20 October
Roe deer (Capreolus capreolus)	Male	21 October to 31 March
	Female	1 April to 20 October
Sika deer (Cervus nippon)	Male	21 October to 30 June
	Female	16 February to 20 October”>

Section 12**Tim Eagle**

79 In section 12, page 13, line 27, leave out *<will>* and insert *<may>*

Edward Mountain

80 In section 12, page 14, line 4, leave out *<10>* and insert *<5>*

Section 13**Edward Mountain**

81 In section 13, page 14, line 23, after *<safety>* insert *< and SNH is satisfied that no other measure (such as the use of speed limits) would protect public safety>*

Tim Eagle

82 In section 13, page 14, line 32, leave out *<in relation to>* and insert *<on>*

Edward Mountain

83 In section 13, page 14, line 34, after first *<or>* insert *<materially>*

Tim Eagle

84 In section 13, page 14, line 35, leave out <, enhances or otherwise improves> and insert <and enhances>

Tim Eagle

85 In section 13, page 15, line 2, after <enactment> insert <which primarily deals with deer management in Scotland>

Tim Eagle

86 In section 13, page 15, line 6, leave out <relating to> and insert <primarily relating to deer management in Scotland,>

Section 14**Tim Eagle**

87 In section 14, page 15, line 14, after <applies,> insert <and having had regard to and acting in accordance with any requirements set out in the code of practice on deer management,>

Edward Mountain

88 In section 14, page 15, line 29, leave out <3> and insert <6>

Section 15**Tim Eagle**

89 In section 15, page 16, line 11, leave out subsection (3) and insert—
<() In subsection (3), after second “to” insert “and acting in accordance with any requirements set out in”.>

Section 16**Tim Eagle**

90 In section 16, page 17, leave out lines 6 and 7 and insert—
<() after “to” insert “and acting in accordance with any requirements set out in”,>

Edward Mountain

91 In section 16, page 20, line 20, after <consult> insert <—
(a)>

Edward Mountain

92 In section 16, page 20, line 20, after <SNH> insert—
<(b) such persons as the Scottish Ministers consider to represent the interests of relevant persons,

(c)>

After section 16**Mark Ruskell**

93 After section 16, insert—

<Control agreements and control schemes: further provision

- (1) The 1996 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 8, insert—

“8A Control agreements and control schemes: further provision

- (1) This section applies where the conditions in subsections (2) are met.
- (2) The conditions are that, in relation to a specified area of land—
 - (a) it is, or forms part of, an area of land which is—
 - (i) subject to an SSSI notification within the meaning of section 3(4) of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004,
 - (ii) designated as a special area of conservation under regulation 7 of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations (S.I. 1994/2716),
 - (iii) classified as a special protection area under regulation 9 of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations (S.I. 1994/2716),
 - (iv) recognised to be on the Ancient Woodland Inventory,
 - (v) Atlantic rainforest,
 - (vi) the Flow Country World Heritage Site, or
 - (vii) peatland of a depth greater than 30 centimetres, and
 - (b) monitoring by SNH demonstrates that the land is in an unfavourable condition due, in whole or in part, to grazing by deer.
- (3) Where this section applies, SNH must—
 - (a) form—
 - (i) the preliminary view mentioned in section 7(1), or
 - (ii) the view mentioned in section 7(3), and
 - (b) give notice and consult in accordance with section 7(4).
- (4) Where SNH has given notice under section 7(4) and either—
 - (a) SNH is satisfied that it is not possible to secure a control agreement or that a control agreement is not being carried out, or
 - (b) 6 months have elapsed since SNH gave the notice and no agreement has been reached on the matters mentioned in section 7(4),

SNH must make a control scheme in accordance with section 8(3) to (8).”>

Section 19**Edward Mountain**

94 In section 19, page 22, leave out lines 36 and 37

Edward Mountain

95 In section 19, page 22, leave out line 38

Section 20**Edward Mountain**

96 Leave out section 20

After section 20**Mark Ruskell**

20A As an amendment to amendment 20, line 22, leave out from second <deer> to end of line 23 and insert <—

- (i) the latest population estimate for deer, of all species, in Scotland,
- (ii) the latest population estimate for deer, of all species, broken down by appropriate geographic unit,
- (iii) the total numbers of deer, of all species, that should be culled in Scotland for each year of the five year duration of the programme,
- (iv) the total numbers of deer, of all species, that should be culled in Scotland for each year of the five year duration of the programme, broken down by appropriate geographic unit, and>

Mark Ruskell

20B As an amendment to amendment 20, line 23, at end insert—

<(ca) polices and proposals, including those for funding, by which SNH will ensure that the cull targets under paragraphs (c)(iii) and (iv) are met.>

Tim Eagle

20C As an amendment to amendment 20, line 23, at end insert—

<(ca) the introduction of a pilot for community larders and wider processing infrastructure for the purpose of increasing production capacity for venison,>

Tim Eagle

20D As an amendment to amendment 20, line 25, at end insert—

<(2A) When preparing the plan under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consider whether the plan should make provision for the introduction of a pilot for community

larders and wider processing infrastructure for the purpose of increasing production capacity for venison.>

Mark Ruskell

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

<(iii) the environmental and nature restoration sector,>

Rachael Hamilton

97 After section 20, insert—

<**National deer management and venison plan: initial consideration of matters relating to venison**

After section 40A of the 1996 Act, insert—

“40D National deer management and venison plan: initial consideration of matters relating to venison

- (1) Before preparing a plan or reviewing and updating a plan under section 40B, the Scottish Ministers must consider what barriers (if any) exist in relation to the effective operation of venison processing facilities.
- (2) When considering the matter in subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) such persons as they consider represent the interests of the venison industry, and
 - (b) such other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (3) Any consultation under subsection (2) which would to any extent have satisfied sub-paragraph (ii) of section 40B(4)(b), that sub-paragraph may to that extent be taken to have been satisfied.”.>

Mark Ruskell

98 After section 20, insert—

<*National Deer Management Programme*

National Deer Management Programme

- (1) The 1996 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 11, insert—

“11A National Deer Management Programme

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within two years of the date that this section comes into force, publish and lay before the Scottish Parliament, a National Deer Management Programme.
- (2) A National Deer Management Programme must include—
 - (a) the latest population estimate for deer, of all species, in Scotland,
 - (b) the latest population estimate for deer, of all species, broken down by appropriate geographic unit,

- (c) the total numbers of deer, of all species, that should be culled in Scotland for each year of the five year duration of the programme,
- (d) the total numbers of deer, of all species, that should be culled in Scotland for each year of the five year duration of the programme, broken down by appropriate geographic unit, and
- (e) policies and proposals, including those for funding, by which SNH will ensure that the cull targets under paragraphs (c) and (d) are met.

(3) The numbers of deer to be culled, set out under subsection (2)(c) and (d), that should be sufficient, in the opinion of the Scottish Ministers, to ensure that the targets set under section 2C of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 are met.

(4) Before publishing a National Deer Management Programme, the Scottish Ministers must publish a draft and consult with—

- (a) SNH,
- (b) representatives of land owning and land management bodies,
- (c) representatives of community interests in areas of Scotland where deer culls are to be carried out,
- (d) representatives of those concerned with nature conservation and restoration, and
- (e) any other person or body they consider has an interest in deer management.

(5) The Scottish Ministers must, when laying a National Deer Management Programme under subsection (1) before the Parliament, lay a statement setting out—

- (a) details of the consultation carried out under subsection (4),
- (b) a summary of the responses to the consultation, and
- (c) the changes (if any) they have made as a result of the consultation process and the reasons for those changes.

(6) The Scottish Ministers must, five years following the publication of the first National Deer Management Programme, and every five years thereafter, review and update it.

(7) The provisions of this section apply to a review under subsection (6) in the same manner as they apply to the first National Deer Management Programme.”.>

Section 21

Edward Mountain

99 In section 21, page 23, leave out line 32

Edward Mountain

100 In section 21, page 23, line 34, after <person> insert <who is qualified in practical deer management and is>

Edward Mountain

101 In section 21, page 23, line 35, leave out *<all reasonable times>* and insert *<a reasonable time, and as previously agreed with the owner or occupier,>*

Edward Mountain

102 In section 21, page 24, line 11, at end insert—

<() after subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) Where a person is authorised by SNH for the purpose described in subsection (3)(a), SNH must, within the period of 3 months beginning with the day on which the information was recorded share with the owner—

(a) the recorded information on the number and characteristics of deer in the area, and

(b) the assessment of the impact those deer have on the area.

