

Wednesday 4 March 2026

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Debate: Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Debate: Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Jackie Dunbar: Banking Charges for Charities and Not-for-profit Organisations

Committee Meetings

9:00am Criminal Justice Committee

9:00am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

9:45am Education, Children and Young People Committee

2:50pm Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- 1. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government how it and its partner agencies promote and raise awareness of the need for responsible outdoor access and dog walking to reduce any instances of livestock worrying and damage. ([S6O-05579](#))
- 2. Meghan Gallacher:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-05580](#))
- 3. Foyso Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report, *Who Owns Scotland 2025*. ([S6O-05581](#))
- 4. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of the joint review with the UK Government regarding the potential removal of ptarmigan from schedule 2 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. ([S6O-05582](#))
- 5. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government how proposed changes to deer management policy will affect land use and biodiversity across Scotland. ([S6O-05583](#))
- 6. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what renewed action it will take to improve tree equity in Scotland's urban areas. ([S6O-05584](#))
- 7. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government when the new Future Farming Investment Scheme will be open for applications. ([S6O-05585](#))
- 8. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that a large number of applications have been rejected in the Future Farming Investment Scheme, what analysis and guidance it has issued explaining the grounds for rejection. ([S6O-05586](#))

Health and Social Care

- 1. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership and what was discussed. ([S6O-05587](#))
- 2. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making on tackling the reported critical shortage of social care workers. ([S6O-05588](#))
- 3. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support women with MRKH syndrome to access fertility treatment. ([S6O-05589](#))
- 4. George Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of the Changing Places Toilets Scotland Fund. ([S6O-05590](#))
- 5. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any discussions it has had with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde regarding the implementation of the Royal Mail NHS-specific barcode system to ensure that appointment letters, test results and urgent patient correspondence are delivered on time, particularly during service disruptions. ([S6O-05591](#))
- 6. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is confident that the changes to the working week for NHS Agenda for Change staff will be fully implemented by 1 April 2026. ([S6O-05592](#))
- 7. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take in response to reports that local authorities are reducing or withdrawing social care packages at short notice, including how it will

ensure there is clear communication, adequate notice and safeguarding in place for any vulnerable people affected. ([S6O-05593](#))

8. Emma Roddick: [Withdrawn] ([S6O-05594](#))

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Debate: Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record

[S6M-20956](#) Willie Rennie: Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record—That the Parliament notes that since 2016, the Scottish Government's key commitments and targets on education have either been missed or abandoned; further notes that these include free laptops for all pupils, free school meals for all pupils up to P7, 3,500 more teachers, reduced class contact time for teachers and the closing of the poverty-related educational attainment gap by 2026; believes that abandoning or missing these important targets and commitments has had a real impact on pupils, teachers and parents; further believes that the Scottish Government has let Scottish education down with rising levels of classroom violence, a lack of additional support for pupils and record numbers of recently qualified teachers leaving the profession; notes that teachers are once again considering industrial action, and asserts that Scotland and Scottish education deserve better.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-20956.3](#) Jenny Gilruth: Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record—As an amendment to S6M-20956 in the name of Willie Rennie (Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "welcomes the passing of the 2026-27 Budget, following a deal reached with the Scottish Liberal Democrats, which will deliver over £4.8 billion investment for Scottish education, including up to £200 million to close the poverty-related attainment gap, building on December 2025's Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence Levels (ACEL) data, which demonstrated record levels of literacy and numeracy in Scotland's primary schools and data from February 2026, which recorded the joint second highest level of school leavers going on to positive destinations on record; recognises that the Budget will further expand the provision of free breakfast clubs and free school meals to reduce the poverty-related attainment gap, building on the 2025-26 Budget deal reached with the Scottish Green Party to expand free school meals in secondary schools; welcomes the continuation of extra funding for pupils with additional support needs (ASN) within the 2026-27 Budget, and looks forward to the publication of the cross-party commissioned-ASN review early in March 2026, and believes fundamentally that Scotland's teachers, pupil support staff, parents, carers and pupils deserve the gratitude of the Parliament for their hard work and dedication every day."

[S6M-20956.2](#) Miles Briggs: Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record—As an amendment to motion S6M-20956 in the name of Willie Rennie (Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record), leave out from "further believes" to end and insert "recognises that Scotland has the highest rate of violent injuries to school staff in the UK and that the Scottish Government has failed to take meaningful action to protect pupils and teachers; notes with concern the high levels of work-related stress reported across the profession; further notes the record number of newly qualified teachers leaving the profession, and believes that, by any reasonable measure, the Scottish Government has failed Scotland's children and that this failure should be a source of shame."

[S6M-20956.1](#) Paul O'Kane: Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record—As an amendment to motion S6M-20956 in the name of Willie Rennie (Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record), insert at end "and that effort should be made to reverse the decline in Scottish scores in international league tables, which has been seen since 2012."

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Debate: Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco

[S6M-20957](#) Jamie Greene: Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco—That the Parliament believes that many of Scotland's island and coastal communities have been let down by the Scottish Government and have paid the price for the failure of the Scottish Ministers to provide them with the lifeline ferries they need; recognises that this has had an impact on businesses, livelihoods and local economies; notes that whilst the Scottish Government extended the Islands Business Resilience Fund, there are many impacted coastal communities, such as Dunoon and Ardrossan, where local businesses are not receiving compensation and calls on the Scottish Government to rectify this; notes with frustration that the delivery of the MV Glen Rosa has been delayed by another six months until late 2026 and that the MV Glen Sannox required months of repairs; believes that taxpayers, islanders and workers at Ferguson Marine have all been let down over this ongoing fiasco and expresses deep disappointment that no minister has ever taken responsibility by resigning, and further believes that Scotland's island and coastal communities deserve better and that new requirements to replace ageing vessels are needed alongside a rolling 30-year strategy for ferries and port infrastructure so that no community is ever left without a viable lifeline service.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-20957.3](#) Fiona Hyslop: Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco—As an amendment to motion S6M-20957 in the name of Jamie Greene (Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco), leave out from first “believes” to end and insert “recognises the challenges that island communities have faced with disruptions and the need to give them reliable and resilient services; supports the announcements made by the Scottish Government on 3 March 2026 of the conclusion of the purchase of Ardrossan Harbour, the proposal to directly award two vessels for the Small Vessel Replacement Programme to Ferguson Marine, the competitive tender for the replacement for the MV Lord of the Isles, funding for the Port Ellen redevelopment on Islay, and that peak fares for islanders on NorthLink ferry services will be removed on 24 March 2026; notes that, with 11 vessels currently being built and with the recent arrival of MV Isle of Islay, one third of the entire CalMac fleet is being replaced, and further notes that the Island Connectivity Plan Vessels and Ports Plan sets out a long-term investment programme to 2045, and that community needs assessments, with community engagement at their heart, will shape these investments in ferries and ports for decades to come.”

[S6M-20957.2](#) Sue Webber: Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco—As an amendment to motion S6M-20957 in the name of Jamie Greene (Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco), insert at end “; notes that the combined costs of the MV Glen Sannox and MV Glen Rosa has reached almost £500 million; acknowledges the Scottish Government's announcements of four direct awards to Ferguson Marine, a programme to upgrade the yard, and the intention to return the yard to the private sector; urges ministers to outline how these new vessels will be delivered on time and on budget; notes the Scottish Government's plan to purchase Ardrossan Harbour, and urges ministers to regularly update communities on when the purchase and upgrade of the harbour will be completed; further notes that the cost to charter the MV Alfred has reached £35 million, more than double the cost for Pentland Ferries to build the vessel, and that this cost will increase now that the charter has been extended; recognises that the public services and local economies of island and coastal communities have been hindered by the Scottish Government's mismanagement of the ferry network through repeated timetable changes, cancelled sailings and the lack of a resilience vessel, and calls on the Scottish Government to outline how it will hold ferry service providers to account to ensure that they deliver for island and coastal communities.”

[S6M-20957.1](#) Rhoda Grant: Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco—As an amendment to motion S6M-20957 in the name of Jamie Greene (Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco), insert at end “; notes that disruption to ferry timetables is ongoing and continues to impact island communities; agrees that communities must receive support to deal with the economic and social impacts of disruption; calls for local representation ferry agency boards so that the needs of island communities and workers are at the heart of decision making; understands that the root cause of the ferry fiasco is the failure to invest

in the ferry fleet and replace ageing vessels, and calls on the Scottish Government to have a rolling programme to replace the fleet going forward.”

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-20970](#) Graeme Dey: Business Programme—

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 10 March 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 11 March 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Skye House: Progress and Assurance

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

8.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 12 March 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan

**followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions*

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.25 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 March 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

8.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 18 March 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 19 March 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.20 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 9 March 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-20971](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore Region) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20972](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Offshore Wind) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20973](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20974](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2025 Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20975](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20976](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Care Home Services (Visits to and by Care Home Residents) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20977](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20978](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Early Removal of Prisoners from the United Kingdom (Amendment of Specified Time Periods) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20979](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20980](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Jackie Dunbar: Banking Charges for Charities and Not-for-profit Organisations

[S6M-19214](#) Jackie Dunbar: Banking Charges for Charities and Not-for-profit Organisations—

That the Parliament expresses its concern that a reported increasing number of banks have introduced banking charges for small charities, community groups, community councils and other not-for-profit organisations; recognises what it sees as the immense work done in communities across Scotland, including across Aberdeen Donside, by these groups, many of which operate on tight budgets and are being affected by such banking charges; believes that most people are still feeling the consequences of having to bail out banks following the 2008 financial crisis and that banks that benefitted from a bail out now levying banking charges on community groups is distasteful and hinders the work of these groups, and notes the view that banks should allow community groups to use their funds for the purposes which they were gathered for, instead of bolstering the profits of banks.

Committee Meetings

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

Criminal Justice Committee 9th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Reflections on the budget proposed for 2026-27 and Scottish Spending Review:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Chief Constable Jo Farrell KPM, Deputy Chief Constable Alan Speirs, Professionalism and Enabling Services, and Sarah Roughead, Chief Financial Officer, Police Scotland.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Prisoners (Early Release) (Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] from—
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Claire Martin, Prison Population Team Leader, and Ruth Swanson, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government;
Linda Pollock, Deputy Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Angela Constance (Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs) to move—

S6M-20793—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Prisoners (Early Release) (Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

[Police Service of Scotland \(Vetting\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/46)

[Police Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/58)

[Human Trafficking and Exploitation \(Duty to Notify\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/60)

[Parole Board \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2026](#) (SSI 2026/82)

6. **State of the criminal justice system and challenges for session 7:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Robert Scott, Chief Inspector, HM Fire Service Inspectorate in Scotland.
and then from—

Laura Paton, Commissioner and Phillip Chapman, Director of Operations, Police Investigations & Review Commissioner.

- 7. Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda items 2 and 6.
- 8. Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2025 to 8 April 2026.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 7th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- 2. Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-70 from—
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs and Paul Chapman, Head of Public Sector Cyber Resilience, Scottish Government.
- 3. Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
- 4. Legacy paper:** The Committee will consider a draft report reflecting on its work during the current session and suggesting priorities for Session 7.
- 5. Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 9th Meeting, 2026

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 4 in private.
- 2. Wildfires in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Michael Bruce, Director, Firebreak Services;
Dr Zakary Campbell-Lochrie, Lecturer in Fire Science, University of Edinburgh;
Jon Henderson, Assistant Chief Officer and Director of Prevention, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;
Calum Kippen, Member, Scottish Gamekeepers Association;
Grant Moir, Chief Executive, Cairngorms National Park Authority;
Professor Robin Pakeman, Senior Scientist and Dr Mike Rivington, Senior Scientist, James Hutton Institute.
- 3. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

[Official Controls \(Location of Border Control Posts\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/61)
[Sea Fish \(Prohibition on Fishing\) \(Firth of Clyde\) Revocation Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/95)
[Water Environment \(Shellfish Water Protected Areas: Designation\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/57)

4. **Wildfires in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Public Audit Committee 9th 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 3, 4, and 5 in private.
2. **NHS in Scotland 2025: Finance and performance:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Caroline Lamb, Director-General for Health and Social Care and Chief Executive of NHS Scotland and Fiona Bennett, Chief Finance Officer for Health and Social Care, Scottish Government;
Christine McLaughlin, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Executive, NHS Scotland.
3. **NHS in Scotland 2025: Finance and performance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **NHS in Scotland 2025: Finance and performance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Education, Children and Young People Committee 9th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:45AM in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Education \(Fees and Student Support\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#)
2. **Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.
3. **Legacy paper (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft legacy report.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 10th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 2:50PM in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Stephen Kerr will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 4 March 2026

Thursday 5 March 2026

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business: Jeremy Balfour: Recognising Lived Experience and Strengthening Disabled People's Representation in Scottish Democracy

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill

followed by Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: Draft Climate Change Plan

followed by Appointment of Board Member to Environmental Standards Scotland

followed by Financial Resolution: Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 10 March 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

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8:00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 12 March 2026

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business: Martin Whitfield: Edinburgh Medical School 300

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:25 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee **5 March 2026** **9th Meeting, 2026**

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

1. **Transparency of intergovernmental activity and its implications for parliamentary scrutiny inquiry (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

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 **5 March 2026** **8th 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 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Job Start Payment:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Graeme Hendry, Head of Government, Parliamentary and Stakeholder Engagement, Skills Development Scotland;
Zara Kitson, Senior Head of Government Partnerships, King's Trust;
Karyn Dunning, Chief Operating Officer, Social Security Scotland;
Jo Derrick, CEO, Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum (Staf).
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/56\)](#)

4. **Job Start Payment:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.
5. **National Performance Framework:** The Committee will consider its response to the Scottish Government's consultation on its review of the National Performance Framework.

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

Proposed future business

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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 5 March 2026 8th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/353\)](#) from—
Graeme Dey, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans, Iain Hockenhill, Head of Elections, and Lorraine Walkinshaw, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Graeme Dey, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans to move—S6M-20958 — That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that the [Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/353\)](#) be approved.
4. **Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence on the Commissioner's annual report from—
Ian Bruce, Ethical Standards Commissioner.
5. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.
6. **Complaint:** The Committee will undertake its initial consideration of a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
7. **Cross-Party Groups' Annual Report:** The Committee will consider an annual update on Cross-Party Groups' compliance with the Code of Conduct.
8. **Standing Order Rule Changes (in private):** The Committee will consider a note from the Clerk.

Proposed future business

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

Motions

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Motions for debate

[*S6M-20981](#) **Gillian Martin: Appointment of Board Member to Environmental Standards**

Scotland—That the Parliament notes the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee’s consideration of the appointment to Environmental Standards Scotland at its meeting on 17 February 2026; welcomes the Committee’s recommendation that the Parliament approves the appointment of Laura Young as a board member, in accordance with the provisions of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021, and approves the appointment as required by schedule 1, paragraph 2(2) of the Act.

Supported by: Graeme Dey*

[*S6M-20964](#) **Edward Mountain: Draft Climate Change Plan**—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations in the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee’s 10th Report, 2026 (Session 6), *Report on the Draft Climate Change Plan* (SP Paper 1031), and the reports and letters from other committees, as referenced in the report.

[S6M-20957](#) **Jamie Greene: Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco**—That the Parliament believes that many of Scotland’s island and coastal communities have been let down by the Scottish Government and have paid the price for the failure of the Scottish Ministers to provide them with the lifeline ferries they need; recognises that this has had an impact on businesses, livelihoods and local economies; notes that whilst the Scottish Government extended the Islands Business Resilience Fund, there are many impacted coastal communities, such as Dunoon and Ardrossan, where local businesses are not receiving compensation and calls on the Scottish Government to rectify this; notes with frustration that the delivery of the MV Glen Rosa has been delayed by another six months until late 2026 and that the MV Glen Sannox required months of repairs; believes that taxpayers, islanders and workers at Ferguson Marine have all been let down over this ongoing fiasco and expresses deep disappointment that no minister has ever taken responsibility by resigning, and further believes that Scotland’s island and coastal communities deserve better and that new requirements to replace ageing vessels are needed alongside a rolling 30-year strategy for ferries and port infrastructure so that no community is ever left without a viable lifeline service.

[*S6M-20957.3](#) **Fiona Hyslop: Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco**—As an amendment to motion S6M-20957 in the name of Jamie Greene (Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco), leave out from first “believes” to end and insert “recognises the challenges that island communities have faced with disruptions and the need to give them reliable and resilient services; supports the announcements made by the Scottish Government on 3 March 2026 of the conclusion of the purchase of Ardrossan Harbour, the proposal to

directly award two vessels for the Small Vessel Replacement Programme to Ferguson Marine, the competitive tender for the replacement for the MV Lord of the Isles, funding for the Port Ellen redevelopment on Islay, and that peak fares for islanders on NorthLink ferry services will be removed on 24 March 2026; notes that, with 11 vessels currently being built and with the recent arrival of MV Isle of Islay, one third of the entire CalMac fleet is being replaced, and further notes that the Island Connectivity Plan Vessels and Ports Plan sets out a long-term investment programme to 2045, and that community needs assessments, with community engagement at their heart, will shape these investments in ferries and ports for decades to come.”

Supported by: Jim Fairlie*

***[S6M-20957.2 Sue Webber: Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco](#)**—As an amendment to motion S6M-20957 in the name of Jamie Greene (Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco), insert at end “; notes that the combined costs of the MV Glen Sannox and MV Glen Rosa has reached almost £500 million; acknowledges the Scottish Government's announcements of four direct awards to Ferguson Marine, a programme to upgrade the yard, and the intention to return the yard to the private sector; urges ministers to outline how these new vessels will be delivered on time and on budget; notes the Scottish Government's plan to purchase Ardrossan Harbour, and urges ministers to regularly update communities on when the purchase and upgrade of the harbour will be completed; further notes that the cost to charter the MV Alfred has reached £35 million, more than double the cost for Pentland Ferries to build the vessel, and that this cost will increase now that the charter has been extended; recognises that the public services and local economies of island and coastal communities have been hindered by the Scottish Government's mismanagement of the ferry network through repeated timetable changes, cancelled sailings and the lack of a resilience vessel, and calls on the Scottish Government to outline how it will hold ferry service providers to account to ensure that they deliver for island and coastal communities.”

***[S6M-20957.1 Rhoda Grant: Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco](#)**—As an amendment to motion S6M-20957 in the name of Jamie Greene (Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco), insert at end “; notes that disruption to ferry timetables is ongoing and continues to impact island communities; agrees that communities must receive support to deal with the economic and social impacts of disruption; calls for local representation ferry agency boards so that the needs of island communities and workers are at the heart of decision making; understands that the root cause of the ferry fiasco is the failure to invest in the ferry fleet and replace ageing vessels, and calls on the Scottish Government to have a rolling programme to replace the fleet going forward.”

[S6M-20956 Willie Rennie: Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record](#)—That the Parliament notes that since 2016, the Scottish Government's key commitments and targets on education have either been missed or abandoned; further notes that these include free laptops for all pupils, free school meals for all pupils up to P7, 3,500 more teachers, reduced class contact time for teachers and the closing of the poverty-related educational attainment gap by 2026; believes that abandoning or missing these important targets and commitments has had a real impact on pupils, teachers and parents; further believes that the Scottish Government has let Scottish education down with rising levels of classroom violence, a lack of additional support for pupils and record numbers of recently qualified teachers leaving the profession; notes that teachers are once again considering industrial action, and asserts that Scotland and Scottish education deserve better.

***[S6M-20956.3 Jenny Gilruth: Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record](#)**—As an amendment to S6M-20956 in the name of Willie Rennie (Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "welcomes the passing of the 2026-27 Budget, following a deal reached with the Scottish Liberal Democrats, which will deliver over £4.8 billion investment for Scottish education, including up to £200 million to close the poverty-related attainment gap, building on December 2025's Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence Levels (ACEL) data, which demonstrated record levels of literacy and numeracy in Scotland's primary schools and data from February 2026, which recorded the joint second highest level of school leavers going on to positive destinations on record; recognises that the Budget will further expand the

provision of free breakfast clubs and free school meals to reduce the poverty-related attainment gap, building on the 2025-26 Budget deal reached with the Scottish Green Party to expand free school meals in secondary schools; welcomes the continuation of extra funding for pupils with additional support needs (ASN) within the 2026-27 Budget, and looks forward to the publication of the cross-party commissioned-ASN review early in March 2026, and believes fundamentally that Scotland's teachers, pupil support staff, parents, carers and pupils deserve the gratitude of the Parliament for their hard work and dedication every day."

Supported by: Ben Macpherson*, Natalie Don-Innes*

*[S6M-20956.2](#) **Miles Briggs: Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record**—As an amendment to motion S6M-20956 in the name of Willie Rennie (Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record), leave out from "further believes" to end and insert "recognises that Scotland has the highest rate of violent injuries to school staff in the UK and that the Scottish Government has failed to take meaningful action to protect pupils and teachers; notes with concern the high levels of work-related stress reported across the profession; further notes the record number of newly qualified teachers leaving the profession, and believes that, by any reasonable measure, the Scottish Government has failed Scotland's children and that this failure should be a source of shame."

*[S6M-20956.1](#) **Paul O'Kane: Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record**—As an amendment to motion S6M-20956 in the name of Willie Rennie (Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record), insert at end "and that effort should be made to reverse the decline in Scottish scores in international league tables, which has been seen since 2012."

Supported by: Martin Whitfield*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*[S6M-20983](#) **Bill Kidd: Celebrating International Women's Day and the Women of Wonder**—That the Parliament marks the 115th anniversary of International Women's Day, which celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women alongside global calls to action for accelerating gender equality; pays tribute to the many groups in Scotland and beyond that bring communities together to foster greater understanding, compassion and empathy; pays particular tribute to the Women of Wonder (WOW), a peer support group facilitated by G15 Thriving Places that supports women of Drumchapel to build confidence, connections and promote activities to create awareness of the various issues women face; notes that WOW ensures that every participant's voice, experience and strengths are welcomed in a safe space and contributes to wider community wellbeing by empowering women to take an active role in shaping local activities and amplifying women's voices across the G15 area; thanks all those involved for their tireless dedication and hard work, and wishes them all the best for their International Women's Day celebration and march.

*[S6M-20982](#) **Christine Grahame: Responsible Dog Ownership Course Pilot**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the pilot phase of the Responsible Dog Ownership Course (RDOC), the first education-based intervention of its kind in Scotland for cases involving out-of-control dogs; notes that the live online course is aligned with current Scottish legislation and is designed to support proportionate and preventative responses, including referrals alongside dog control notices where appropriate, with the aim of reducing repeat incidents and improving community safety; recognises that the course covers legal responsibilities, safe handling, risk awareness and the wider community impact of irresponsible ownership, and is underpinned by behaviour change principles; acknowledges that there is no cost to local authorities or partners for referrals, with reduced fees available for eligible participants; welcomes the positive outcomes reported since the programme's establishment, and encourages local authorities, dog control officers, Police Scotland and relevant partners to consider education-led interventions as part of a preventative, community-focused approach to responsible dog ownership across Scotland.

*[S6M-20980](#) **Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

*[S6M-20979](#) **Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

*[S6M-20978](#) **Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Early Removal of Prisoners from the United Kingdom (Amendment of Specified Time Periods) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

*[S6M-20977](#) **Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

*[S6M-20976](#) **Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Care Home Services (Visits to and by Care Home Residents) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

*[S6M-20975](#) **Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

*[S6M-20974](#) **Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2025 Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

*[S6M-20973](#) **Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

*[S6M-20972](#) **Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Offshore Wind) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

*[S6M-20971](#) **Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore Region) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

*[S6M-20970](#) **Graeme Dey: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 10 March 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 11 March 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Skye House: Progress and Assurance

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

8.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 12 March 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan

**followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions*

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.25 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 March 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

8.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 18 March 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 19 March 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.20 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 9 March 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

*[S6M-20969](#) **Meghan Gallacher: Congratulating Carronshore Heritage Forum**—That the Parliament congratulates Carronshore Heritage Forum on its continued commitment to preserving and

promoting the rich history of Carronshore; believes that, since its establishment in 2017, the Forum has delivered significant community improvements, including the creation of a new war memorial, annual Christmas celebrations, senior citizens' events and investment in the village; acknowledges with gratitude the generosity of the wider Carronshore community, whose residents, businesses and supporters have contributed to the funding of the war memorial and the success of numerous community events; recognises the valued support of the Carronshore Bar, the Victoria Inn and the Carronshore Community Centre in hosting charity events and providing spaces that strengthen community engagement; welcomes the installation of historical information boards along the River Carron to educate residents and visitors about Carronshore's journey from an agricultural hub to a thriving industrial village linked to ironworks, coal mining, docks and railway heritage; commends plans to enhance accessibility through additional seating and community infrastructure along the riverside walk; welcomes the Forum's December 2025 community-led gardens project, celebrating the area's heritage and encouraging community participation through a fundraising silent auction initiative, and thanks all volunteers, trustees, local historians and community partners involved for their dedication to strengthening community spirit, heritage education and civic pride in Carronshore.

Supported by: Douglas Ross*, Annie Wells*, Russell Findlay*, Alexander Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Miles Briggs*, Liam Kerr*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Brian Whittle*, Tim Eagle*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*

*[S6M-20968](#) **Graeme Dey: Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that Stephen Kerr be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee.

*[S6M-20967](#) **Graeme Dey: Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament after Portfolio Questions and before Decision Time and during Members' Business on Wednesday 4 March 2026.

*[S6M-20966](#) **Graeme Dey: Suspension of Standing Orders**—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, Rule 9.5.3A of Standing Orders is suspended.

*[S6M-20965](#) **Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 3 March 2026—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferries and Ports

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 5 March 2026—

after

followed by Appointment of Board Member to Environmental Standards Scotland

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill

***[S6M-20963](#) Christine Grahame: Midlothian Library Service Shortlisted for Library of the Year—**

That the Parliament congratulates Midlothian Council's Library Service on being shortlisted as a regional finalist for Library of the Year at the British Book Awards 2026; recognises the service's outstanding work through the Every Child a Library Member (ECALM) programme, delivered with the council's Registrars Service, which enrolled more than 400 babies as library members in 2025 at the point of birth registration; commends what it sees as this innovative approach to giving children early access to books, learning and activities while supporting families and improving life chances; notes that judges described the initiative as "a powerful investment in the readers of tomorrow"; congratulates staff on this national recognition, which follows previous honours, including the Scottish Library & Information Council Excellence Award, and wishes the service every success in the regional announcement on 12 March and the national awards ceremony in May 2026.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Elena Whitham*, Kevin Stewart*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Clare Adamson*

***[S6M-20962](#) Liam McArthur: Support the Scottish Police Federation—**That the Parliament believes with concern that the relationship between the police and the communities that they serve has weakened; believes that this is a result of more than a decade of centralisation, austerity, shrinking officer numbers and the replacement of local presence with remote, virtual alternatives; further believes that officers are facing unprecedented levels of demand, risk and scrutiny, while the public reports increasingly longer wait times for a response, reduced police visibility and diminished confidence in the system; notes that the Scottish Police Federation has published its manifesto for the 2026 Scottish Parliament election, highlighting its view that police officers work tirelessly to keep people safe and calling on the Scottish Government to ensure that officers have the tools, time and expertise to do their jobs, and considers that these concerns merit urgent consideration in order to restore confidence in policing across Scotland.

Supported by: Dr Sandesh Gulhane*

***[S6M-20961](#) Rachael Hamilton: Allan Massie, a Tribute to His Contribution to Scotland's Literary and Public Life—**That the Parliament notes with sadness the death of Allan Massie at the age of 87; places on record its appreciation of his long and distinguished contribution to Scotland's literary and public life; notes that he was born in colonial Singapore and educated at Glenalmond and Cambridge; recognises that he brought a distinctive voice to Scottish letters, choosing to write in the realist tradition and, most successfully, in historical fiction, consciously following in the footsteps of Sir Walter Scott; notes that, while contemporaries such as Alasdair Gray, James Kelman and William McIlvanney defined a different strand of the late twentieth-century renaissance, Allan charted his own course with both independence and conviction; further notes his parallel career as a journalist and critic, reviewing thousands of books over five decades for *The Scotsman* and writing with equal ease on politics, history and rugby; acknowledges his robust but thoughtful contribution to Scotland's constitutional debate and his clear unionist stance, and believes that, in his wit, range and willingness to stand apart from consensus, Allan Massie represented a rare and valuable presence in Scotland's cultural life, whose passing will be widely felt.