(3B) Information shared under subsection (3A) must be shared in an accessible format.”.>

Edward Mountain

103 In section 21, page 24, line 11, at end insert—

<() after subsection (3B) insert—

“(3C) SNH must comply with subsections (3A) and (3B) before taking any further action under this Act.”.>

Edward Mountain

104 In section 21, page 24, line 11, at end insert—

<() after subsection (4), insert—

“(5) SNH must compensate the owner or occupier of land for any damage caused to that land resulting from the exercise of any power of entry conferred by this section.”.>

Section 22**Edward Mountain**

105 In section 22, page 24, line 27, leave out *<SNH believes is or may be relevant to its>* and insert *<is relevant to SNH’s>*

Section 24**Edward Mountain**

106 In section 24, page 25, line 28, at end insert—

<() After subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) An order under subsection (1) must include a restriction on the taking or killing of a female deer where it is feeding a calf, unless the calf is killed or taken first.”.>

Edward Mountain

107 In section 24, page 25, line 28, at end insert—

<() After subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) An order under subsection (1) must include a restriction on the taking or killing of a male calf from 31 May to 20 October, unless the mother of the calf is also killed or taken.”.>

Section 27**Edward Mountain**

108 In section 27, page 27, line 6, after <deer> insert <(with the exception of red deer)>

Edward Mountain

109 In section 27, page 27, line 15, at end insert—

<(4A) A shotgun authorised for use under this section may only be used with ammunition—

- (a) containing powder of no less than 36g, and
- (b) not containing steel shot.”.>

Section 28**Edward Mountain**

110 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() After subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) Regulations under subsection (1) must not require any person to complete any training or qualification in order to be a registered person.”.>

Edward Mountain

111 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() After subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide that where a person meeting the requirement in subsection (2B) makes an application for registration, that person must be determined to be fit and competent to shoot deer.

(2B) The requirement is that the person has continuously possessed a firearms certificate under the Firearms Act 1968 since 1 January 1975.”.>

Edward Mountain

112 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() After subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide that where a person meeting the requirement in subsection (2B) makes an application for registration, that person must be determined to be fit and competent to shoot deer.

(2B) The requirement is that the person was born on or before 31 December 1975.”.>

Edward Mountain

113 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() After subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide that where a person meeting the requirement in subsection (2B) makes an application for registration, that person must be determined to be fit and competent to shoot deer.

(2B) The requirement is that the person can provide a reference confirming that the person is fit and competent to shoot deer.

(2C) A reference under subsection (2B) must confirm that the person giving the reference—

(a) considers that the applicant is capable of carrying out deer stalking in a safe, humane and lawful manner,

(b) accepts limited supervisory responsibility.”.>

Edward Mountain

114 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() In subsection (3)—

(a) after “consult” insert “—

(a) the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland,

(b),

(b) after “such” insert “other”.>

Edward Mountain

115 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() In subsection (3)—

(a) after “consult” insert “—

(a) the Police Federation for Scotland,

(b),

(b) after “such” insert “other”.>

Edward Mountain

116 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() In subsection (3)—

(a) after “consult” insert “—

- (a) Scottish Natural Heritage,
- (b)",
- (b) after "such" insert "other".>

Edward Mountain

117 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() In subsection (3)—

- (a) after "consult" insert "—
 - (a) the Secretary of State for the Home Department,
 - (b)",
- (b) after "such" insert "other".>

Edward Mountain

118 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() In subsection (3)—

- (a) after "consult" insert "—
 - (a) all regional police forces of England and Wales,
 - (b)",
- (b) after "such" insert "other".>

Edward Mountain

119 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() In subsection (3)—

- (a) after "consult" insert "—
 - (a) the Police Service of Northern Ireland,
 - (b)",
- (b) after "such" insert "other".>

Edward Mountain

120 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() In subsection (3)—

- (a) after "consult" insert "—
 - (a) the National Police Chiefs' Council,
 - (b)",
- (b) after "such" insert "other".>

Edward Mountain

121 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() After subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) Before making regulations under subsection (1) which would introduce a mandatory training requirement for a person to be considered fit and competent to shoot deer, the Scottish Ministers must, in addition to consulting under subsection (3), undertake—

(a) an analysis of the numbers of people from—

- (i) Scotland,
- (ii) the rest of the UK,
- (iii) any other country,

carrying out deer management (either professionally or recreationally),

(b) an analysis of the availability of training providers and resources, with a view to considering whether there is sufficient capacity to cope with demand for training,

(c) an analysis of the available scientific evidence relating to—

- (i) wounding rates,
- (ii) second shot placement,
- (iii) other welfare factors,

(d) a full impact assessment on the impact of a mandatory training requirement on country sports tourism.”.>

Edward Mountain

122 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() After subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) Before making regulations under subsection (1) which would introduce a mandatory training requirement for a person to be considered fit and competent to shoot deer, the Scottish Ministers must, in addition to consulting under subsection (3), undertake an assessment of the impact of introducing a mandatory training requirement in relation to the financial burden on deer management practitioners.”.>

Edward Mountain

123 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() After subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) Before making regulations under subsection (1) which would introduce a mandatory training requirement for a person to be considered fit and competent to shoot deer, the Scottish Ministers must publish and lay before the Scottish Parliament a statement setting out why, in their view, the conditions in subsection (3B) have been met.

(3B) The conditions are that—

- (a) the proposed regulations are supported by robust, objective, proportionate and scientific evidence,
- (b) the competence, training or certification requirements to be introduced in the regulations are clearly defined and necessary to achieve improvements in deer welfare, deer management or public safety outcomes,
- (c) adequate training, qualification or certification provision is available, or will be available prior to the regulations coming into force, and is reasonably accessible and affordable to persons likely to be affected,
- (d) sufficient resources are available to ensure the effective implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the proposed regulations, and
- (e) the proposed regulations are proportionate, practicable and enforceable.”.>

Edward Mountain

124 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() After subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) Before making regulations under subsection (1) which would introduce a mandatory training requirement for a person to be considered fit and competent to shoot deer, the Scottish Ministers must, as part of or in addition to the consultation required under subsection (3), consult such persons or organisations as they consider have an interest in the regulations on the recognition of international qualifications for deer management.”.>

Edward Mountain

125 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() After subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) At the same time as beginning the consultation required under subsection (3), the Scottish Ministers must publish a statement setting out—

- (a) the scientific evidence relied upon in support of the proposed regulations, including evidence relating to deer welfare, deer population management and public safety,
- (b) an assessment of—
 - (i) the training, qualifications or certification that would be required under the proposed regulations,
 - (ii) the availability, accessibility, geographic coverage and affordability of any such training, qualifications or certification,
 - (iii) the resources required for the effective implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the proposed regulations, and
 - (iv) the likely impact of the proposed regulations on deer welfare, deer management outcomes and persons lawfully engaged in the shooting of deer.

(3B) Where the Scottish Ministers publish a consultation document for the purposes of subsection (3), the obligation in subsection (3A) may be met by including the

information mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of that subsection in the consultation document.”.>

Edward Mountain

126 In section 28, page 28, line 11, at end insert—

<() After subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) Where regulations under subsection (1) would introduce a mandatory training requirement for a person to be considered fit and competent to shoot deer, those regulations must also provide for the establishment of a fund for the purpose of meeting the costs of persons undertaking such mandatory training.”.>

Section 31A**Edward Mountain**

127 In section 31A, page 29, line 32, at end insert—

<(3A) The occupier, or person mentioned in subsection (4) authorised in writing by the occupier, must not take any action under subsection (1) without the agreement of the owner of any sporting rights in relation to the land.>

Edward Mountain

128 In section 31A, page 29, leave out lines 38 and 39

Edward Mountain

129 In section 31A, page 30, line 24, at end insert—

<(2A) The person authorised under subsection (1) must not take any action under that subsection without the agreement of the owner of any sporting rights in relation to the land.>

Edward Mountain

130 Leave out section 31A

Section 32**Edward Mountain**

131 Leave out section 32

Section 33**Edward Mountain**

132 Leave out section 33

After section 33**Rachael Hamilton**

133 After section 33, insert—

<Venison action plan

Venison action plan

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must prepare, publish and implement a venison action plan.
- (2) The action plan under subsection (1) must set out how—
 - (a) deer larders,
 - (b) butchery facilities, and
 - (c) distributors,can be utilised to accelerate and increase the processing and supply of venison available for human consumption.
- (3) In preparing the action plan under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) review the current capacity of venison processing,
 - (b) consider what barriers, if any, exist in the processing of venison, and
 - (c) consult—
 - (i) such persons as they consider represent the interests of the venison industry, and
 - (ii) such other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may delegate parts of the action plan under subsection (1) to bodies they deem appropriate to undertake the—
 - (a) design,
 - (b) enforcement,of the action plan.>

Rachael Hamilton

134 After section 33, insert—

<Venison action plan

Venison action plan

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must prepare, publish and implement a venison action plan.
- (2) The action plan under subsection (1) must set out steps the Scottish Ministers will take to—
 - (a) ensure public bodies regularly offer venison as a meal in—
 - (i) hospitals,
 - (ii) schools, and
 - (iii) workplaces,

(b) remove barriers to the demand and supply of venison available for human consumption,

(c) ensure venison becomes a widely available product.

(3) In preparing the action plan under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult—

(a) such persons as they consider represent the interests of the venison industry, and

(b) such other persons as they consider appropriate.

(4) The Scottish Ministers may delegate parts of the action plan under subsection (1) to bodies they deem appropriate to undertake the—

(a) design,

(b) enforcement,

of the action plan.>

Rachael Hamilton

135 After section 33, insert—

<Recovery and donation of surplus venison meat

(1) The Scottish Ministers must promote and encourage—

(a) the recovery of surplus venison meat,

(b) the donation of that surplus venison meat to appropriate persons or organisations.

(2) In complying with the duty under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must—

(a) assess the percentage of Scottish venison meat put into the supply market which is destroyed,

(b) establish a fund to provide incentives for surplus venison meat to be donated,

(c) establish a group to make recommendations as to what incentives should be provided under paragraph (b),

(d) raise awareness of the availability of donated venison meat amongst the general public.>

Section 33A**Tim Eagle**

136 In section 33A, page 32, line 15, leave out <10> and insert <5>

Tim Eagle

137 In section 33A, page 32, line 24, at end insert—

<() The report prepared under subsection (1) must include information on whether any provision of the 1996 Act as modified by this Part has not been used during the period covered by the report.>

Edward Mountain

138 In section 33A, page 32, line 26, at end insert—

<() persons with practical experience of deer management,>

Edward Mountain

139 In section 33A, page 32, line 26, at end insert—

<() persons who have an interest in deer management,>

Tim Eagle

140 In section 33A, page 32, line 32, after <Parliament> insert <and, at the same time, send a copy of the report to a committee of the Parliament whose remit includes matters relating to deer management for the time being appointed by virtue of the standing orders>

Section 33B**Mark Ruskell**

141 Leave out section 33B, and insert—

<Swift nest boxes

The Scottish Ministers must, before the expiry of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this section comes into force, make regulations under section 1 of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003 to make provision for the installation of swift nest boxes in such buildings as described in the regulations where reasonably practicable and appropriate.>

Before section 33C**Sarah Boyack**

142 Before section 33C, insert—

<National Marine Plan: nature recovery

- (1) The Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 5 (national marine plan and regional marine plans), after subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) A national marine plan or (as the case may be) a regional marine plan must set out how the plan contributes to—
 - (a) nature recovery, and
 - (b) meeting the biodiversity targets set under section 2C of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004.”>

After section 33C**Sarah Boyack**

143 After section 33C, insert—

<Inshore fishing: meaning of marine environmental purposes

- (1) The Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984 is modified as follows.

(2) In section 2A (powers to restrict fishing, or to prohibit the carriage of specified types of net, for marine environmental purposes), in subsection (3), after paragraph (b) insert—

- “(c) of mitigation of climate change,
- (d) of adaptation to climate change,
- (e) of supporting ecosystem recovery.”.>

Sarah Boyack

144 After section 33C, insert—

<Prohibition on use of demersal mobile fishing gear in certain sea lochs

(1) The Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984 is modified as follows.

(2) After section 2A, insert—

“2AA Prohibition on use of demersal mobile fishing gear in certain sea lochs

(1) The Scottish Ministers may, in relation to any sea loch, by order prohibit the use of demersal mobile fishing gear so far as is necessary to protect carbon sequestration within the sediments at the head of the sea loch.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

“demersal mobile fishing gear” means any fishing gear that is towed along the sea bed or is otherwise moved through the water on or close to the sea bed to catch fish, and includes a dredge, beam trawl, demersal seine net or demersal trawl,

“head of the sea loch” is the area defined in relation to each sea loch by the Scottish Ministers in the order, having had regard to the best available scientific evidence.

(3) An order made under subsection (1) must be based on the best available scientific evidence.

(4) Before making an order under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons they consider may have an interest in, or otherwise be affected by, the order.

(5) An order under subsection (1) shall be made by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the Scottish Parliament.”.>

Sarah Boyack

145 After section 33C, insert—

<Low-impact fishing priority areas

(1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision to designate areas of Scottish inshore waters as Low-Impact Fishing Priority Areas “(LIFPA)”.

(2) The Scottish Ministers may only make a designation under subsection (1) where they consider that doing so would contribute to—

- (a) the meeting of targets set under section 2C of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004,
- (b) the aims of Scotland’s national marine plan, and

(c) the achievement of Good Environmental Status under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

(3) Regulations under subsection (1) may—

- (a) restrict or prohibit the use of specified fishing gear within a LIFPA,
- (b) set conditions for permitted fishing activities within a LIFPA, including in relation to—
 - (i) fishing effort,
 - (ii) licences, or
 - (iii) access rights,
- (c) provide for requirements in relation to—
 - (i) monitoring and reporting of ecological and socio-economic outcomes of fishing activity within a designated area, and
 - (ii) reviewing those outcomes,
- (d) make provision for such other requirements as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.

(4) Before making regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must—

- (a) consult—
 - (i) the relevant regional inshore fisheries groups,
 - (ii) island and coastal communities likely to be affected by the designation, and
 - (iii) such other persons as they consider appropriate,
- (b) publish a statement explaining the relationship between the designation and the existing powers listed in subsection (5).

(5) A designation made under this section is without prejudice to existing powers under the—

- (a) Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984,
- (b) Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, or
- (c) Fisheries Act 2020.

(6) For the purposes of this section, “Scotland’s national marine plan” is to be construed in accordance with section 5 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.>

Sarah Boyack

146 After section 33C, insert—

<National marine strategy

(1) The Scottish Ministers must, within 12 months of Royal Assent, publish a national marine strategy in order to—

- (a) protect and preserve the marine environment, prevent its deterioration or, where practicable, restore marine ecosystems in areas where they have been adversely affected, and
- (b) prevent and reduce inputs into the marine environment, with a view to phasing out pollution, so as to ensure inputs do not give rise to any significant impacts on or

risks to marine biodiversity, marine ecosystems, human health or legitimate uses of the sea.

- (2) The strategy must specify the manner in which, or indicators against which, progress towards and achievement of the strategy is to be measured.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must from time to time review a strategy published under subsection (1)
- (4) Before preparing a strategy under subsection (1), or reviewing it under subsection (3), the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) consult such persons as they consider appropriate, and
 - (b) have regard to any new environmental challenges.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish a report on progress towards meeting the measures set out under subsection (2)—
 - (a) in the case of the first report, no later than 12 months after the strategy was published,
 - (b) in the case of subsequent reports, no later than 12 months after the last report was published.>

Douglas Ross

147 After section 33C, insert—

<Review of marine environment protection and enforcement

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after Royal Assent, undertake a review of the monitoring and enforcement of laws relating to the protection of marine environment.
- (2) The review under subsection (1) must, in particular, consider—
 - (a) the role of the AIRTASK operated and crewed Reims Cessna F406,
 - (b) the decision to dispose of the two AIRTASK operated and crewed Reims Cessna F406s that were in use,
 - (c) the reasons for the decision,
 - (d) the gaps in capacity that the decision has created,
 - (e) the impact that this decision will have for the control and protection of Scotland's waters.
- (3) As soon as reasonably practicable after completing the review under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) prepare and publish a report on the findings of the review, and
 - (b) if supported by those findings, return to the use of two AIRTASK operated and crewed Reims Cessna F406s.>

Section 33D**Douglas Ross**

60A As an amendment to amendment 60, line 6, at end insert—

<() include information from a survey including the numbers of urban and coastal gulls,>

After section 33D**Douglas Ross**

148 After section 33D, insert—

<Gull Management Fund

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, before the expiry of the period of 12 months beginning with the day after Royal Assent, undertake an analysis of the total annual spend by local authorities on gull management and deterrence.
- (2) The analysis under subsection (1) must, in particular, consider the total spend by each local authority in the previous year—
 - (a) to mitigate the impact of gulls in the local authority area, and
 - (b) to compensate for the impact of gulls in the local authority area.
- (3) As soon as reasonably practicable after completing the analysis under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must establish a fund (to be known as “the Gull Management Fund”) for the purpose of providing funding to local authorities to carry out any activity aimed at—
 - (a) mitigating the impact of gulls in the local authority area,
 - (b) responding to the consequences of gulls in the local authority area.
- (4) Funding for the Gull Management Fund—
 - (a) must be managed by the Scottish Ministers,
 - (b) must be held separately and only used for the purposes of the Gull Management Fund.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must undertake an annual review of the operation and use of the Gull Management Fund.
- (6) A review under subsection (5) must, in particular, consider whether there should be an increase in funding for the Gull Management Fund.
- (7) In this section, “activity” includes (but is not limited to)—
 - (a) hawking,
 - (b) the establishment and use of sonic devices.>

Douglas Ross

149 After section 33D, insert—

<Removal of licensing functions of Scottish Natural Heritage

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, make provision to remove any licensing function of Scottish Natural Heritage in relation to gulls, conferred on it by or under any enactment.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must transfer any such licensing function to the Scottish Ministers.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may make any incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision that the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.