Supported by: Douglas Ross*, Annie Wells*, Alexander Stewart*, Liam McArthur*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Liz Smith*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Meghan Gallacher*, Annabelle Ewing*, Russell Findlay*, Stuart McMillan*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, Bob Doris*, Tim Eagle*, Liam Kerr*

***[S6M-20960](#) Emma Harper: Significant Contribution Made by the Glenkens and District Community Fund**—That the Parliament recognises the significant contribution made by the Glenkens and District Community Fund in supporting volunteers, community groups, local organisations and individuals across the Glenkens and surrounding district; notes that the fund, which was established in 2018 and is supported by community benefit funding from the Blackcraig and Windy Rig wind farms, has distributed more than £1.5 million in grants, leveraging a further £3.25 million of additional investment into the region; further notes the wide range of projects and strategic research commissions supported through this funding, from science workshops for school pupils and repairs to village halls to support for local producers and training grants enabling residents to gain work-related qualifications and funding of anchor organisations to support community development; acknowledges the positive testimony from groups such as New Galloway Community Enterprises and D&G Woodlands, which highlight the fund's role in enabling social, economic and environmental innovation; recognises the dedication of the Glenkens and District Trust Board, which comprises local volunteer residents with the majority appointed by their respective Community Councils, in making grant decisions grounded in the Community Action Plans, and the support provided by Foundation Scotland in administering the fund, and welcomes the celebration event which took place in Dalry Town Hall to showcase the achievements of the volunteers, organisations and community leaders whose efforts have enriched the Glenkens and strengthened the region's resilience and community spirit.

Supported by: Kevin Stewart*, David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Paul McLennan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Elena Whitham*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kenneth Gibson*

***[S6M-20959](#) Keith Brown: 30th Anniversary of the Dunblane Tragedy**—That the Parliament marks the 30th anniversary of the Dunblane tragedy on 13 March 1996; remembers with deep sorrow the 16 children and their teacher, Gwen Mayor, who were killed at Dunblane Primary School; holds in its thoughts their families and all those whose lives were forever changed; recognises the enduring impact on the Dunblane community and across Scotland; pays tribute to the strength, dignity and compassion shown in the years since; acknowledges the role of families in bringing about changes to gun law in the interest of public safety, and affirms that their memory continues to unite the community in reflection and in a shared commitment to a safer society.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Evelyn Tweed*, Michael Marra*, Gordon MacDonald*, Liam McArthur*, Paul McLennan*, Emma Harper*, Roz McCall*, Monica Lennon*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annie Wells*, Kevin Stewart*, John Mason*, Martin Whitfield*, Liz Smith*, Richard Leonard*, Murdo Fraser*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Beatrice Wishart*, Colin Beattie*, Rona Mackay*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Clare Haughey*, Marie McNair*, Elena Whitham*, Brian Whittle*, Bob Doris*, Tim Eagle*, Carol Mochan*, Alasdair Allan*

***[S6M-20954](#) Annie Wells: Ardnamurchan Restaurant Recognised for Excellence in Horticulture and Community Beauty**—That the Parliament congratulates Ardnamurchan Restaurant and Bar in Glasgow's Hope Street on winning The Robertson Silver Spade Award at the 2026 Incorporation of Gardeners' Let Glasgow Flourish Awards; understands that Ardnamurchan Restaurant is one of Glasgow's most celebrated Scottish restaurants and that this award recognises the quality, creativity and dedication of its floral displays, following silver and gold awards in past years; recognises the commitment shown by the restaurant's management and staff in enhancing the appearance of their premises for the enjoyment of customers, residents and visitors, and in supporting biodiversity and wildlife through thoughtful planting; notes that the awards celebrate the contributions of businesses and organisations across Glasgow in creating beautiful outdoor spaces, with judging undertaken by members of the Master Court and presented by former Beechgrove Garden host Lesley Watson, and acknowledges that Ardnamurchan Restaurant's success reflects the wider contribution of Glasgow's hospitality sector to the city's culture, community pride and urban environment.

Supported by: Russell Findlay*, Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, Douglas Ross*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Brian Whittle*, Liam Kerr*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-20955](#) **Annie Wells: The Yard Glasgow Gains Wheelchair-accessible Benches Thanks to Charitable Trust** (lodged on 2 March 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Douglas Ross*, Russell Findlay*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Meghan Gallacher*, Martin Whitfield*, Colin Beattie*, Annabelle Ewing*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, Bob Doris*, Clare Adamson*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-20953](#) **Annie Wells: Wee Write Family Day Encourages Reading and Creativity in Young People** (lodged on 2 March 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Douglas Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Russell Findlay*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Meghan Gallacher*, Martin Whitfield*, Annabelle Ewing*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, Bob Doris*, Clare Adamson*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-20952](#) **Annie Wells: Glasgow Company Receives Funding to Develop AI Cancer Diagnostics** (lodged on 2 March 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Alexander Stewart*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane* **R**, Douglas Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Russell Findlay*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Meghan Gallacher*, Martin Whitfield*, Annabelle Ewing*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, Bob Doris*, Clare Adamson*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-20951](#) **Annie Wells: Glasgow Pupils Bring Anne Frank's Story to Life for Local Community** (lodged on 2 March 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Douglas Ross*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Russell Findlay*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Meghan Gallacher*, Martin Whitfield*, Annabelle Ewing*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, Bob Doris*, Clare Adamson*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-20950](#) **Annie Wells: Glasgow Culinary Student Wins Silver at International Young Chef Olympiad** (lodged on 2 March 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Russell Findlay*, Douglas Ross*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Meghan Gallacher*, Martin Whitfield*, Annabelle Ewing*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, Bob Doris*, Clare Adamson*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-20949](#) **Annie Wells: Glasgow Artist's Success on National Television Inspires Creativity** (lodged on 2 March 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Alexander Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Miles Briggs*, Russell Findlay*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Meghan Gallacher*, Martin Whitfield*, Annabelle Ewing*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, Bob Doris*, Clare Adamson*, Liam Kerr*, Tess White*

[S6M-20948](#) **Emma Harper: Celebrating Young People's Achievements Across Dumfries and Galloway** (lodged on 2 March 2026)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Kevin Stewart*, David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Paul McLennan*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Audrey Nicoll*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-20947](#) **Maggie Chapman: Recognising Brian Quail** (lodged on 2 March 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Mercedes Villalba*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-20946](#) **Jeremy Balfour: The Disabled Children and Young People's Advisory Group** (lodged on 2 March 2026)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-20945](#) **Mercedes Villalba: Solidarity with BrewDog Workers** (lodged on 2 March 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jamie Hepburn*, Paul McLennan*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Monica Lennon* **R**, Carol Mochan*, Foysoyl Choudhury*, Maggie Chapman*, Bob Doris*, Kevin Stewart* **R**

[S6M-20941](#) **Michelle Thomson: Congratulating Grangemouth Business RSM on Raising over £50,000 for the Scott Martin Foundation** (lodged on 27 February 2026)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*

[S6M-20940](#) **Clare Adamson: Horseshoe Bar Takes Part in Random Acts of Kindness** (lodged on 27 February 2026)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*

[S6M-20939](#) **Clare Adamson: Craigneuk Family Learning Centre Nursery Receives Superb Marks** (lodged on 27 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*

[S6M-20938](#) **Michelle Thomson: Falkirk Council Modern Apprentice Sam Anderson Wins Scottish Apprenticeship Award** (lodged on 27 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-20937](#) **Marie McNair: Milngavie Pipe Band Celebrates 60th Anniversary** (lodged on 2 March 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-20933](#) **Paul McLennan: Retirement of Dunbar Primary School Headteacher Jacqui Mackinnon** (lodged on 26 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20932](#) **Karen Adam: Completion of the Refurbishment of Fraserburgh Fish Market** (lodged on 26 February 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20931](#) **Karen Adam: Buckie Community High School** (lodged on 26 February 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20930](#) **Karen Adam: People in Fishing Exhibition** (lodged on 26 February 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Fulton MacGregor*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-20929](#) **Karen Adam: Taste of Buchan 2026** (lodged on 26 February 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20928](#) **Karen Adam: Congratulating Buckie Community Hub** (lodged on 26 February 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20927](#) **Mercedes Villalba: Celebrating International Women's Day** (lodged on 26 February 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Fulton MacGregor*, Katy Clark*

[S6M-20926](#) **Karen Adam: The Economic Value of the Economic Link Licence for Coastal Communities** (lodged on 26 February 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20925](#) **Rona Mackay: Honouring Ground-breaking Work of Sandy Brindley as she Steps Down as CE of Rape Crisis Scotland** (lodged on 26 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-20924](#) **Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating Glenboig United Football Club on its 40th Anniversary** (lodged on 26 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-20923](#) **Michelle Thomson: NHS Forth Valley's Prison Healthcare Team Named Finalist in the RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year Awards 2026** (lodged on 26 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-20922](#) **Michelle Thomson: Declan Swan Named Apprentice of the Year at Forth Ports in Grangemouth** (lodged on 26 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20920](#) **Paul McLennan: Charity Curling Event Supporting Carers of East Lothian** (lodged on 26 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-20919](#) **Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to the Russell Anderson Foundation on its ICoTA Donation** (lodged on 25 February 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20918](#) **Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Science Centre Expands its VR Offering** (lodged on 25 February 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20916](#) **Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen City Council and the Scottish School Food Awards** (lodged on 25 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*

[S6M-20915](#) **Marie McNair: Milngavie Bookshop Shortlisted for the British Book Awards** (lodged on 26 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20914](#) **Jeremy Balfour: Tourette Syndrome Awareness After BAFTA 2026 Awards** (lodged on 25 February 2026)

New Support: Ash Regan*, Foysoi Choudhury*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-20913](#) **Kevin Stewart: Abolition of the Energy Profits Levy** (lodged on 25 February 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20910](#) **Tess White: Aberdeen International Airport Selects SAMH as Official Charity Partner** (lodged on 25 February 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20909](#) **Colin Beattie: Reverend Graham Duffin Retires After 24 Years at Loanhead and Bilston Parish Church** (lodged on 25 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20908](#) **Roz McCall: Macmillan Cancer Support Delivers New Integrated Cancer Support Service** (lodged on 25 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20906](#) **Clare Adamson: Charlie Watson and Ian Harper's Kiltwalk** (lodged on 24 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20905](#) **Fulton MacGregor: Improving Care, Equity and Outcomes for People Living with Fontan Circulation in Scotland** (lodged on 24 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-20896](#) **Mercedes Villalba: UNISON Migrant Care Worker Campaign** (lodged on 24 February 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20895](#) **Christine Grahame: Enhancing GP Access for Borders Residents** (lodged on 24 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20894](#) **Clare Haughey: Firangi in Cambuslang is Scottish Curry Restaurant of Year** (lodged on 24 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20892](#) **Clare Haughey: Award-winning Bakers in Rutherglen, Tee's Treats** (lodged on 24 February 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-20890](#) **Liam McArthur: Celebrating the Return of Blood Donation Opportunities to Orkney** (lodged on 23 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-20889](#) **Colin Beattie: Radhuni and Itihaas Restaurants Show Support for Pink Ribbon Foundation** (lodged on 23 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-20885](#) **Colin Beattie: Queen Margaret University Marks 150th Anniversary** (lodged on 25 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, David Torrance*

[S6M-20884](#) **Mark Ruskell: Recognising the Work of Independent Advocacy Perth and Kinross** (lodged on 23 February 2026)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-20882](#) **Mark Ruskell: Celebrating the Success of Fife Musician Jacob Alon** (lodged on 23 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-20881](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: A Scotland-wide Ban on the Use of Mobile Phones in Schools** (lodged on 23 February 2026)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S6M-20880](#) **Finlay Carson: Hugh McCaig Honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award in Scottish Motorsport** (lodged on 24 February 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-20876](#) **Emma Harper: Celebrating the Team GB Men's Curling Team's Silver Medal Success at Milano Cortina 2026** (lodged on 23 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-20868](#) **Pam Duncan-Glancy: Thanking Arthritis UK for its Contribution to the Cross Party Group on Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Conditions** (lodged on 24 February 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-20864](#) **Murdo Fraser: Scottish Grocers' Federation Crime Report 2025-26** (lodged on 19 February 2026)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S6M-20847](#) **Elena Whitham: The National Lottery Heritage Fund: Girvan's Story** (lodged on 18 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-20824](#) **Mercedes Villalba: Rejecting Cuts to STV North and Solidarity with NUJ and BECTU Members in North East Scotland** (lodged on 17 February 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

Questions

Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 11 March 2026

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business

1. **Patrick Harvie:** [Not Lodged]

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 12 March 2026

Education and Skills

1. **Keith Brown:** [Not Lodged]

General Questions selected for answer on 12 March 2026

1. **Fergus Ewing:** [Not Lodged]

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 3 March 2026

[S6W-44026](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether civil servants who live in (a) island and (b) remote communities can apply for an exemption from its hybrid working target of 40% of contracted hours spent in-person at their contractual workplace.

[S6W-44029](#) **Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve the provision of NHS audiology services in Glasgow.

[S6W-44030](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42347 by Gillian Martin on 16 December 2025, how many overflow monitors will be installed at combined sewer overflows in the Highlands and Islands region in 2026.

[S6W-44031](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many combined sewer overflows there are in the Highlands and Islands region.

[S6W-44032](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the need to use combined sewer overflows.

[S6W-44033](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42347 by Gillian Martin on 16 December 2025, how many combined sewer overflows do not currently have an overflow monitor in place.

[S6W-44034](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it has provided to Médecins Sans Frontières in relation to its humanitarian work in Gaza.

[S6W-44035](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the International Olympic Committee removing the requirement that host cities be elected seven years before the Games and

revising its criteria to allow joint bids from multiple cities, regions or countries, what its position is on engaging with the “Great North” partnership of northern English cities, which is preparing a bid for the 2036 Summer Games, or on taking forward a joint Scottish bid for the event in 2036 or 2040.