(4) Regulations under subsection (1) may—

- (a) modify any enactment (including this Act),
- (b) make different provision for different purposes.

(5) Before making regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider may have an interest in, or otherwise be affected by, the regulations.

(6) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

Douglas Ross

150 After section 33D, insert—

<Removal of licensing functions of Scottish Natural Heritage

(1) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, make provision to remove any licensing function of Scottish Natural Heritage in relation to gulls, conferred on it by or under any enactment.

(2) Regulations under subsection (1) must transfer any such licensing function to local authorities.

(3) Regulations under subsection (1) may make any incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision that the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.

(4) Regulations under subsection (1) may—

- (a) modify any enactment (including this Act),
- (b) make different provision for different purposes.

(5) Before making regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider may have an interest in, or otherwise be affected by, the regulations.

(6) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

Douglas Ross

151 After section 33D, insert—

<Removal of licensing functions of Scottish Natural Heritage

(1) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, make provision to remove any licensing function of Scottish Natural Heritage in relation to gulls, conferred on it by or under any enactment.

(2) Regulations under subsection (1) may transfer any such licensing function to another person or body as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.

(3) Regulations under subsection (1) may make any incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision that the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.

(4) Regulations under subsection (1) may—

- (a) modify any enactment (including this Act),
- (b) make different provision for different purposes.

(5) Before making regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider may have an interest in, or otherwise be affected by, the regulations.

(6) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

Rachael Hamilton

152 After section 33D, insert—

<Review of licences for gull management

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, before the expiry of the period of 12 months beginning undertake a review of the use of licensing and licensing conditions in relation to the management of gulls.
- (2) As soon as reasonably practicable after completing the review, the Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish a report on the review.
- (3) The report under subsection (1) must set out—
 - (a) the annual number of licence applications for each of the 5 years preceding the review,
 - (b) the number of applications rejected and approved in each of those years,
 - (c) information on the conditions attached to any licences given,
 - (d) an assessment of the problems faced by urban and coastal communities in relation to the management of gulls,
 - (e) an assessment of whether the licence conditions address any of those problems. >

Section 33E**Emma Harper**

153 Leave out section 33E and insert—

<Guidance about scallops

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must issue guidance in relation to the by-products conditions and the end-of-waste conditions for scallop shells.
- (2) The waste regulation authority is to have regard to any guidance issued under this section in relation to the exercise of its functions.
- (3) Before issuing guidance under this section, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) the Scottish Environment Protection Agency,
 - (b) Food Standards Scotland,
 - (c) such other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) issue guidance under subsection (1) within the period of 1 year beginning with the date this section comes into force, and
 - (b) publish any guidance issued.
- (5) In this section—
 - (a) a reference to the by-products conditions is a reference to the conditions listed in regulation 15(3) of the Waste and Agriculture (Legislative Functions) Regulations 2022 (S.S.I. 2022/190),

- (b) a reference to the end-of-waste conditions is a reference to the conditions listed in regulation 16(3) of the Waste and Agriculture (Legislative Functions) Regulations 2022 (S.S.I. 2022/190),
- (c) the waste regulation authority is to be construed in accordance with section 30(1)(b) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990,
- (d) “scallop shells” means the shells of king scallops (*Pecten maximus*) and queen scallops (*Aequipecten opercularis*).>

Finlay Carson

154 Leave out section 33E and insert—

<Scallop shells: designation as by-products and permitted temporary storage ahead of resale

- (1) For the purposes of—
 - (a) the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (and subordinate legislation under that Act),
 - (b) the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (S.S.I. 2011/226),
 - (c) the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (S.S.I. 2012/148), and
 - (d) the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (S.S.I. 2018/219),clean, tissue-free shells of King scallops (*Pecten maximus*) and Queen scallops (*Aequipecten opercularis*) which satisfy the conditions in subsection (3) are to be treated as by-products (and accordingly are not waste) when placed on the market or transferred for a qualifying further use.
- (2) In this section, “by-product” has the meaning given by Article 5 of Directive 2008/98/EC on waste (the Waste Framework Directive), as that Article has effect in Scots law.
- (3) The conditions referred to in subsection (1) are that—
 - (a) the shells result from a production process, the primary aim of which is not the production of shells,
 - (b) further use is certain,
 - (c) the shells can be used directly without any further processing other than normal industrial practice, and
 - (d) the further use is lawful and the shells satisfy all relevant—
 - (i) product,
 - (ii) public health,
 - (iii) animal health, and
 - (iv) environmental protection,requirements applicable to that use.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3)(c), “normal industrial practice” includes—
 - (a) cleaning,
 - (b) drying,
 - (c) grading,
 - (d) physical size reduction, including crushing, and

(e) comparable conditioning steps.

(5) In this section, “clean, tissue-free shells” means shells—

- from which all animal tissue and organic matter have been completely removed, and
- that have been cleaned, processed and handled so as to prevent risks to animal or public health, having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 and Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011, as those instruments have effect in Scots law.

(6) Nothing in this section affects the status of shellfish shells with residual soft tissue or flesh attached, which remain Category 3 animal by-products and are subject to existing controls.

(7) The temporary storage, handling and transport of shells that meet the definition in subsection (5), pending their sale, supply or transfer for a qualifying further use, does not, by reason only of such storage, handling, transport, sale or supply, require an authorisation under the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018, provided that—

- storage is limited to such period as is reasonably necessary to facilitate aggregation, marketing and transfer for a qualifying further use,
- the quantity stored at any one place is limited to that which is reasonably necessary having regard to the scale and seasonality of the production operation, the frequency of collections or onward transport, and the foreseeable demand for the intended qualifying further uses, and
- records are kept identifying the producer, the date(s) the shells became tissue-free, the quantities stored (by estimate if necessary), and the destination and intended qualifying further use.

(8) In determining, for the purposes of subsection (7)(a) and (b), what is reasonably necessary, regard is to be had, among other matters, to—

- the scale and seasonality of landing or processing,
- the availability and frequency of collections and onward transport,
- the nature of the intended qualifying further uses and foreseeable market demand, and
- any relevant constraints arising from animal or public health, environmental protection or planning controls.

(9) For the purposes of subsection (8)(c), “qualifying further use” includes, without limitation—

- soil improvement or conditioning,
- habitat restoration or enhancement (including marine and coastal projects),
- erosion control or shoreline protection,
- construction or landscaping applications,
- aquaculture or shellfish bed regeneration,
- ornamental, decorative or horticultural use, and
- educational, artistic or craft uses.

(10) Placing on the market, sale or supply of shells for a qualifying further use does not, by reason only of such placing on the market, sale or supply, require an authorisation under the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018.

(11) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision for the purposes of this section, including—

- standards and certification for cleaning and processing,
- record-keeping, traceability and labelling requirements, and
- conditions or limitations on use to protect the environment and public and animal health.

(12) Before making regulations under subsection (11), the Scottish Ministers must consult—

- the Scottish Environment Protection Agency,
- the Animal and Plant Health Agency,
- Food Standards Scotland,
- local authorities, and
- such other persons as they consider appropriate.

(13) Regulations under subsection (11) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

After section 33E**Jamie Halcro Johnston**

155 After section 33E, insert—

<PART**SINGLE FARM PAYMENTS****Islands: reduced application of ecological focus areas**

(1) Regulation (EU) No1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy is amended in accordance with subsection (2).

(2) In article 46, after paragraph 10, insert—

“11 Where the arable land of a holding is located on an inhabited island or is uninhabited but part of a holding on an inhabited island archipelago—

- the percentage referred to in paragraph 1 shall be taken to be 5% and the second unnumbered subparagraph of paragraph 1 shall not have effect,
- paragraph 1 shall not apply to holdings—
 - where more than 75 % of the arable land is used for the production of grasses or other herbaceous forage, is land lying fallow, is used for cultivation of leguminous crops, or is subject to a combination of those uses,
 - where more than 75 % of the eligible agricultural area is permanent grassland, is used for the production of grasses or other herbaceous forage or for the cultivation of crops under water either for a significant part of the year or for a significant part of the crop cycle, or is subject to a combination of those uses.

12 In paragraph 11 “inhabited island” has the same meaning as in the Islands (Scotland) Act 2016.”>

Jamie Halcro Johnston

156 After section 33E, insert—

<PART**ENVIRONMENTAL FARMING SCHEMES****Reporting on environmental farming schemes**

(1) The Scottish Ministers must, for each financial year, prepare and publish a report setting out the basis on which applications to any environmental farming scheme were—

- (a) awarded funding,
- (b) refused funding.

(2) A report under subsection (1) must include all permissible data relating to the—

- (a) criteria and weightings used for the formal assessment and scoring of applications,
- (b) total number of—
 - (i) applications received,
 - (ii) applications selected for funding, and
 - (iii) applications rejected,
- (c) geographical distribution, size of holding, and nature of farming activity of both successful and unsuccessful applicants, aggregated and anonymised so as to comply with the Data Protection Act 2018,
- (d) average and median scores awarded to successful and unsuccessful applications, and
- (e) reasons for the rejection of applications, categorised by the specific eligibility or assessment criteria that were not met.

(3) The report must be—

- (a) published no later than six months after the end of the financial year to which it relates, and
- (b) laid before the Scottish Parliament.

(4) The report under subsection (1) must be published in such manner as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate to ensure accessibility to Parliament, stakeholders and the public.>

Jamie Halcro Johnston

157 After section 33E, insert—

<Right of applicants to access information

(1) The Scottish Ministers shall, on request from an applicant to an environmental farming scheme, report to that applicant the basis for granting or refusing the relevant application.

(2) A report under subsection (1)—

- (a) may include any permissible data,
- (b) shall include information on if the application was considered eligible,

- (c) may be given verbally with the agreement of the applicant,
- (d) shall include any scoring conducted on the application against specific eligibility and assessment criteria, and
- (e) shall be made and communicated to the applicant within a period of not more than 60 days from a request being received.

(3) An application under subsection (1) may be made at any area office of the Scottish Government's Rural Payments and Inspections Directorate RPID.>

Jamie Halcro Johnston

158 After section 33E, insert—

<Application and definitions

(1) For the purposes of this Part—

“environmental farming scheme” includes—

- (a) the Future Farm Investment Scheme,
- (b) any other environmental farming scheme that the Scottish Ministers consider relevant,

“permissible data” means data that can be disclosed without contravening—

- (a) the Data Protection Act 2018 or any such other enactment relating to the protection of personal data,
- (b) any duty of confidentiality owed to an applicant.>

Before section 33F**Beatrice Wishart**

159 Before section 33F, insert—

<Invasive non-native species

(1) The Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 is modified as follows.

(2) In section 2 (Scottish Biodiversity Strategy), after subsection (3), insert—

“(3A) A strategy designated under subsection (1) must include a commitment, within such timescale as must be specified by the Scottish Ministers, to publish an action plan on invasive non-native species.”.

(3) After section 2 (Scottish Biodiversity Strategy), insert—

“2AA Invasive non-native species: action plan

(1) The action plan referred to in section 2(3A) must—

- (a) specify the Scottish Ministers' policies and proposals for action in relation to—

- (i) securing biosecurity and other actions to prevent the establishment of non-native species in Scotland,
- (ii) the surveillance, identification and monitoring of non-native species in Scotland, and

(iii) the control or elimination of non-species considered to be invasive and harmful to the environment,

(b) include an assessment of any issues arising from—

- (i) the need for Scottish Natural Heritage and their licensed operators to access land for the monitoring or control of mobile non-native species,
- (ii) the use and seeding spread of non-native trees for forestry, and
- (iii) the release of common pheasants and red-legged partridges,

(c) include an analysis of the efficacy of legislation in respect of the matters detailed in paragraph (b) of this subsection,

(d) set out the Scottish Ministers consideration of, and any proposals for, legislative change in relation to invasive non-native species.

(2) In preparing the action plan under section 2(3A), the Scottish Ministers must have due regard to the guiding principles on the environment, referred to in section 13 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021.

(3) The Scottish Ministers must, for the first iteration of the action plan—

- (a) publish the action plan within 12 months beginning with the day on which the Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2026 receives Royal Assent, and
- (b) at the same time, lay a copy of the action plan before the Scottish Parliament.

(4) Before publishing the action plan under subsection (3), the Scottish Ministers must carry out a public consultation to inform the content of the action plan.

(5) The Scottish Ministers must, when laying a copy of the action plan before the Scottish Parliament under subsection(3)(b), also lay before the Scottish Parliament a statement setting out—

- (a) details of the consultation carried out under subsection (4),
- (b) a summary of any views expressed in response to that consultation, and
- (c) the Scottish Ministers' recommendations in response to those views.”.>

Edward Mountain

160 Before section 33F, insert—

<Reporting on wild salmon in Scotland

(1) The Scottish Ministers must, in respect of each reporting period, prepare and publish a report on the progress that has been made towards meeting the—

- (a) objectives outlined in the Scottish wild salmon strategy, and
- (b) actions detailed in the associated wild salmon strategy implementation plan.

(2) A report under subsection (1) must include—

- (a) an assessment of whether the identified pressures are increasing or decreasing,
- (b) an assessment of whether there are emerging or new pressures on wild Atlantic salmon populations,

- (c) an assessment of whether the implementation plan continues to meet priorities for wild salmon conservation, in light of paragraphs (a) and (b),
- (d) an assessment of any new actions which may be required to mitigate already identified or emerging threats to wild Atlantic salmon,
- (e) a delivery plan and timescales for actions to mitigate already identified or emerging threats to wild Atlantic salmon in relation to ongoing re-assessment of wild salmon population data.

(3) For the purposes of this section, “reporting period” means—

- (a) the period of 12 months beginning with the day of Royal Assent, and
- (b) each subsequent period of 12 months.>

Edward Mountain

161 Before section 33F, insert—

<Muirburn licences

- (1) The Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 14 (grant of muirburn licence), in subsection (1)(b)(i), for “necessary” substitute “appropriate”.>

Tim Eagle

162 Before section 33F, insert—

<Muirburn licensing scheme: grant of muirburn licence

- (1) The Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 14 (grant of muirburn licence), in subsection (1), paragraph (b) is repealed.>

Tim Eagle

163 Before section 33F, insert—

<Muirburn licence scheme: consultation and report

- (1) The Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 35 (commencement), after subsection (3) insert—
 - “(4) Before laying regulations to commence sections 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22 and 23 of this Act, the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) undertake a review of the impact of the licensing scheme on wildfire management,
 - (b) consult—
 - (i) the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service,
 - (ii) such persons as they consider to have expertise in wildfire prevention and management, and
 - (iii) such other persons as they consider appropriate,
 - (c) prepare a report setting out the findings of action under paragraphs (a) and (b) above,

(d) lay a copy of the report under paragraph (c) before the Scottish Parliament.

(5) If the findings of the report under subsection (4)(c) indicate that muirburn licensing will have a detrimental impact on wildfire prevention and management, the Scottish Ministers must not commence the sections detailed in subsection (4).”>

Willie Rennie

164 Before section 33F, insert—

<Licensing: protection of mountain hares

(1) Section 16 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (Power to grant licenses.) is modified as follows.

(2) In subsection (3), after paragraph (e) insert—

“(ea) for the purpose of falconry to kill or take mountain hares (*Lepus Timidus*) during the period beginning with 1 October and ending with the last day of February;”.

(3) After subsection (3) insert—

“(3ZZA) For the avoidance of doubt, no offence is committed if the activities described in subsection (3)(ea) are executed within the terms of the licence issued by the appropriate licensing authority.”>

Willie Rennie

165 Before section 33F, insert—

<Licensing: protection of mountain hares

(1) Section 16 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (Power to grant licenses.) is modified as follows.

(2) In subsection (3), after paragraph (e) insert—

“(ea) for the purpose of falconry to kill or take mountain hares (*Lepus Timidus*) during the period beginning with 1 October and ending with the last day of February;”>

John Mason

166 Before section 33F, insert—

<Protection of Ptarmigan

(1) The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 is modified as follows.