[S6W-44036 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether free personal and nursing care under the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 must be implemented promptly once eligibility is confirmed, or whether local authorities may lawfully delay implementation due to resource constraints.

[S6W-44037 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it is aware of local authorities operating waiting lists for free personal and nursing care, and what its position is on whether this is consistent with the statutory framework.

[S6W-44038 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether it is appropriate for local authorities to prioritise free personal and nursing care payments based on risk assessment or funding availability, including where an eligible person is self-funding.

[S6W-44039 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what mechanisms exist to monitor compliance by local authorities with statutory duties relating to free personal and nursing care, particularly where payments are delayed due to financial pressures.

[S6W-44040 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the current implementation of free personal and nursing care reflects the original policy intent of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002.

[S6W-44041 Beatrice Wishart](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce waiting times for access to endometriosis services.

[S6W-44042 Beatrice Wishart](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the average waiting time for an endometriosis diagnosis is now 10 years and two months.

[S6W-44043 Patrick Harvie](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-43618 by Gillian Martin on 17 February 2026, and in light of the evidence given by the Scottish Fiscal Commission at the Finance and Public Administration Committee meeting on 3 March 2026, whether it will commission work to examine the implications for Scotland of the issues covered in the UK Government report, *Global biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and national security*.

[S6W-44044 Alexander Burnett](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the pledge made by the health secretary in 2018 to prioritise the development of new primary care premises in Banchory.

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 3 March 2026

Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 76B) (Government Bill)

European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill—The Bill was reprinted as approved at Reconsideration Stage (SP Bill 70C) (Member's Bill)

Amendments to Bills lodged on 3 March 2026

Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

Section 2

Daniel Johnson

- 136 In section 2, page 1, line 11, after <recover> insert <, from which they are suffering intolerably,>

Section 3

Sue Webber

- 137 In section 3, page 1, line 22, after <Scotland,> insert—
<() are not pregnant,>

Douglas Ross

- 138 In section 3, page 1, line 23, at end insert—
<() have been offered, and have access to, a fully costed palliative care pathway appropriate to their condition, including symptom management, psychosocial support, and specialist palliative care services, and a record has been made in writing confirming that this pathway has been discussed, offered, and made available.>

Douglas Ross

- 139 In section 3, page 1, line 23, at end insert—
<() have been offered, and have access to, psychological counselling,
() have not previously been screened or treated for suicidal thoughts or self-harm.>

Emma Roddick

- 140 In section 3, page 2, line 6, at end insert—
<(2A) Where a person has an intellectual disability or developmental or cognitive condition, they may not make a first declaration under section 4 unless the requirements of subsection (2B) have been met.
(2B) The requirements are that the person has, prior to making a first declaration—
(a) received specialist professional assistance designed to support understanding of—
(i) the nature and purpose of assistance to end life,
(ii) the finality and irreversibility of death,
(iii) reasonable alternative treatments and supports, including palliative, social and psychological care, and
(iv) the potential impact on the decision on others,
(b) been supported over a period sufficient to allow reflection and sustained consideration of the decision, and
(c) been assessed, following that support, as able to understand, retain, weigh and use the relevant information in reaching a voluntary and informed decision.>

- (2C) Professional assistance under subsection (2B) must—
- (a) be provided by a multidisciplinary team including—
 - (i) a practitioner with expertise in intellectual disabilities,
 - (ii) a clinical psychologist or psychiatrist, and
 - (iii) a health or social care professional independent of the assisted dying process,
 - (b) be tailored to the individual’s communication and cognitive needs,
 - (c) include more than one session conducted over time, and
 - (d) be documented in a written report addressing the matters set out in subsection (2B)(a).>

Emma Roddick

141 In section 3, page 2, line 9, at end insert—

- <() A terminally ill adult is to be deemed ineligible for assistance to end their own life if it is established that their request is influenced by any of the following circumstances—
- (a) poverty or financial hardship,
 - (b) social isolation or loneliness,
 - (c) feelings of being a burden to others,
 - (d) breakdown or loss of significant personal relationships,
 - (e) experience of coercion, undue influence or pressure from another person,
 - (f) domestic abuse, including physical, emotional or psychological abuse,
 - (g) inadequate, unsafe or insecure housing,
 - (h) recent bereavement or profound grief,
 - (i) untreated or undertreated mental health conditions, including depression and anxiety,
 - (j) discrimination, harassment or stigma based on age, gender, race, sexuality or disability,
 - (k) cognitive impairment or diminished decision-making capacity,
 - (l) intellectual disabilities,
 - (m) Down syndrome, and
 - (n) autism spectrum conditions.>

After section 3

Miles Briggs

142 After section 3, insert—

<Register of health professionals who can carry out the functions under this Act

Register of health professionals who can carry out the functions under this Act

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, make provision for the establishment and maintenance of a register of persons who are able to carry out the functions under this Act of—
 - (a) a coordinating registered medical practitioner,
 - (b) an independent registered medical practitioner,
 - (c) an authorised health professional,
 - (d) a registered pharmacist responsible for supplying an approved substance for use in accordance with section 15.
- (2) A person may only be included in the register to be established under subsection (1) if that person—
 - (a) has—
 - (i) opted in to assist eligible terminally ill adults to end their own life,
 - (ii) obtained any qualifications that are required,
 - (iii) gained any experience that is required,
 under this Act, and
 - (b) is willing to carry out the role (or roles) in relation to which the person would be registered.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may make such other provision in regulations under subsection (1) as they consider necessary to support the establishment and maintenance of the register.>

Section 4

Douglas Ross

143 In section 4, page 2, line 15, at end insert—

<() accompanied by a statement by the terminally ill adult confirming that their palliative care pathway has been presented to them in writing, and that they understand the nature and scope of that pathway,>

Michael Marra

144 In section 4, page 2, line 20, at end insert—

<() A first declaration must include a statement by the terminally ill adult confirming that—

- (a) the declaration is made voluntarily, of their own free will and without coercion, pressure or undue influence from any other person, and
- (b) is not influenced by unmet palliative care, social care, housing, financial or caregiving needs.>

Jackie Baillie

145 In section 4, page 2, line 32, at end insert—

- <() Regulations under subsection (5)(a) must, in particular, specify the training, qualifications and experience required where the terminally ill adult requesting assistance—
 - (a) is under the age of 25, and
 - (b) has a disease, illness or condition of a fluctuating nature and with an unpredictable prognosis.>

Jackie Baillie

146 In section 4, page 2, line 32, at end insert—

- <() Regulations under subsection (5)(a) must, in particular, make provision for a method (for example, a certification process) by which registered medical practitioners carrying out functions under this Act may evidence that they have the required training, qualifications and experience.>

After section 4

Miles Briggs

147 After section 4, insert—

<Training requirements etc: further provision

- (1) Regulations under section 4(5)(a) and 15(8) must—
 - (a) specify minimum training standards, including in relation to—
 - (i) assessing capacity and coercion,
 - (ii) understanding prognostic uncertainty,
 - (iii) rare and fluctuating conditions,
 - (iv) communicating with families and carers,
 - (v) pathways for palliative and home-based care,
 - (b) be—
 - (i) developed in consultation with such persons as the Chief Medical Officer of the Scottish Administration considers appropriate,
 - (ii) reviewed after each review period,
 - (iii) supported by guidance that is—
 - (A) prepared by the Scottish Ministers, and
 - (B) published on the day on which regulations under section 4(5)(a) come into force.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b)(ii), the “review period” means—
 - (a) the period of three years beginning with the day on which regulations under section 4(5)(a) come into force,
 - (b) each subsequent period of three years.>

Section 4A

Michael Marra

148 In section 4A, page 3, line 7, leave out subsection (2) and insert—

- <() A registered medical practitioner who indicates under subsection (1)(b) that they are not able or willing to carry out the functions under this Act of the coordinating registered medical practitioner, is not under any duty—
- (a) to refer, direct, signpost or transfer a person to another registered medical practitioner,
 - (b) to provide information intended to enable access to assistance under this Act, or
 - (c) to take any step which would reasonably be regarded as facilitating the provision of assistance under this Act.
- () No adverse consequence, whether contractual, professional, regulatory or disciplinary, may arise from the exercise of the opt-out provided by this section.>

After section 5

Brian Whittle

149 After section 5, insert—

<Advance care directive

- (1) This section applies where a terminally ill adult makes a first declaration.
- (2) The adult may provide an advance care directive about their care wishes, including in the event that they—
 - (a) become incapacitated before they are provided with an approved substance under section 15,
 - (b) become incapacitated due to the effects of the substance,
 - (c) choose to cancel their declaration or decide not to use the substance.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must set out in regulations a template advance care directive which may be used for the purposes of this section.
- (4) A template advance care directive must include—
 - (a) consideration of options for—
 - (i) clinically assisted nutrition or hydration,
 - (ii) cardiopulmonary resuscitation,
 - (iii) artificial or mechanical ventilation and intubation,
 - (iv) medications, including pain relief and antibiotics,
 - (v) organ donation,
 - (b) the situations in which the treatments and procedures in paragraph (a) would be refused,
 - (c) an advance statement from the adult which includes—
 - (i) who the adult has discussed their wishes with,

- (ii) why the adult considers the wishes set out in the advance care directive to be important to their health, care and quality of life,
- (iii) other situations in which they would refuse treatment,
- (d) a statement of who should be involved in the adult's care.
- (5) Where an advance care directive is provided under this section—
 - (a) the adult need not use the template advance care directive set out in regulations under subsection (3),
 - (b) where the adult does use that template, the adult need not provide all of the information set out in it.>

Brian Whittle

150 After section 5, insert—

<Palliative care support plan

- (1) A terminally ill adult who has made a first declaration may request to be provided with a plan outlining possible forms of palliative care and support that may be beneficial to them (“a palliative care support plan”).
- (2) Where a request is made under subsection (1), the terminally ill adult must be provided with a palliative care support plan, which meets the minimum requirements set out by the Scottish Ministers in regulations.>

Section 6

Paul O'Kane

151 In section 6, page 3, leave out lines 27 and 28 and insert—

- <() has not made the declaration as a result of undue influence, whether explicit or implicit, including pressure arising from dependency, family or caring relationships, financial circumstances, care arrangement or a perceived burden on others.>

Paul O'Kane

152 In section 6, page 3, leave out lines 38 and 39 and insert—

- <() has not made the declaration as a result of undue influence, whether explicit or implicit, including pressure arising from dependency, family or caring relationships, financial circumstances, care arrangement or a perceived burden on others.>

Daniel Johnson

153 In section 6, page 3, line 39, at end insert—

- <() A registered medical practitioner carrying out an assessment mentioned in subsection (2) or, as the case may be (4), must carry out that assessment in person, having met the person who made the declaration on more than one occasion.>

Douglas Ross

154 In section 6, page 4, line 3, at end insert—

- <() In carrying out an assessment mentioned in subsection (2) or, as the case may be (4), the registered medical practitioner doing so must also—
 - (a) discuss with the person making the declaration the range of palliative care options available to them, including symptom management, pain relief, psychological and social support, and end-of-life planning,
 - (b) ensure that the person understands these options and the potential benefits of each,
 - (c) record that this discussion has taken place.>

Brian Whittle

155 In section 6, page 4, line 9, at end insert—

- <() has not consulted with the coordinating registered medical practitioner on the case (excluding receiving administrative details as required for the referral under subsection (3)),
- () has not been provided with access to any notes prepared by the coordinating registered medical practitioner on the practitioner’s assessment under subsection (2),
- () has not been provided with any other notes prepared by the coordinating registered medical practitioner regarding the person’s request to be provided with assistance to end their own life since the date of the first declaration,>

Paul O’Kane

156 In section 6, page 4, line 12, at end insert—

- <() Regulations under subsection (6)(a) must specify training which includes the identification of—
 - (a) coercion, undue influence and coercive control,
 - (b) situations of dependency arising from illness, disability, age, social care needs or caring arrangements.>

Section 7

Paul O’Kane

157 In section 7, page 4, leave out lines 23 to 25 and insert—

- <() make enquiries of at least one health professional, social care professional or social work professional who holds qualifications or has demonstrable experience relevant to the condition, care needs or circumstances of the person being assessed,>

Paul O’Kane

158 In section 7, page 4, line 27, at end insert—

- <() discuss with the person whether their decision to make a first declaration is free from direct, indirect, or internal coercion, pressure, or undue influence,
- () discuss with the person whether the person feels like a burden on others or is experiencing financial pressure influencing their decision,>

Brian Whittle

159 In section 7, page 4, line 34, at end insert—

<() that the person may provide an advance care directive in accordance with section (*Advance care directive*),>

Bob Doris

160 In section 7, page 5, line 11, at end insert—

<() For the purposes of subsection (1)(zd), indirect pressures may include, but are not limited to, a person’s beliefs about themselves, society’s expectations, the significant absence of health or social care services to meet the person’s needs.>

Stephen Kerr

161 In section 7, page 5, line 13, leave out <if they have doubt as to whether the person being assessed is terminally ill,>

Bob Doris

162 In section 7, page 5, line 13, after <ill> insert <and can be reasonably expected to die within six months>

Stephen Kerr

163 In section 7, page 5, line 17, leave out from <if> to <life,> in line 18

Jackie Baillie

164 In section 7, page 5, line 23, at end insert—

<(3) A registered medical practitioner carrying out an assessment under section 6 must involve social work and psychiatry professionals, in such manner as they consider appropriate, where the terminally ill adult requesting assistance—

(a) is under the age of 25, and

(b) has a disease, illness or condition of a fluctuating nature and with an unpredictable prognosis.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (3), a psychiatry professional is a registered medical practitioner who is registered in the specialism of psychiatry in the Specialist Register kept by the General Medical Council.>

Bob Doris

165 In section 7, page 5, line 23, at end insert—

<(3) If, in the opinion of the registered medical practitioner, the person seeking assistance to end their own life has not been provided with, or offered, appropriate palliative care relevant to their terminal illness, then the registered medical practitioner must refer the person for assessment by a registered medical practitioner who is registered in the specialism of palliative medicine in the Specialist Register kept by the General Medical Council (“a palliative care specialist”).>

Bob Doris

166 In section 7, page 5, line 23, at end insert—

- <(3) Where the person’s reasons for wishing to be lawfully provided with assistance to end their own life include uncontrolled symptoms or fear of uncontrolled symptoms then the registered medical practitioner must refer the person for assessment by a registered medical practitioner who is registered in the specialism of palliative medicine in the Specialist Register kept by the General Medical Council (“a palliative care specialist”).>

Bob Doris

167 In section 7, page 5, line 23, at end insert—

- <(4) A person who declines to take up the appointment for an assessment by a palliative care specialist in accordance with subsection (3) is not prevented from receiving assistance to end their own life providing the other requirements in this Act are met.>

Bob Doris

168 In section 7, page 5, line 23, at end insert—

- <(4) If a person declines to take up the appointment for an assessment by a palliative care specialist in accordance with subsection (3), the registered medical practitioner may take this into account when deciding whether or not to make a statement under section 8(1) or (2) (as the case may be).>

Miles Briggs

Supported by: Paul Sweeney

169 In section 7, page 5, line 23, at end insert—

- <() A registered medical practitioner carrying out an assessment under section 6 must, in any case the practitioner considers appropriate, advise the person that they can be referred to social work or mental health services.>

Miles Briggs

Supported by: Paul Sweeney

170 In section 7, page 5, line 23, at end insert—

- <(3) Where the person is under the age of 25 years, a registered medical practitioner carrying out an assessment under section 6 must refer the person to social work or mental health services if any of the indicators in subsection (4) apply.
- (4) The indicators are that—
- (a) there are concerns that the person lacks capacity,
 - (b) any diagnoses in relation to the person are fluctuating or unpredictable,
 - (c) there are safeguarding issues in relation to the person,
 - (d) the person has communication needs,
 - (e) the person is experiencing multiple disadvantages,
 - (f) the person is experiencing deprivation,
 - (g) the person has no or limited social support.

- (5) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision about referrals under subsection (3), including in relation to the training, qualifications and experience of the practitioner making the referral.
- (6) Before laying a draft of regulations under subsection (5), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) professional bodies in relation to social work,
 - (b) professional bodies in relation to mental health,
 - (c) such other persons as they consider appropriate.>

Fulton MacGregor

171 In section 7, page 5, line 23, at end insert—

- <(3) A registered medical practitioner carrying out an assessment under section 6 must request a statement from the local authority for the area that the person is ordinarily resident in as to whether the local authority is supporting, or is aware that the person is being supported, within the provisions of—
 - (a) the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968,
 - (b) the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007,
 - (c) Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000, and
 - (d) the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003.
- (4) Where a local authority receives a request for a statement under subsection (3), it must provide the registered medical practitioner with such a statement within a reasonable period of time.
- (5) A registered medical practitioner carrying out an assessment under section 6 must refer the person to the local authority for an assessment by a registered social worker where—
 - (a) a statement requested under subsection (3) indicates that the local authority knows or believes the person is deemed unable to protect their own interests by virtue of the Acts in subsection (3), or
 - (b) the assessment indicates that the person is making the declaration under undue influence.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations specify what is a reasonable period of time for the purposes of subsection (4).>

Paul O'Kane

172 In section 7, page 5, line 23, at end insert—

- <() A registered medical practitioner carrying out an assessment under section 6 must take all reasonable steps to identify whether the person has been subject to coercion, pressure or undue influence by—
 - (a) conducting at least one assessment meeting with the person alone and in private,
 - (b) making such enquiries as the practitioner considers necessary into the person's social, familial and caring circumstances, including, where appropriate, seeking and considering the views of persons who have an interest in the person's welfare,

- (c) considering whether the request may be influenced by unmet palliative care, social care, housing, financial, or caregiving needs, and
- (d) where the practitioner considers it appropriate, seeking advice from, or consulting, a person with relevant safeguarding expertise, including expertise in coercive control or adult protection.>

Audrey Nicoll

173 In section 7, page 5, line 23, at end insert—

- <(3) A registered medical practitioner carrying out an assessment under section 6 must prepare and retain a written record of—
 - (a) all enquiries made under subsection (1)(za) and (zb), including the names and roles of professionals consulted,
 - (b) all discussions with the person under subsection (1)(zc), including the person's reasons for requesting assistance,
 - (c) all explanations provided to the person under subsection (1)(a), including details or diagnosis, prognosis, treatment options, palliative or hospice care and the nature of any substance that might be provided,
 - (d) all information provided under subsection (1)(b),
 - (e) all advice given under subsection (1)(c),
 - (f) any referrals made under subsection (2), including the outcome of any assessments received from other registered medical practitioners, and
 - (g) the clinical reasoning and justification for decisions made during the assessment, including any occasions where enquiries or referrals were not completed.
- (4) Records prepared under subsection (3) must be—
 - (a) retained for a minimum of 10 years, and
 - (b) made available to any regulatory or oversight body exercising statutory functions under this or any related legislation.>

After section 7

Brian Whittle

174 After section 7, insert—

<Independent assessors

- (1) Where subsection (2) applies, the coordinating registered medical professional must refer a person who has made a declaration to an independent assessor for the independent assessor to carry out an assessment to ascertain whether, in the opinion of the independent assessor, the person who made the declaration made it voluntarily and has not been coerced or pressured by any other person into making it.
- (2) This subsection applies where concerns about the person who made the declaration having been coerced or pressured have been expressed to the coordinating registered medical professional by—
 - (a) a family member of the person,

- (b) a care giver,
 - (c) a friend who has been listed on the person's advanced care directive as involved in the person's care.
- (3) The independent assessor must prepare an assessment report setting out the independent assessor's conclusions following the assessment under subsection (1).
 - (4) An assessment report must, within 10 working days of the assessment under subsection (1) being concluded, be submitted to—
 - (a) the coordinating registered medical professional, and
 - (b) in cases where coercion is identified in the report, the Police Service of Scotland.
 - (5) The Scottish Ministers must set out in regulations the qualifications and experience an independent assessor is required to have.>

Section 8

Brian Whittle

- 34A** As an amendment to amendment 34, line 2, after <care> insert <and palliative care>

Paul O'Kane

- 175** In section 8, page 5, leave out lines 29 and 30 and insert—
- <() has not made the declaration as a result of undue influence, whether explicit or implicit, including pressure arising from dependency, family or caring relationships, financial circumstances, care arrangement or a perceived burden on others,>

Alasdair Allan

- 176** In section 8, page 5, line 30, at end insert—
- <() has undergone, in person, all assessments carried out under section 6, including the steps required by section 7,>

Jeremy Balfour

- 177** In section 8, page 5, line 30, at end insert—
- <() is seeking assistance to end their life solely as a consequence of their terminal illness, and not for any other reason,>

Paul O'Kane

- 178** In section 8, page 5, leave out lines 36 and 37 and insert—
- <() has not made the declaration as a result of undue influence, whether explicit or implicit, including pressure arising from dependency, family or caring relationships, financial circumstances, care arrangement or a perceived burden on others,>

Alasdair Allan

- 179** In section 8, page 5, line 37, at end insert—

<() has undergone, in person, all assessments carried out under section 6, including the steps required by section 7,>

Jeremy Balfour

180 In section 8, page 5, line 37 at end insert—

<() is seeking assistance to end their life solely as a consequence of their terminal illness, and not for any other reason,>

Michael Marra

181 In section 8, page 5, line 38, at end insert—

<() Before making a statement under subsection (1) or (2), the coordinating registered medical practitioner or independent registered medical practitioner (as the case may be), must seek guidance from an independent panel of experts established by the Scottish Ministers to provide support and advise on assessing capacity, voluntariness, eligibility and absence of coercion

() The panel must include, at a minimum—

- (a) a registered medical practitioner with expertise in palliative care,
- (b) a registered medical practitioner with expertise in psychiatry or the assessment of capacity,
- (c) a registered social worker with relevant experience in adult care or social support.>

Brian Whittle

182 In section 8, page 5, line 38, at end insert—

<(2A) Where the independent assessor has carried out an assessment mentioned in section (Independent assessors) and is satisfied that the person who made the first declaration made the declaration voluntarily and has not been coerced or pressured by any other person into making it, the independent assessor must make a statement to that effect.>

Daniel Johnson

183 In section 8, page 5, line 41, at end insert—

<(3D) The statement mentioned in subsection (1) or, as the case may be, (2) must be accompanied by a further statement (“the accompanying statement”) which sets out—

- (a) the nature of the relationship between the coordinating registered medical practitioner or, as the case may be, the independent registered medical practitioner, and the person who made the first declaration,
- (b) the registered medical practitioner’s assessment of—
 - (i) the person’s eligibility under section 3(1),
 - (ii) the person’s capacity under section 3(2), and the steps taken to establish capacity,
 - (iii) whether the person has made the declaration voluntarily and has not been coerced or pressured by any other person into making it,

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- (c) in the case of an accompanying statement that accompanies a statement under subsection (1), the coordinating medical practitioner's assessment of the nature, status and prognosis of the terminal illness.>

Daniel Johnson

183A As an amendment to amendment 183, line 15, at end insert—

- <() in cases where another registered medical practitioner has previously carried out an assessment under section 6 and has not been satisfied as required under subsection (1) or, as the case may be, (2), an explanation of why the registered medical practitioner preparing the accompanying statement has come to a different view.>

Jeremy Balfour

184 In section 8, page 5, line 41, at end insert—

- <(3A) Where the coordinating registered medical practitioner has carried out an assessment mentioned in section 6(2) and is not satisfied that the person who made the first declaration—

- (a) is a terminally ill adult,
- (b) is eligible to be lawfully provided with assistance to end their life, or
- (c) made the declaration voluntarily and has not been coerced or pressured by any other person into making it,

the practitioner must make a statement to that effect.

- (3B) Where the independent registered medical practitioner has carried out an assessment mentioned in section 6(4) and is not satisfied that the person who made the first declaration—

- (a) is a terminally ill adult,
- (b) is eligible to be lawfully provided with assistance to end their life, or
- (c) made the declaration voluntarily and has not been coerced or pressured by any other person into making it,

the practitioner must make a statement to that effect.

- (3C) The statement mentioned in subsection (3A) or, as the case may be, (3B) must—

- (a) specify why the registered medical practitioner was not satisfied,
- (b) be signed and dated by the registered medical practitioner making it,
- (c) be shared with the person who made the first declaration.

- (3D) Where a statement mentioned in subsection (3A) or, as the case may be, (3B) is made, no registered medical practitioner may carry out an assessment mentioned in section 6 in relation to the same person before the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the day the statement is recorded in the person's medical records.

- (3E) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make provision in relation to the recording and sharing of information included in statements made under subsections (3A) and (3B) for the purposes of preventing repeated assessments within the period specified in subsection (3D).>

Daniel Johnson

- 185 In section 8, page 6, line 1, after <statement> insert <and accompanying statement>

After section 8

Stephen Kerr

- 186 After section 8, insert—

<Independent panel of experts

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must establish an independent panel of experts to provide support and advice to registered medical practitioners carrying out assessments under this section.
- (2) The panel must include, at a minimum—
 - (a) a psychiatrist with experience in assessing capacity and mental health conditions,
 - (b) a specialist in palliative care, and
 - (c) a professional with expertise in safeguarding, adult protection or coercive control.
- (3) A registered medical practitioner carrying out an assessment under section 6 must refer the case to the independent panel where—
 - (a) there is any uncertainty about the person’s capacity to make the declaration,
 - (b) there are any concerns about coercion, pressure, or undue influence,
 - (c) the person has a mental disorder or mental illness which may affect decision-making, or
 - (d) such other circumstances apply as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations specify.>

Section 10

Brian Whittle

- 187 In section 10, page 6, line 24, at end insert—

<() the independent assessor has carried out the assessment mentioned in section *(Independent assessors)*, if required by that section, and has made the statement mentioned in section 8(2A),>

Alasdair Allan

- 188 In section 10, page 6, line 37, at end insert—

<() The steps required under subsections (3) and (4) must be carried out in person and may not be conducted remotely by telephone, video conference or by any other form of telecommunication.>

Section 11

Brian Whittle

- 189 In section 11, page 7, line 20, at end insert—

<() the independent assessor need not carry out an assessment under section (*Independent assessors*),>

Section 12

Jeremy Balfour

190 In section 12, page 8, line 2, at end insert—

<(4A) A person commits an offence if they—

- (a) knowingly sign a declaration as a proxy in contravention of section 12(4), or
- (b) knowingly make a false statement when signing as a proxy, including statements about their capacity, disqualification status or the understanding of the person making the declaration.

(4B) A person who commits an offence under subsection (4A) is liable—

- (a) where the offence placed the adult at serious risk of death, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £20,000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both,
- (b) where the offence resulted in the death of the adult, on conviction, to imprisonment for a term not less than 5 years and up to life imprisonment, with a fine as the court considers appropriate.