(2) In Schedule 2, Part I (birds which may be killed or taken outside the close season), the following entries are repealed—

“Ptarmigan	“ <i>Lagopus mutus</i> ”>
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Tim Eagle

167 Before section 33F, insert—

<Wildfire response unit

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must review the ability of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) to respond to wildfires.
- (2) A review under subsection (1) must consider—
 - (a) the preparedness of SFRS to respond to wildfires,
 - (b) the equipment available to SFRS to respond to wildfires,
 - (c) the training SFRS personnel receive on responding to wildfires,
 - (d) the suitability of funding provided to SFRS to enable it to adequately respond to wildfires,
 - (e) the suitability of establishing a Wildfire Response Unit within SFRS, and
 - (f) such other matters as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) In carrying out a review under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) such persons as they consider to have an interest in the prevention and management of wildfires, and
 - (b) such persons who have been directly affected by wildfires.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) prepare a report on the review under subsection (1), and
 - (b) lay a copy of that report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (5) If the report under subsection (4)(a) determines that the establishment of a Wildfire Response Unit would be of benefit, the Scottish Ministers must establish such a unit as soon as reasonably practicable.>

Tim Eagle

168 Before section 33F, insert—

<Wildlife co-existence fund

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, establish and maintain a fund to be known as the 'Wildlife Co-Existence Fund' (in this section referred to as "the Fund").
- (2) The Fund must be available to—
 - (a) farmers, and
 - (b) land managers,that have been negatively impacted by beavers (*Castor fiber*) and sea eagles (*Haliaeetus leucoryphus* or *Haliaeetus pelagicus*).
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) must specify a process for annual applications to be made to the Fund.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers—
 - (a) must ensure there is sufficient financial resource to develop and maintain the Fund, and
 - (b) may make such other provision as they consider appropriate in relation to the Fund.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

Douglas Ross**169** Before section 33F, insert—**<Reporting on Future Farm Investment Scheme**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each reporting period—
 - (a) prepare a report setting out the basis upon which applications to the Future Farm Investment Scheme were—
 - (i) awarded,
 - (ii) refused,
 - (b) publish the report in such manner as they consider appropriate, and
 - (c) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (2) The report under subsection (1) must contain information about—
 - (a) the criteria and weightings used for the formal assessment and scoring of applications,
 - (b) the total number of—
 - (i) applications received,
 - (ii) applications that received funding, and
 - (iii) applications rejected,
 - (c) geographical distribution, size of holding, and nature of farming activity of both successful and unsuccessful applicants, aggregated and anonymised so as to comply with the Data Protection Act 2018,
 - (d) the average and median scores awarded to successful and unsuccessful applications against the criteria specified in paragraph (a),
 - (e) whether any external consultants and computerised programmes were used to consider applications,
 - (f) action that may be taken to improve the scheme,
 - (g) the success of the scheme and recommendations as to how a future scheme could be improved,
 - (h) any other information that the Scottish Ministers consider relevant.
- (3) Before publishing the report under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) persons with knowledge, expertise and experience of farming and agriculture,
 - (b) such other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (4) Following the publication of each report, the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) inform all applicants whose application was rejected the reason for their application being rejected,
 - (b) inform all applicants that were considered ineligible the reason why they were considered to be ineligible.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must give consideration to the report and recommendations contained in the report before establishing any further rounds of this scheme.

(6) For the purposes of subsection (1), “reporting period” means—
(a) the period of 1 year beginning with the day of Royal Assent,
(b) each subsequent period of 1 year where the Future Farm Investment Scheme is in operation.>

Rachael Hamilton

170 Before section 33F, insert—

<General marine code of conduct

(1) The Scottish Ministers must, before the expiry of the period of 12 months beginning with the day after Royal Assent, prepare and publish a general marine code of conduct.

(2) The general marine code of conduct must—
(a) promote awareness of safety, including tidal and weather conditions,
(b) promote awareness of other users,
(c) support educational opportunities to promote respect for wildlife,
(ca) promote education on the feeding of wild animals,
(e) promote awareness of fishing activity and associated legislation,
(f) encourage the removal of rubbish and litter,
(g) promote awareness of local access restrictions, including closing gates and staying on designated paths,
(h) encourage compliance with seasonal access restrictions,
(i) encourage respect for wildlife in beach environments,
(j) promote awareness that dogs should not be allowed to chase birds,
(k) encourage dog walkers to carry a short lead and control their dog.>

Rachael Hamilton

171 Before section 33F, insert—

<Reporting in relation to red squirrels

(1) The Scottish Ministers must, for each reporting period, prepare and publish a report on the impact and effectiveness of measures to protect red squirrels.

(2) A report under subsection (1) must, in particular, include an assessment of the effectiveness of the work of any organisation receiving funding from the Scottish Ministers.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), “reporting period” means—
(a) in the case of the first report, the period of 2 years beginning with the day after Royal Assent, and
(b) each subsequent period of 2 years.>

Rachael Hamilton

172 Before section 33F, insert—

<National Energy Convention

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, before the expiry of the period of 12 months beginning with the day after Royal Assent, establish a National Energy Convention (“the Convention”).
- (2) The Convention must meet at least once in every 12 month period to—
 - (a) consider the impact of any proposed renewable and non-renewable energy structure on biodiversity, the natural environment and food production from land in the area affected by the proposed structure,
 - (b) hear from the local community in the area affected by the proposed structure.
- (3) The Convention must include members who are representative of all areas of Scotland.>

Rachael Hamilton

173 Before section 33F, insert—

<Energy planning impact assessment

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, before the expiry of the period of 12 months beginning with the day after Royal Assent, provide for a planning authority to undertake an energy planning impact assessment of any application for energy infrastructure development.
- (2) An energy planning impact assessment must consider the impact of the proposed energy infrastructure development on—
 - (a) the natural environment,
 - (b) natural heritage,
 - (c) biodiversity,
 - (d) the availability of good quality farmland,
 - (e) tourism,
 - (f) rural communities,
 - (g) any other matter the planning authority considers relevant to the assessment.
- (3) In preparing an energy planning impact assessment, the planning authority must consult—
 - (a) local communities,
 - (b) land owners,
 - (c) any other persons the authority considers may be affected by major energy infrastructure developments.>

Rachael Hamilton

174 Before section 33F, insert—

<Moratorium on major energy infrastructure planning applications

- (1) Unless and until the Scottish Ministers publish a national energy strategy which considers the impact of energy infrastructure on the natural environment, no application for planning permission can be made under any enactment in relation to a major energy infrastructure development.

(2) For the purposes of this section, “major energy infrastructure developments” means those that must be submitted to the Energy Consents Unit for consideration by the Scottish Ministers.>

Rachael Hamilton

175 Before section 33F, insert—

<Regional energy groups

Before the expiry of the period of one month beginning with the day after Royal Assent, the Scottish Ministers must meet with all regional energy convention groups to consider the impact of any proposed renewable and non-renewable energy structure on biodiversity, the natural environment and food production from land in the area affected by the proposed structure.>

Jamie Halcro Johnston

176 Before section 33F, insert—

<Sporting rates: protection of non-domestic rates relief

(1) The Scottish Ministers must ensure that, in determining eligibility for non-domestic rates relief, including the Small Business Bonus Scheme, no person is treated as carrying on a sporting activity solely by virtue of—

- (a) exercising sporting rights only for the purpose of preventing or controlling damage by pest species, or
- (b) holding sporting rights which are not exercised for commercial sporting purposes.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a), a pest species is any species whose control is necessary for the protection of agricultural production, environmental outcomes, or public safety, including but not limited to—

- (a) deer,
- (b) vermin, and
- (c) geese.