(4C) For the purposes of subsection (4B)(a), a proxy or declaration that is falsified under subsection (1) is to be treated as having placed the adult at serious risk of death, even if the process by which the person receives assistance to end their own life does not actually proceed to the point of death.>

Jeremy Balfour

191 In section 12, page 8, line 2, at end insert—

- <() Nothing in this section places any duty on a solicitor, advocate or legal professional to act as a proxy in relation to assistance to end life.
- () A solicitor, advocate or legal professional may decline to act as a proxy on grounds of conscience, professional judgment, moral objection or belief.
- () No civil, criminal, disciplinary, or professional regulatory liability or detriment is to arise from such refusal.
- () For the purposes of this section, “solicitor” includes any person admitted, registered, or practising under the Law Society of Scotland or other recognised legal professional body in Scotland.>

Fergus Ewing

192 In section 12, page 8, line 2, at end insert—

- <() Where proxy signs a declaration, the signing must take place in the presence of a practising solicitor.
- () The solicitor must—
 - (b) witness the signing of the declaration by the proxy,

- (c) certify that the requirements of this section have been complied with, and
- (d) record their name, professional address, and practising certificate number on the declaration.>

Section 13

Brian Whittle

- 193** In section 13, page 8, line 11, at end insert—
- <() a statement under section 8(2A) is made,>

Daniel Johnson

- 194** In section 13, page 8, line 11, at end insert—
- <() a statement under section 8(3A) is made,
() a statement under section 8(3B) is made,>

Daniel Johnson

- 195** In section 13, page 8, line 11, at end insert—
- <() an accompanying statement under section 8(3C),>

Jeremy Balfour

- 196** In section 13, page 8, line 23, at end insert—
- <(6) In the case of a statement under subsection (1)(c), the coordinating registered medical practitioner must, as soon as reasonably practicable, and no later than 24 hours, inform each of the following of the making of the statement—
 - (a) each registered medical practitioner and professional who carried out an assessment under sections 6 and 7 in relation to the adult,
 - (b) any witness to the statement,
 - (c) any proxy or legally authorised representative acting for the adult.
 - (7) Any registered medical practitioner or professional who is informed under subsection (6) and has carried out an assessment under section 6 or 7 may record in the adult's medical records that they disagree with the statement, if in their professional judgement the adult does not meet the eligibility criteria for assisted dying.
 - (8) Where a practitioner or professional records disagreement under subsection (7), the coordinating registered medical practitioner must notify the independent panel established under subsection (9), and no further action under this Act may proceed until the panel has reviewed the disagreement and issued guidance or a determination in accordance with subsection (9).
 - (9) The independent panel must consist of—
 - (a) at least one medically qualified practitioner with experience in end-of-life care,
 - (b) at least one legally qualified professional with expertise in medical law or patient rights, and

- (c) at least one ethicist or professional with expertise in medical ethics, particularly relating to end-of-life decision-making.
- (10) The panel must—
 - (a) consider the disagreement recorded under subsection (7),
 - (b) review the relevant medical records and assessments, and
 - (c) provide a written determination to the coordinating registered medical practitioner within 14 days of being notified.>

Section 14

Liz Smith

197 In section 14, page 8, line 36, at end insert—

- <() Where the cancellation is not recorded in the adult’s medical records within 7 days of the registered medical practitioner being informed of the cancellation under subsection (4) or receiving notice of the cancellation under subsection (5), as the case may be, that practitioner—
 - (a) commits a professional breach and is subject to review by the relevant medical regulatory body,
 - (b) must provide a written apology to the adult, acknowledging the distress caused by the failure to record the cancellation,
 - (c) confirm in writing to the adult that the cancellation has been properly recorded.
- () The Scottish Ministers may issue guidance on processes related to the failure to record cancellations and managing practitioner accountability.>

Section 14A

Ross Greer

198 In section 14A, page 9, line 8, leave out <are>

Ross Greer

199 In section 14A, page 9, line 9, leave out <considering requesting> and insert <wish to be lawfully provided with>

Ross Greer

200 In section 14A, page 9, line 11, leave out <require> and insert <request>

Ross Greer

201 In section 14A, page 9, line 11, leave out from <request> to end of line 12 and insert <take the steps that must be taken before that assistance can be provided.>

Ross Greer

202 In section 14A, page 9, line 13, after <section> insert <and section 14B>

Ross Greer

- 203 In section 14A, page 9, line 16, leave out from <request> to <assistance> in line 17 and insert <take the steps that must be taken before the lawful provision of assistance to the person to end their own life>

Ross Greer

- 204 In section 14A, page 9, line 17, leave out from <including> to end of line 22

Ross Greer

- 205 In section 14A, page 9, line 23, leave out <services are independent if they are> and insert <is independent if it is>

Section 14B

Ross Greer

- 206 In section 14B, page 9, line 28, leave out subsection (1) and insert—
- <() It must be a term of any agreement that the Scottish Ministers enter into with a person for the provision of advocacy services in connection with their duty under section 14A(2), that the person undertakes to comply with the advocacy service standards.>

Murdo Fraser

- 207 Leave out section 14B and insert—

<Independent Advocacy Oversight Body and Accreditation Scheme

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must establish a body to be known as the Advocacy Oversight Body with responsibility for—
 - (a) accrediting all individuals and organisations providing advocacy services under this Act,
 - (b) monitoring, auditing and evaluating the operation of those advocacy services, and
 - (c) issuing guidance and reviewing compliance to ensure independence.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must fully fund the Advocacy Oversight Body to enable it to carry out its functions effectively.
- (3) No person may provide advocacy services under this Act unless accredited by the Advocacy Oversight Body.
- (4) The Advocacy Oversight Body must—
 - (a) establish and maintain a formal accreditation scheme for advocates providing advocacy services under this Act, including standards of independence, competency and accountability,
 - (b) maintain records of all monitoring and auditing activities, including aggregate data on service provision, compliance and interventions to address deficiencies, and
 - (c) publish an annual public report on advocacy services, summarising findings, actions taken and compliance with the accreditation standards, while protecting individual confidentiality.

- (5) The Advocacy Oversight Body may issue guidance to providers and the Scottish Ministers to ensure effective oversight, consistent standards and protection of individuals' privacy.>

Section 15

Brian Whittle

- 208 In section 15, page 10, line 7, after <by> insert <, or under the supervision of,>

Brian Whittle

- 209 In section 15, page 10, line 14, at end insert—
<() the independent assessor has carried out the assessment mentioned in section (*Independent assessors*), if required by that section, and has made the statement mentioned in section 8(2A),>

Brian Whittle

- 210 In section 15, page 10, line 19, leave out <provides> and insert <is present for the provision of>

Douglas Ross

- 211 In section 15, page 10, line 25, leave out <is satisfied, at the time the substance is provided,> and insert <has, immediately prior to the provision of the substance, carried out and documented a structured, in-person assessment which establishes on the balance of probabilities>

Jeremy Balfour

- 212 In section 15, page 10, leave out lines 28 and 29 and insert—
<() has been observed by an independent registered medical practitioner who is not the coordinating registered medical practitioner or the independent registered medical practitioner involved in the assessments under sections 6 and 7, who attests in writing that, to the best of their knowledge, the adult is acting voluntarily and has not been coerced or pressured by another other person.>

Sue Webber

- 213 In section 15, page 10, line 30, after <authorises> insert<—
() any registered medical practitioner or authorised health professional to provide physical assistance to a terminally ill adult in ingesting or otherwise using an approved substance, or
()>

Brian Whittle

- 214 In section 15, page 10, line 36, at end insert—
<() Where a coordinating registered medical practitioner or, as the case may be, authorised health professional who is a registered medical practitioner is accompanied by any other

health professional by virtue of subsection (4), they may delegate their functions under subsections (1) and (7) to the accompanying health professional.>

Sue Webber

- 215 In section 15, page 10, line 38, after <practitioner> insert<—
()>

Sue Webber

- 216 In section 15, page 10, line 40, at end insert—
<() provide information or instructions about the use of the substance or medical device (as the case may be),>

Sue Webber

- 217 In section 15, page 10, line 41, leave out <assist the adult to ingest or otherwise use the substance> and insert <may not touch, activate, position or physically manipulate the substance or any device at the point of ingestion or use>

Brian Whittle

- 218 In section 15, page 11, line 11, leave out <with> and insert <in the same room as>

Brian Whittle

- 219 In section 15, page 11, line 14, leave out subsection (6)

Stephen Kerr

- 220 In section 15, page 11, line 14, leave out subsection (6) and insert—
<(6A) For the purposes of subsection (5), the coordinating registered medical practitioner or, as the case may be, authorised health professional must remain physically present in the same room as the adult from the point at which the approved substance is used until—
(a) the adult has died, or
(b) the practitioner is satisfied, having monitored the adult for a clinically appropriate period, that the substance has not been fully ingested or used and that the adult is no longer at risk of harm from incomplete or failed ingestion.
(6B) During the period referred to in subsection (6A), the coordinating registered medical practitioner or authorised health professional must monitor the adult for signs of distress, complications, or adverse reactions and take such steps as are clinically appropriate in response.>

Brian Whittle

- 221 In section 15, page 11, line 28, after <practitioner> insert <, registered pharmacist,>

Stephen Kerr

- 222** In section 15, page 11, line 34, leave out <specified by the Scottish Ministers by regulations> and insert <approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament for the purposes of this section and no substance may be specified or used under this Act unless such approval has been given>

Miles Briggs

- 223** In section 15, page 12, line 1, leave out <such persons as they consider appropriate.> and insert <the persons specified in subsection (10).

(10) The persons to be consulted under subsection (9) are—

- (a) the Chief Medical Officer of the Scottish Administration,
- (b) the Chief Nursing Officer of the Scottish Administration,
- (c) such other persons as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.>

Section 16

Audrey Nicoll

- 224** In section 16, page 12, line 9, at end insert—

<() The final statement must include full details of any substance used to provide assistance to end the adult's life, including—

- (a) the name of the substance,
- (b) the manufacturer,
- (c) the batch number or identifying code,
- (d) the quantity administered,
- (e) the date and method of administration.>

Section 17

Stephen Kerr

- 225** In section 17, page 12, leave out lines 25 and 26 and insert—

<() a statement that the death resulted from assistance in ending the adult's life, including the use of the approved substance, is to be recorded on the death certificate,>

Section 18

Pauline McNeill

- 226** In section 18, page 12, line 28, leave out subsection (1) and insert—

<() No individual, in any role or capacity, including—

- (a) medical practitioners,
- (b) nurses,
- (c) allied health professionals,

- (d) pharmacists,
- (e) administrative staff,
- (f) receptionists,
- (g) delivery personnel,
- (h) students,
- (i) trainees
- (j) locum or agency staff,
- (k) volunteers

is under any duty (whether arising from any statutory, contractual, professional or other legal requirement) to participate, directly or indirectly, in anything authorised by this Act at any stage of the process.>

Jeremy Balfour

227 In section 18, page 12, line 32, at end insert—

- <() For the avoidance of doubt, participation in anything authorised by this Act includes any requirement to refer, direct, signpost, arrange or otherwise facilitate contact between a person and another individual or organisation for the purpose of obtaining assistance in accordance with this Act.
- () Accordingly, an individual who has a conscientious objection under subsection (1) is not under any duty, whether arising from statute, contract, professional guidance or otherwise, to make any such referral, direction, signposting or arrangement.>

Fergus Ewing

228 In section 18, page 12, line 34, at end insert—

- <() Any individual or organisation exercising a conscientious objection under this section must not suffer any adverse consequences resulting from their objection.>

After section 18

Jackie Baillie

229 After section 18, insert—

<Reasonable grounds not to provide assistance etc.

- (1) A person mentioned in subsection (2) is not under any duty (whether arising from any statutory or other legal requirement) to participate in, or require staff of the organisation to participate in, anything authorised by this Act in which that person has reasonable grounds for not so participating.
- (2) The persons are—
 - (a) a care service as defined in section 47(1) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010,
 - (b) an independent healthcare service as defined by section 10F of the NHS (Scotland) Act 1978.

- (3) A person must not be subject to any detriment (including any form of penalty) as a result of—
 - (a) not providing assistance under this Act, or
 - (b) not permitting such assistance to take place on their premises.
- (4) Notwithstanding subsection (1), any person to which that subsection applies must not inhibit any person from being provided with assistance to end their own life in accordance with this Act in another setting.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, specify the reasonable grounds mentioned in subsection (1).>

Fergus Ewing

230 After section 18, insert—

<Coercion or pressure as a result of conscientious objection

- (1) An individual or organisation must not be subjected to any form of direct or indirect coercion, pressure, threat, or inducement to participate in, facilitate, or otherwise provide any service, activity, or support authorised under this Act to which they have a conscientious objection.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), “coercion or pressure” includes, but is not limited to—
 - (a) threats or actual detriment in employment, promotion, appraisal, training, or professional development
 - (b) financial, regulatory, or contractual threats,
 - (c) undue influence, persuasion, or expectation from colleagues, supervisors, or external bodies.>

John Mason

231 After section 18, insert—

<Organisational conscientious objection

- (1) An organisation, including but not limited to healthcare providers, faith-based institutions, charities, and educational establishments, is not under any duty to participate in, facilitate, or otherwise provide any service, activity, or support authorised under this Act if doing so would conflict with the organisation’s beliefs, values, or mission.
- (2) An organisation exercising a conscientious objection under subsection (1) must not be—
 - (a) subject to any detriment, financial loss, regulatory sanction, or legal action,
 - (b) required to make referrals or arrangements that involve participation in assisted dying.
- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, this section does not apply to health boards constituted in accordance with section 2 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978.>

Paul O’Kane

232 After section 18, insert—

<Conscientious objection: organisations

- (1) A regulated care home or hospice is not under any duty (whether arising from any statutory or other legal requirement) to participate directly in anything authorised by this Act to which that organisation has a conscientious objection.
- (2) A regulated care home or hospice must not be subject to any detriment for not participating in anything authorised by this Act to which that organisation has a conscientious objection.>

Section 18A

Brian Whittle

- 233** In section 18A, page 13, line 4, leave out subsection (2)

Brian Whittle

- 234** Leave out section 18A and insert—

<Initiation of discussions on provision of assistance

A registered medical practitioner or other health professional may only discuss with an adult the provision of assistance to end their own life in accordance with this Act where the adult has initiated the discussion.>

Jeremy Balfour

- 235** Leave out section 18A and insert—

<Prohibition on raising assisted dying

- (1) A registered medical practitioner must not initiate, raise, propose, or otherwise introduce the subject of the provision of assistance in accordance with this Act with a person.
- (2) The subject of assistance in accordance with this Act may only be discussed where the person has first raised the matter of their own accord.
- (3) A registered medical practitioner must not be subject to any detriment, professional sanction, or adverse treatment for complying with this section.
- (4) A registered medical practitioner who contravenes subsection (1) commits a breach of this Act and may be subject to professional, regulatory, or disciplinary action in accordance with applicable law.>

Section 19

Stephen Kerr

- 236** In section 19, page 13, line 13, at end insert—

- <(4) For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Act permits any person to carry out an act which directly causes the death of another person.
- (5) Assistance for the purposes of this Act is limited to preparatory or facilitative acts and does not include the administration of any substance, the operation of any device or any other act which, of itself, brings about death.

- (6) Where a person performs an act falling within subsection (5), that person is to be treated for the purposes of the criminal law as having caused the death, regardless of any consent given by the adult.>

Section 20

Fergus Ewing

237 In section 20, page 13, line 21, at end insert—

- <() For the purposes of this section, “lawful assistance” means assistance provided in full compliance with all the provisions of this Act, including—
- (a) all procedural requirements for making declarations, assessments and statements as set out in this Act,
 - (b) all reporting and record-keeping requirements under this Act,
 - (c) any guidance issued by the Scottish Ministers under this Act regarding the manner in which assistance may be lawfully provided.>

After section 20

Ross Greer

238 After section 20, insert—

<Training, qualifications and experience of health professionals

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations set out the required training, qualifications and experience of health professionals carrying out the role of —
 - (a) a coordinating registered medical practitioner,
 - (b) an independent registered medical practitioner, and
 - (c) an authorised health professional.
- (2) Before laying a draft of regulations under subsection (1) before the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may not be made without the agreement of the Secretary of State.>

Ross Greer

239 After section 20, insert—

<Secretary of State to make provision about the training, qualifications and experience of health professionals

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about the required training, qualifications and experience of health professionals carrying out the role of —
 - (a) a coordinating registered medical practitioner,
 - (b) an independent registered medical practitioner, and
 - (c) an authorised health professional.
- (2) The Statutory Instruments Act 1946 applies to regulations made under subsection (1).

- (3) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.>

Section 20A

Jackie Baillie

- 240 In section 20A, page 13, line 25, at end insert—

<() Regulations under subsection (1) must specify any settings or services where assistance must not be provided.>

Jackie Baillie

- 241 In section 20A, page 13, leave out line 29

Section 20B

Jeremy Balfour

- 242 In section 20B, page 13, line 34, leave out <a person under the age of 18> and insert <any person>

Jeremy Balfour

- 243 In section 20B, page 13, line 37, at end insert—

<() Where a person under the age of 18 raises the subject of the provision of assistance to end their own life with a registered medical practitioner or other health professional, the practitioner or professional must—

- (a) end the conversation immediately,
- (b) immediately refer the minor to appropriate safeguarding and mental health services, including a designated child protection officer,
- (c) document the discussion in writing, including the date, the minor's age, the professional's response and the referral made,
- (d) notify the minor's parent or legal guardian unless doing so would place the minor at risk, in which case guidance under child protection protocols must be followed.>

Jeremy Balfour

- 244 In section 20B, page 14, line 2, leave out <under the age of 18>

Jeremy Balfour

- 245 In section 20B, page 14, line 2, at end insert—

<() A registered medical practitioner or other health professional who knowingly or recklessly contravenes the provisions of this section may be subject to disciplinary action by their relevant regulatory body.

- () Disciplinary action may include—
- (a) a formal warning or censure,

- (b) mandatory additional training on child safeguarding and end-of-life care,
- (c) temporary suspension of professional registration.>

Jeremy Balfour

246 In section 20B, page 14, line 2, at end insert—

- <() A registered medical practitioner who contravenes subsections (1) commits a breach of this Act and may be subject to professional, regulatory, or disciplinary action in accordance with applicable law.>

Section 21A

Murdo Fraser

247 In section 21A, page 14, line 38, at end insert—

- <() Any communication, notice, publication, display or material intended for members of the public that refers to assisted dying must include clear and prominent information on suicide-prevention and crisis-support services.>

Stephen Kerr

248 In section 21A, page, 14, line 38, at end insert—

- <(5) Any communication, notice, publication, display, or material intended for members of the public that refers to assisted dying must—
 - (a) include clear and prominent information on suicide-prevention and crisis-support services, and
 - (b) provide information on palliative care and other lawful alternatives for relieving suffering.
- (6) Communications under subsection (5) must not present assisted dying as a solution to suffering arising from mental illness, disability, social isolation or non-terminal conditions.
- (7) Failure to comply with subsections (5) and (6) constitutes an offence punishable by the penalties provided for in subsection (3).>

Section 22

Stephen Kerr

249 In section 22, page 15, line 3, leave out from <the> to first <the> in line 10 and insert <any matter reserved to the UK Parliament under the Scotland Act 1998, that>

After section 22

Fulton MacGregor

250 After section 22, insert—

<Local assisted dying service

- (1) Each health board must set up a specialist assisted dying service for the area covered by the Board to deliver the functions set out in this Act.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, make further provision for the purposes of subsection (1).
- (3) In this section, “health board” means a health board constituted under section 2(1)(a) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978.>

Section 22A

Audrey Nicoll

- 251** In section 22A, page 15, line 12, leave out <, as soon as reasonably practicable after Royal Assent,> and insert <after each reporting period>

Douglas Ross

- 252** In section 22A, page 15, line 21, at end insert <including funding from charitable donations and other non-statutory sources,>

Audrey Nicoll

- 253** In section 22A, page 15, line 24, after <(1)> insert <within six months of the assessment being carried out<

Audrey Nicoll

- 254** In section 22A, page 15, line 24, at end insert—
- <() For the purposes of this section, the “reporting period” means—
- (a) the period of one year beginning with the day of Royal Assent,
 - (b) each subsequent period of 3 years.>

After section 22A

Michael Marra

- 255** After section 22A, insert—

<Review of financial implications of the Act

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after Royal Assent, commission an independent review of the financial implications of the implementation and operation of this Act.
- (2) The review commissioned under subsection (1) must include an assessment of—
 - (a) estimated costs to public bodies, including—
 - (i) health boards,
 - (ii) local authorities,

- (b) the estimated costs for—
 - (i) staff training,
 - (ii) service infrastructure,
 - (iii) monitoring systems,
- (c) the potential impact of the Act on funding for other health services, including—
 - (i) palliative care services,
 - (ii) mental health services.
- (3) A report on the findings of a review commissioned under subsection (1) must be—
 - (a) accompanied by a statement from the Scottish Ministers—
 - (i) confirming whether they accept the findings of the report, and
 - (ii) detailing the action, if any, they intend to take as a result of the review,
 - (b) published and laid before the Scottish Parliament for approval by a resolution of the Parliament.>

Section 22B

Douglas Ross

256 In section 22B, page 15, line 37 leave out from <intended> to end of line 40 and insert <, as well as charitable donations intended to support the delivery of palliative and end-of-life care services, can be clearly separated, monitored, and audited to ensure that neither statutory resources nor charitable funds are diverted, directly or indirectly, to fund assistance provided in accordance with this Act,

() mandatory reporting requirements to demonstrate compliance with paragraph (c),>

John Mason

257 In section 22B, page 15, line 42, at end insert—

<() A code of practice prepared under subsection (1) must also include—

- (a) provisions to give effect to section (*Organisational conscientious objection*) to ensure that—
 - (i) no hospice, palliative care provider, or other organisation providing health or social care services is required to participate in, facilitate, or provide assistance under this Act if doing so would conflict with the organisation's core ethical, religious, or mission-based beliefs,
 - (ii) organisations exercising conscientious objection under this subsection do not face penalty, loss of funding, or regulatory sanction,
- (b) procedures to manage conscientious objection in a way that protects the organisation's beliefs while maintaining patient access to all services for which they are eligible.>

Jackie Baillie

258 *In substitution for amendment 114*

In section 22B, page 16, line 5, at end insert—

- <() Public authorities specified by the Scottish Ministers in regulations must have due regard to the code of practice prepared under subsection (1) in exercising their duties under this Act.>

Section 23

Ross Greer

259 In section 23, page 16, line 9, at end insert—

- <() the support and representation to be provided by advocacy services and persons providing independent advocacy by virtue of section 14A, including in particular—
- (i) emotional support,
 - (ii) advice about and support with the steps that need to be taken,
 - (iii) prioritisation of the rights and wellbeing of the adult,
 - (iv) supporting and enabling voluntary and autonomous decision-making by the adult, free from coercion or other pressure,>

Miles Briggs

260 In section 23, page 16, line 15, after <15,> insert <including setting clear parameters on what constitutes lawful assistance under section 15(4A), distinguishing assistance to use a substance from administration of that substance,>

Rhoda Grant

261 In section 23, page 16, leave out line 17 and insert—

- <() mandatory training, accreditation, and ongoing competence requirements,>

Bob Doris

262 In section 23, page 16, line 20, at end insert—

- <() how to interpret and apply in practice the eligibility requirement that the terminally ill adult can reasonably be expected to die within 6 months.>

Miles Briggs

263 In section 23, page 16, line 20, at end insert—

- <() how the provision of assistance to terminally ill adults in accordance with this Act should be arranged by health boards, including the development of patient pathways.>

Rhoda Grant

264 In section 23, page 16, line 20, at end insert—

- <() Guidance issued under subsection (1) must require that any person carrying out a function under this Act—
- (a) completes mandatory refresher training at intervals not exceeding 3 years,
 - (b) demonstrates competence through formal assessment prior to accreditation and upon each re-accreditation,

- (c) receives specific training in—
 - (i) identification of coercion, pressure, and undue influence,
 - (ii) assessment of mental capacity and vulnerability,
 - (iii) safeguarding of disabled persons and persons with communications or cognitive impairments,
 - (iv) ethical decision-making and professional accountability under this Act,
 - (v) alternatives to assisted dying, including palliative and end-of-life care,
- (d) is accredited by an independent body approved by the Scottish Ministers,
- (e) may not carry out any function under this Act unless such accreditation is in force, and
- (f) is subject to suspension or removal of accreditation in cases of non-compliance, misconduct, or safeguarding failure.>

Miles Briggs

- 265** In section 23, page 16, line 25, leave out <(2)(g)> and insert <(2)(c)>

Stephen Kerr

- 266** In section 23, page 16, line 26, at end insert—

- <() Guidance making provision about—
 - (a) eligibility criteria and assessment standards,
 - (b) safeguards against coercion, pressure or undue influence,
 - (c) training, accreditation and competence of persons carrying out functions under this Act, and
 - (d) quality assurance, monitoring, and oversight arrangements,
 must be laid before the Scottish Parliament for scrutiny and approval.>

Bob Doris

- 267** In section 23, page 16, line 26, at end insert—

- <() Guidance under subsection (1) must not describe the lawful provision to terminally ill adults of assistance to end their own life as part of palliative care, end of life care or care around dying.>

Liz Smith

- 268** In section 23, page 16, line 26, at end insert—

- <() Draft guidance—
 - (a) must be laid before the Scottish Parliament for approval by resolution, and
 - (b) may not come into force unless it is so approved.>

Liz Smith

- 269** In section 23, page 16, line 26, at end insert—

<() The Scottish Parliament—

- (a) must, at least once in each 5 year period, review the operation and effectiveness of guidance under this section, and
- (b) may recommend that the Scottish Ministers make revisions to the guidance where it considers that safeguards under this Act are not being adequately upheld.>

Ross Greer

270 In section 23, page 16, line 27, after <function> insert <or who is otherwise involved in the process by which a terminally ill adult may request, and be provided with, assistance>

Stephen Kerr

271 In section 23, page 16, line 27, leave out <have regard to> and insert <comply with>

Liz Smith

272 In section 23, page 16, line 31, at end insert—

<(5A) The Scottish Ministers must keep guidance under this section under ongoing review.

(5B) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (5A), the Scottish Ministers must—

- (a) conduct a formal review of guidance under this section—
 - (i) within 3 years of it coming into force, and
 - (ii) at subsequent intervals not exceeding 5 years,
- (b) consider evidence relating to the operation of this Act, including—
 - (i) safeguarding concerns and failures,
 - (ii) instances of non-compliance or departure from guidance,
 - (iii) data on referrals, refusals and withdrawals,
 - (iv) findings from inspections, audits or reviews, and
- (c) revise the guidance where the evidence indicates that safeguards are inadequate, ineffective or inconsistently applied.>

Liz Smith

273 In section 23, page 16, line 32, leave out <(5)> and insert <(5B)>

After section 23

Jackie Baillie

274 After section 23, insert—

<Guidance prepared by the Chief Medical Officer

- (1) The Chief Medical Officer of the Scottish Administration must prepare and publish guidance about the carrying out of an assessment under section 6 where the terminally ill adult requesting assistance—
 - (a) is under the age of 25, and

- (b) has a disease, illness or condition of a fluctuating nature and with an unpredictable prognosis.
- (2) The Chief Medical Officer—
 - (a) may from time to time revise guidance published under subsection (1), and
 - (b) must publish any revised guidance.>

Section 23A

Audrey Nicoll

275 In section 23A, page 17, line 2, at end insert—

- <() The information required under subsection (1) must be comprehensive, accurate and balanced, and must include, but is not limited to—
 - (a) guidance on how to seek independent advice and support,
 - (b) safeguards in place to prevent coercion, undue influence or abuse,
 - (c) available alternatives, including palliative care, hospice and psychological support, and
 - (d) information on suicide prevention and resources for individuals experiencing distress, including how to access immediate help and support service.>

Audrey Nicoll

276 In section 23A, page 17, line 2, at end insert—

- <() The Scottish Ministers must ensure that all information provided under this section is comprehensive, covering all relevant legal, medical, social and ethical aspects of assisted dying.>

Audrey Nicoll

277 In section 23A, page 17, line 2, at end insert—

- <(2) The Scottish Ministers must establish and maintain a mechanism to monitor, report and ensure compliance with the requirements of this section.
- (3) The mechanism established under subsection (2) must include—
 - (a) regular review and updating of the information provided,
 - (b) publication of an report annually detailing how the requirements of this section have been met, and
 - (c) procedures for addressing any identified deficiencies in the provision of information.>

After section 23A

Bob Doris

278 After section 23A, insert—

<Periodic reviews of sample of cases

The Scottish Ministers must take steps to ensure that periodic detailed reviews are carried out on a representative sample of cases in which assistance has been provided in accordance with this Act in order to inform—

- (a) annual reports under section 26,
- (b) the review of the operation of the Act under section 27.>

Section 24

Stuart McMillan

279 In section 24, page 17, line 7, leave out <, in so far as known to Public Health Scotland,>

Jackie Baillie

280 In section 24, page 17, line 18, at end insert—

<() the number of persons aged 18 or under who requested assistance to end their own lives,>

Bob Doris

281 In section 24, page 17, line 36, at end insert—

<() the number of statements made each year by each coordinating registered medical practitioner and each independent medical practitioner,>

Bob Doris

282 In section 24, page 17, line 36, at end insert—

<() the number of times that the period of reflection is less than 14 days,>

Bob Doris

283 In section 24, page 17, line 36, at end insert—

<() the time period between—

- (i) the statements under section 8, and
- (ii) the date of death of the person,>

Emma Roddick

284 In section 24, page 17, line 38, at end insert—

<() the number and nature of safeguarding concerns identified in connection with the lawful provision of assistance to end a person's own life, including—

- (i) concerns regarding coercion, undue influence, pressure or abuse, whether substantiated or unsubstantiated,
- (ii) the number of referrals made to adult protection, social work, police or other safeguarding authorities, and

(iii) a summary of the outcomes of any safeguarding investigations concluded during the reporting period.>

Bob Doris

285 In section 24, page 17, line 38, at end insert—

<() a detailed assessment of a sample of cases.>

Bob Doris

286 In section 24, page 17, line 38, at end insert—

<() the numbers of persons who were assessed as having been or not having been provided with, or offered, appropriate palliative care relevant to their terminal illness.>

Emma Roddick

287 In section 24, page 17, line 38, at end insert—

<(2A) A report under subsection (1) must include an analysis of the information required by subsection (2), including—

- (a) trends over time in the lawful provision of assistance to end a person's own life,
- (b) any identifiable risks to patient safety or safeguarding arising from the operation of this Act, and
- (c) any risks, inequalities or disparities arising from, or exacerbated by, the lawful provision of assistance to end a person's own life, including differential impacts on persons by reference to age, gender, ethnicity, disability, socio-economic circumstances and dependency on care.