(3) In exercising functions relating to non-domestic rates and associated reliefs, the Scottish Ministers must have regard to—

- (a) the proportionality of any financial impact arising from the exercise or non-exercise of sporting rights, and
- (b) the contribution made by land-based businesses to food production, climate mitigation, biodiversity restoration, and rural economic sustainability.>

Jamie Halcro Johnston

177 Before section 33F, insert—

<Goose management schemes

(1) The Scottish Ministers may establish and fund schemes for the purpose of supporting the management of goose populations where geese have caused, are causing, or are likely to cause significant damage to—

- (a) agricultural land or agricultural production,

- (b) grassland used for the grazing of livestock, or
- (c) the economic sustainability of rural or island communities.
- (2) A scheme under subsection (1) may, in particular, make provision for—
 - (a) financial assistance to land managers for measures taken to manage goose populations,
 - (b) support for collaborative or area-based goose management arrangements,
 - (c) the provision of equipment, services, training or advice,
 - (d) monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of goose management measures, and
 - (e) coordination with existing licensing arrangements relating to geese.
- (3) In establishing a scheme under this section, the Scottish Ministers must have regard to—
 - (a) the cumulative impacts of geese on agricultural systems,
 - (b) the particular circumstances of island and remote rural areas, and
 - (c) the need to ensure that goose management measures are proportionate and evidence-based.
- (4) For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this section—
 - (a) alters the protection afforded to wild birds under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or
 - (b) removes any requirement for compliance with licensing or other legal controls relating to the killing or taking of geese.>

Section 33F

Rachael Hamilton

178 In section 33F, page 35, line 20, leave out <describe> and insert <specify>

Rachael Hamilton

179 In section 33F, page 35, line 24, at beginning insert <where it considers it reasonable and appropriate to do so,>

Rachael Hamilton

180 In section 33F, page 35, line 24, after <propose> insert <to the applicant>

Rachael Hamilton

181 In section 33F, page 35, line 25, leave out <described> and insert <specified>

Rachael Hamilton

182 In section 33F, page 35, line 25, after <application,> insert <together with reasons for such a proposal,>

Rachael Hamilton

183 In section 33F, page 35, line 28, at end insert—

<() In subsection (9)(b)(ii), in the opening words, for “involved in managing” substitute “authorised to manage”.>

Rachael Hamilton

184 In section 33F, page 35, line 28, at end insert—

<() In subsection (9)(b)(ii), in the opening words, after “relates” insert “over whom the licence holder exercised, or was entitled to exercise control.”>

Rachael Hamilton

185 In section 33F, page 35, line 29, after <that> insert <directly>

After section 34**Ariane Burgess**

186 After section 34, insert—

<Further provision about Ramsar sites

- (1) The Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 38, insert—

“38A Ramsar sites: power to make further provision

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make provision for and in connection with the preservation and protection of designated wetlands.
- (2) Without limit to the generality of subsection (1), regulations under this section may—
 - (a) make provision about—
 - (i) the identification and listing of wetlands,
 - (ii) the conservation of designated wetlands, including by setting conservation objectives, and
 - (iii) monitoring designated wetlands,
 - (b) modify the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/2716) (“the habitats regulations”),
 - (c) apply particular provisions of the habitats regulations to designated wetlands,
 - (d) modify or apply any other enactment (including this Act),
 - (e) create or apply offences and penalties,
 - (f) confer a power of entry to land (other than a dwelling-house).
- (3) The maximum penalty that may be provided for in regulations under this section creating an offence is—
 - (a) on summary conviction, a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale,
 - (b) on indictment, a fine.

(4) Before making regulations under this section, the Scottish Ministers must—

- (a) consult—
 - (i) SNH,
 - (ii) Environmental Standards Scotland, and
 - (iii) any other persons that the Scottish Ministers consider likely to be affected by or interested in the regulations, and
- (b) be satisfied that making the regulations will maintain or improve the level of environmental protection existing in law at the time the statement is made.

(5) The Scottish Ministers must, at the same time as laying any regulations under subsection (1), lay before the Scottish Parliament a statement explaining why they are satisfied that the regulations will maintain or improve the level of environmental protection existing in law at the time the statement is made.

(6) Regulations under this section must be made within the period of 5 years beginning with the day on which the Bill for the Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2026 receives Royal Assent.

(7) In this section, “designated wetlands” means wetlands designated as described in section 38(1).

(8) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”.

(3) In section 53 (orders and regulations: general), in subsection (4), after “2G,” (inserted by section 1(4) of this Act), insert “38A.”>

After section 34A

Douglas Lumsden

187 After section 34A, insert—

<Access to justice in environmental matters

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must establish a scheme for the purpose of ensuring access to justice in environmental matters.
- (2) The scheme under subsection (1) must, in particular, ensure that communities are able to fund environmental legal action.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision about the scheme to be established under subsection (1).
- (4) Regulations under subsection (3) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

Douglas Lumsden

188 After section 34A, insert—

<Alternative assessments code

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must prepare an alternative assessments code for electricity infrastructure.

- (2) The code must set out how underground and subsea alternatives to overhead transmission lines and related above-ground infrastructure are to be assessed against cost, biodiversity net-impact, resilience, and landscape, including—
 - (a) the methodology to be used,
 - (b) the comparators to be used,
 - (c) the minimum evidence base required for decision making, and
 - (d) how decisions should be independently reviewed.
- (3) The code must be approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.
- (4) Scottish Ministers must not grant consent for new overhead transmission lines above 400,000 volts until a resolution under subsection (3) has been agreed.>

Douglas Lumsden

189 After section 34A, insert—

<Electricity infrastructure

- (1) Where energy infrastructure is of a type listed in subsection (2), a planning authority may only grant permission for the installation of the infrastructure where—
 - (a) community support for the infrastructure has been demonstrated through—
 - (i) a local community ballot, or
 - (ii) a local community petition, or
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers are satisfied that—
 - (i) it would be in the overriding public interest for the infrastructure to be installed, and
 - (ii) enhanced mitigation measures will be put in place.
- (2) The infrastructure is infrastructure—
 - (a) which generates over 50 megawatts,
 - (b) is a transmission project, or
 - (c) is a large-scale battery energy storage system.
- (3) Before applying for planning permission for electricity infrastructure of a type mentioned in subsection (2), the applicant must publish a comparative assessment which covers—
 - (a) lifecycle costs,
 - (b) net-impact on biodiversity,
 - (c) impact on landscape,
 - (d) resilience,
 - (e) impact on agriculture, soil and plant biosecurity.
- (4) The assessment published under subsection (3) must be independently reviewed.
- (5) In relation to applications to install the type of electricity infrastructure mentioned in subsection (2)(c)—
 - (a) the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service must be consulted by the planning authority,

(b) the application must be accompanied by—

- a site-specific thermal-runaway risk plan,
- an emergency response plan,
- dispersion modelling as part of any EIA or consent conditions to be imposed.

(6) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations establish a statutory fund, to be paid for by energy infrastructure developers, for the purposes of providing funding—

- to compensate households for the impact of energy infrastructure,
- to local projects,
- habitat restoration.

(7) Regulations under subsection (6) may make further provision about the fund, including in relation to its administration, audit and annual reporting.

(8) Regulations under subsection (6) are subject to the affirmative procedure.

(9) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations make such further provision as they consider necessary in relation to this section.

(10) Regulations under subsection (9)—

- are subject to the affirmative procedure if they add to, replace or omit any part of the text of an Act, but
- otherwise are subject to the negative procedure.>

Tim Eagle

190 After section 34A, insert—

<Non-domestic rates relief for shootings and deer forests

(1) The Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020 is modified as follows.

(2) After section 20, insert—

“20A Shootings and deer forests: rates relief

Any land holding which—

- is entered separately on the valuation roll as a shooting or deer forest under section 1A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975, and
- contributes, whether exclusively or not, to—
 - deer management,
 - land management,
 - nature conservation

is eligible for any relief from the payment of non-domestic rates.”.>

Tim Eagle

191 After section 34A, insert—

<Non-domestic rates relief for shootings and deer forests: small business bonus scheme

(1) The Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020 is modified as follows.

(2) After section 20, insert—

“20A Shootings and deer forests: rates relief

- (1) Any land holding which is entered separately on the valuation roll as a shooting or deer forest under section 1A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975 is eligible for relief, through schemes established by the Scottish Ministers such as the small business bonus scheme, from the payment of non-domestic rates.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1), “schemes established by the Scottish Ministers” means any scheme established by the Scottish Ministers which helps owners of non-domestic properties, including businesses, with a lower rateable value to claim non-domestic rates relief.”>

Tim Eagle

192 After section 34A, insert—

<Non-domestic rates relief for shootings and deer forests

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

“20A Shootings and deer forests: rates relief

Any land holding which is entered separately on the valuation roll as a shooting or deer forest under section 1A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975 is eligible for any relief from the payment of non-domestic rates.”>

Tim Eagle

193 After section 34A, insert—

<Non-domestic rates relief for shootings and deer forests

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

“20A Shootings and deer forests: rates relief

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision for relief from the payment of non-domestic rates in respect of any landholding which is entered separately on the valuation roll as a shooting or deer forest under section 1A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may make—
 - (a) different provision for different purposes,
 - (b) incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the negative procedure.”>

Rachael Hamilton

194 After section 34A, insert—

<Relief from non-domestic rates: non-commercial venison producers

- (1) The Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020 is modified as follows.

(2) After section 20, insert—

“Non-commercial venison producers: rates relief

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide that any land holding which produces venison and is—
 - (a) a butchery facility directly associated with the deer forest on which the venison is harvested, or
 - (b) a processing, chilling lardering or small direct sales outlet, should be eligible for rates relief as a small business.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the negative procedure.”.>

Section 36

Douglas Lumsden

195 In section 36, page 37, line 14, at end insert—

<() For the avoidance of doubt, regulations under this section may modify any enactment relating to planning or energy infrastructure that is necessary to give full effect to section (*electricity infrastructure*).>

Section 37

Rachael Hamilton

196 In section 37, page 37, line 20, after <sections> insert <(*Moratorium on major energy infrastructure planning applications*)>

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 20 January 2026 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Early Removal of Prisoners from the United Kingdom \(Amendment of Specified Time Periods\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 9B(6) of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993.

[Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Laid under sections 150(2), 150A(2) and 190(1)(a) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992.

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 2 completed, 25 November 2025

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

Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill (G)

Introduced, 15 January 2026

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 January 2026

Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Finance and Public Administration Committee), 10 February 2026

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 4 February with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 4 February 2026

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

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

Stage 2 completed, 16 December 2025

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

Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Economy and Fair Work Committee), 21 January 2026

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 February 2026

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

Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 4 February 2026

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

Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 Report (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee) published, 8 January 2026

Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 22 January 2026

Stage 1 Report – Economy and Fair Work Committee (1st Report, 2026)

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 16 December 2025

Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 20 January 2026

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)), 22 January 2026

Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (79th Report, 2025)

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

Following an Order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 made by the Secretary of State for Scotland, this Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its current form.

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 21 January 2026

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 29 January 2026

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

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 January 2026

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 27 January 2026

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 20 January 2026

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (91st Report, 2025)***Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 21 January 2026

*Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (80th Report, 2025)***Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 29 January 2026

*Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (2nd Report, 2026)***Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Passed, 16 December 2025

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee), 29 January 2026

*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 23 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)***Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Passed, 20 January 2026

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 15 January 2026

Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 6 January 2026

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (7th Report, 2026)***Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 22 January 2026

Stage 1 Report – Social Justice and Social Security Committee (11th Report, 2025)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-64b

Lodged on 12 January 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 15 January 2026

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill LCM-S6-60

Lodged on 12 June 2025

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

Meeting of the Parliament, 26 June 2025

Report – Lead committee (Education, Children and Young People) (8th Report, 2025)

Crime and Policing Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-57c

Lodged on 19 December 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 January 2026

Lead committee - Criminal Justice

Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill LCM-S6-70

Lodged on 6 January 2026

Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

Finance (No. 2) Bill LCM-S6-71

Lodged on 7 January 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 January 2026

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

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)

Northern Ireland Troubles Bill LCM-S6-68

Lodged on 11 December 2025

Lead committee - Criminal Justice

Pension Schemes Bill LCM-S6-65

Lodged on 26 September 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 17 December 2025

Report - Lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning) (6th Report, 2025)

Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (78th Report, 2025)

Public Office (Accountability) Bill LCM-S6-66

Lodged on 31 October 2025

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (87th Report, 2025)

Railways Bill LCM-S6-69

Lodged on 12 December 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 January 2026

Lead committee - Net Zero, Energy and Transport

Sentencing Bill LCM-S6-67

Lodged on 26 November 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 18 December 2025

Report - Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (13th Report, 2025)

Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-61b

Lodged on 17 December 2025

Meeting (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 20 January 2026
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (4th Report, 2026)

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

Lodged on 27 August 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 9 December 2025

Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (9th Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (73rd Report, 2025)

Tobacco and Vapes Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-51a

Lodged on 28 March 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 29 May 2025

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

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

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative Instruments

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 11 January 2026

[Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products \(Fruit and Vegetables\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (21 November 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 23 January 2026

[Hydrolysis \(Scotland\) \(No. 1\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (3 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Hydrolysis \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (3 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 24 January 2026

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (4 December 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 2 February 2026

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Investment Zones Relief\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (10 December 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 8 February 2026

[Criminal Legal Aid and Assistance by Way of Representation \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (15 December 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (15 December 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 10 February 2026

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber \(Rules of Procedure and Composition\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (17 December 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) Order 2026 \(SI 2026/Draft\)](#) (17 December 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Modification of Schedule 5\) Order 2026 \(SI 2026/Draft\)](#) (17 December 2025)
(Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 11 February 2026

[Domestic Abuse \(Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(Consequential and Supplementary Amendments\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (18 December 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 15 February 2026

[Food Supplements \(Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (7 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Co-ownership Authorised Contractual Schemes\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (7 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Public Procurement \(India Trade Agreement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (7 January 2026) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 16 February 2026

[Animal Health \(Fixed Penalty Notices\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (8 January 2026)
(Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Scottish Aggregates Tax \(Applicable Rate of Tax\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (8 January 2026)
(Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Visitor Levy \(Local Authority Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (8 January 2026)
(Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Visitor Levy \(Reviews and Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (8 January 2026)
(Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 17 February 2026

[Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (9 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Visitor Levy \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (9 January 2026)
(Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 20 February 2026

[Digital Waste Tracking \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (12 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 21 February 2026

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(Extension to Maritime Activities\) Order 2026 \(SI 2026/Draft\)](#) (13 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 22 February 2026

[Social Security \(Residence and Presence Requirements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (14 January 2026) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 23 February 2026

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (15 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 24 February 2026

[Antisocial Behaviour \(Fixed Penalty Offences\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (16 January 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Conservation of Habitats and Species \(Offshore Wind\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (16 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 28 February 2026

[Early Removal of Prisoners from the United Kingdom \(Amendment of Specified Time Periods\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (20 January 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (20 January 2026) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 21 January 2026

Lead Committee report due by 19 January 2026

[National Health Service \(General Dental Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/380\)](#) (1 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 29 January 2026

Lead Committee report due by 26 January 2026

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/385\)](#) (5 December 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment by 1 February 2026

Lead Committee report due by 26 January 2026

[Common Services Agency \(Membership and Procedure\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/387\)](#) (8 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/390\)](#) (8 December 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment by 11 February 2026

Lead Committee report due by 9 February 2026

[Removing from Heritable Property \(Form of Charge\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/402\)](#) (18 December 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. \(Decrees for Removing from Heritable Property\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/403\)](#) (18 December 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Scottish Secure Tenancies \(Proceedings for Possession\) \(Form of Notice\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/404\)](#) (18 December 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/406\)](#) (18 December 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 12 February 2026

Lead Committee report due by 9 February 2026

[Public Bodies \(Joint Working\) \(Integration Joint Boards\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/405\)](#) (19 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 13 February 2026

Lead Committee report due by 9 February 2026

[Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Agricultural Products\) \(Consequential Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/407\)](#) (22 December 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Social Security \(Residence in an EEA State or Switzerland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/415\)](#) (22 December 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment by 16 February 2026

Lead Committee report due by 9 February 2026

[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/1\)](#) (8 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment by 23 February 2026

Lead Committee report due by 16 February 2026

[Building \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/7\)](#) (15 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Administration\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/8\)](#) (15 January 2026)
(Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Visitor Levy \(Interest on Unpaid Levy and Penalties\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/9\)](#) (15 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment by 24 February 2026
Lead Committee report due by 23 February 2026

[Sea Fish \(Prohibition on Fishing\) \(Firth of Clyde\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/10\)](#) (16 January 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment by 27 February 2026
Lead Committee report due by 23 February 2026

[Seed \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/13\)](#) (19 January 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

[Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 7th Report, 2026 \(Session 6\): Delegated Powers in the Visitor Levy \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Bill at Stage 1 \(SP Paper 965\)](#), publication date: 20 January 2026

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Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 20 January 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Statement Under Section 2(8) and 2(9) of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims Of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021 (SG/2026/3) laid under Section 2(8) of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021

Corrections

Members' Corrections

Official Report, Meeting of the Parliament, 6 January 2026

The Cabinet Secretary for Transport (Fiona Hyslop) has identified an error in her contribution and provided the following correction to the Official Report of 6 January 2026.

Cabinet Secretary for Transport

At col 12, para 1, line 1—

Original text—

Technical cancellations are a very small percentage in comparison with the numbers of cancellations as a result of weather, which are by far the most substantial.

Corrected text—

Technical cancellations impact a relatively small percentage of overall sailings, around 3% in the period referenced in the question, as do weather related cancellations.

Official Report, Meeting of the Parliament, 7 January 2026

The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) has identified an error in his contribution and provided the following correction to the Official Report of 7 January 2026.

Minister for Public Finance

At col 65, para 2, line 3—

Original text—

I met the NDR consultative group on 22 November 2025.

Corrected text—

I met the NDR consultative group on 27 November 2025.

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