(2B) The analysis under subsection (2A) must, where reasonably practicable—

- (a) compare data from the current reporting period with data from previous reporting periods, and
- (b) identify any emerging or increasing patterns that may indicate unintended consequences of this Act.

(2C) Where the analysis required by subsection (2A) identifies significant risks or inequalities, the report must set these out clearly and describe any recommendations made by Public Health Scotland to address them.>

Miles Briggs

288 In section 24, page 18, line 7, at end insert—

<() A report under subsection (1) must include an assessment by Public Health Scotland, in relation to the reporting period to which the report relates, of the—

- (a) availability, quality and distribution of health and social care services to persons who made a first declaration, including—
 - (i) pain and symptom management,
 - (ii) psychological support,
- (b) availability of information to such persons about accessing palliative care services.>

Stuart McMillan

289 In section 24, page 18, line 12, at end insert—

<(5A) The Scottish Ministers must—

- (a) publish any report submitted to them under subsection (1) as soon as reasonably practicable after receiving it, and
- (b) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.

(5B) A report laid before the Scottish Parliament under subsection (5A)(b) must be accompanied by a statement from the Scottish Ministers setting out—

- (a) any significant trends, risks or inequalities identified in the report, and
- (b) any actions taken, or proposed to be taken, in response to the findings of the report.>

Stuart McMillan

290 In section 24, page 18, line 12, at end insert—

<() In preparing a report under subsection (1), Public Health Scotland must take all reasonable steps to obtain, verify and include the information required by subsection (2), including by—

- (a) requiring relevant persons and bodies involved in the lawful provision of assistance to terminally ill adults in accordance with this Act to provide such information as Public Health Scotland reasonably requests, and
- (b) taking reasonable steps to assess the completeness and reliability of the information provided.

() Where information required by subsection (2) cannot be obtained, the report must—

- (a) specify the information that is missing,
- (b) explain the reasons why it could not be obtained, and
- (c) set out the steps taken to obtain it.>

Stephen Kerr

291 In section 24, page 18, line 12, at end insert—

<() The Scottish Ministers must, within 6 months of receiving a report under subsection (1)—

- (a) consider the findings and analysis contained in the report, including any trends, risks, safeguarding concerns or inequalities identified,
- (b) publish a statement setting out any action taken, proposed, or planned in response to those findings,
- (c) explain how the action will address identified risks, prevent harm or reduce inequalities, and
- (d) lay a copy of that statement before the Scottish Parliament.

() Where the Scottish Ministers decide not to take action on significant findings, the published statement must explain the reasons for inaction.>

After section 24

Daniel Johnson

292 After section 24, insert—

<Assisted dying registrar

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations either—
 - (a) establish an office of Assisted Dying Registrar, or
 - (b) nominate an existing body to perform the functions specified in subsection (2).
- (2) The functions are—
 - (a) holding copies of all statements made under section 8,
 - (b) collating such data on statements as the Scottish Ministers specify in regulations under subsection (1).>

After section 25

Miles Briggs

293 After section 25, insert—

<Assisted Dying Review Panel

Assisted Dying Review Panel

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, establish an Assisted Dying Review Panel (“the review panel”) to—
 - (a) review, in relation to each case in which a terminally ill adult was provided with assistance to end their own life under this Act, whether or not the provisions of this Act were complied with, and,
 - (b) analyse information provided to the review panel with a view to making any recommendations that appear to the review panel to be necessary to promote continuous improvement in the compassionate, safe and practical operation of this Act.
- (2) Regulations made under this section must—
 - (a) specify the composition of the review panel,
 - (b) specify the information which must be provided to the panel,
 - (c) require those providing assisted dying under this Act to provide the specified information within a specified time period,
 - (d) require the review panel to report annually to the Chief Medical Officer of the Scottish Administration.>

Section 26

Murdo Fraser

294 In section 26, page 19, line 2, after <24(2)> insert <and subsection (2A)>

Murdo Fraser

295 In section 26, page 19, line 3, at end insert—

- <(2A) The report must include a review of the impact of the provision of assistance under this Act on suicide prevention services, including—
- (a) an assessment of whether the operation of this Act has had any direct or indirect effect on suicide prevention policy, practice or messaging,
 - (b) an assessment of the adequacy of funding, staffing, training and capacity within suicide prevention services,
 - (c) identification of any shortfalls in funding, staffing or resources for suicide prevention services, and
 - (d) a statement of the measures the Scottish Ministers will take to address any identified shortfalls, including the provision of additional funding, staffing, training or other resources to ensure no reduction in the effectiveness or availability of suicide prevention services.>

Stephen Kerr

296 In section 26, page 19, line 3, at end insert—

- <() The report must also include a review of the impact on the provision of assistance to end life on existing palliative and end of life care services, including—
- (a) an assessment of whether existing statutory and charitable funding for palliative and end of life care has been adversely affected,
 - (b) identification of any shortfalls in funding, staffing, or other resources for these services,
 - (c) an assessment of the adequacy of staffing levels, training, and support for staff delivering palliative and end of life care, and
 - (d) a statement of measures the Scottish Ministers will take to address any identified shortfalls, including the provision of additional funding, recruitment, training, or other resources to ensure no reduction in palliative and end of life care.>

Section 27

Jeremy Balfour

297 In section 27, page 19, line 17 at end insert—

- <() the impact of the operation of this Act on suicide prevention and broader mental health outcomes, including—
- (i) the extent to which the availability of assistance under this Act has affected overall suicide rates in Scotland,
 - (ii) any instances in which individuals who accessed or sought assistance under this Act might otherwise have benefitted from intervention, support, or treatment for suicidal ideation, mental health crises or distress,
 - (iii) the effectiveness of procedures for identifying, referring and supporting individuals at risk of non-assisted suicide,

- (iv) whether the operation of this Act has had any unintended consequences on access to, uptake of, or confidence in mental health, crises, or suicide prevention services, and
- (v) recommendations to strengthen suicide prevention measures.>

Stephen Kerr

298 In section 27, page 19, line 17, at end insert—

- <() the adequacy, sustainability, and protection of funding for palliative, end of life, and supportive care services, including—
 - (i) the extent to which existing statutory funding streams intended to support palliative and end of life care have been preserved, supplemented, or diverted following the introduction of this Act,
 - (ii) the impact of this Act on charitable donations and other voluntary contributions to palliative and end of life care, and a commitment by the Scottish Ministers to finance any shortfalls so that such services are not diminished as a result of this Act,
 - (iii) any shortfalls in staffing, training, or resources for palliative care arising during the operation of this Act,
 - (iv) disparities in access to high-quality palliative care across regions, patient groups, or socio-economic groups, and
 - (v) recommendations to ensure that the operation of this Act does not compromise the availability, quality, or sustainability of palliative care, end of life, or supportive care services.>

Miles Briggs

299 In section 27, page 19, line 17, at end insert—

- <() the Scottish Ministers' assessment of the—
 - (i) availability, quality and distribution of palliative care services to persons with palliative and end of life care needs,
 - (ii) availability of information to such persons about accessing palliative care services,
 - (iii) implications of the Act on palliative care services, and
- () the action the Scottish Ministers intend to take in relation to palliative care services as a result of the review.>

Section 28

Miles Briggs

Supported by: Paul Sweeney

300 In section 28, page 19, line 31, after <6(6)(a),> insert <7(5),>

Miles Briggs

Supported by: Paul Sweeney

- 301 In section 28, page 19, line 36, after <6(6)(a),> insert <7(5),>

Miles Briggs

- 302 In section 28, page 19, line 37, at end insert—

<() regulations under section (*Register of health professionals who can carry out the functions under this Act*)(1),>

Brian Whittle

- 303 In section 28, page 19, line 37, at end insert—

<() regulations under section (*Advance care directive*)(4),>

Brian Whittle

- 304 In section 28, page 19, line 37, at end insert—

<() regulations under section (*Palliative care support plan*)(2)(b),>

Brian Whittle

- 305 In section 28, page 19, line 37, at end insert—

<() regulations under section (*Independent assessors*)(5),>

Fulton MacGregor

- 306 In section 28, page 19, line 37, at end insert—

<() regulations under section 7(4),>

Jeremy Balfour

- 307 In section 28, page 19, line 37, at end insert—

<() regulations under section 8(3E),>

Jackie Baillie

- 308 In section 28, page 20, line 2, at end insert—

<() regulations under section (*Reasonable grounds not to provide assistance etc.*)(4),>

Fulton MacGregor

- 309 In section 28, page 20, line 2, at end insert—

<() regulations under section (*Local assisted dying service*)(2),>

Stephen Kerr

- 310 In section 28, page 20, line 2, at end insert—

<() regulations under section 24(5),>

Daniel Johnson

311 In section 28, page 20, line 2, at end insert—

<() regulations under section (*Assisted dying registrar*)(1),>

Section 29

Ross Greer

312 In section 29, page 20, line 9, at end insert—

<“advocacy services” has the meaning given by section 14A(4),>

Section 32

Michael Marra

313 In section 32, page 21, line 10, after <22A,> insert <(Review of financial implications of the Act),>

Michael Marra

314 In section 32, page 21, line 13, at end insert—

<() But regulations under subsection (2) may not appoint a day that is before the day on which the Scottish Parliament by resolution approves a report laid under section (*Review of financial implications of the Act*)(3).>

Ross Greer

133A As an amendment to amendment 133, line 4, after <for> insert <—

() the training, qualifications and experience of health professionals carrying out the role of—

- (i) a coordinating registered medical practitioner,
- (ii) an independent registered medical practitioner,
- (iii) an authorised health professional,

()>

Ross Greer

133B As an amendment to amendment 133, line 4, after <1998> insert <—

() which confers regulation-making powers on Scottish Ministers to set out the required training, qualifications and experience of health professionals carrying out the role of a coordinating registered medical practitioner, an independent registered medical practitioner, and an authorised health professional (and those regulations have been made),

()>

Schedule 2

Paul O'Kane

315 In schedule 2, page 23, leave out lines 20 to 22 and insert—

<To the best of my knowledge, they are not making the request to be lawfully provided with assistance to end their own life as a result of undue influence, whether explicit or implicit, including pressure arising from dependency, family or caring relationships, financial circumstances, care arrangement, or a perceived burden on others.>

Brian Whittle

78A As an amendment to amendment 78, line 2, after <care> insert <and palliative care>

Daniel Johnson

316 In schedule 2, page 23, line 30, at end insert—

<() can reasonably be expected to die within 6 months of the assessment carried out under section 6(2),>

Bob Doris

317 In schedule 2, page 23, line 30, at end insert—

<() can reasonably be expected to die within six months,>

Sue Webber

318 In schedule 2, page 23, line 33, after <Scotland,> insert—

<() are not pregnant,>

Paul O'Kane

319 In schedule 2, page 23, line 35, leave out <7(1)> and insert <7>

Paul O'Kane

320 In schedule 2, page 24, leave out lines 12 to 14 and insert—

<To the best of my knowledge, they are not making the request to be lawfully provided with assistance to end their own life as a result of undue influence, whether explicit or implicit, including pressure arising from dependency, family or caring relationships, financial circumstances, care arrangement, or a perceived burden on others.>

Paul O'Kane

321 In schedule 2, page 24, line 24, leave out <7(1)> and insert <7>

Schedule 3

Brian Whittle

83A As an amendment to amendment 83, line 2, after <care> insert <and palliative care>

Daniel Johnson

322 In schedule 3, page 25, line 28, at end insert—

<() can reasonably be expected to die within 6 months of the assessment carried out under section 6(2),>

Bob Doris

323 In schedule 3, page 25, line 28, at end insert—

<() can reasonably be expected to die within six months,>

Sue Webber

324 In schedule 3, page 25, line 31, after <Scotland,> insert—

<() are not pregnant,>

Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

Section 11

Ivan McKee

- 1 In section 11, page 7, line 27, leave out <, by regulations, make> and insert <lay before the Scottish Parliament a draft Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations making>

Section 12

Ivan McKee

- 2 In section 12, page 8, line 4, leave out from <29> to <deducted> in line 5 and insert <In each financial year, a taxpayer is entitled to deduct 29 building control events (a “levy-free allowance”)>

Ivan McKee

- 3 In section 12, page 8, line 7, leave out from the first <a> to the end of line 8 and insert <the levy-free allowance>

Section 13

Ivan McKee

- 4 In section 13, page 8, line 35, after <Scotland> insert <by reimbursing, defraying or otherwise paying the costs of remediation, mitigation, or prevention works (and any work associated with or ancillary to those works) in buildings with an external wall cladding system, including work to produce surveys, assessments or reports.>

Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill — Stage 3

Section 4

Jim Fairlie

- 2 In section 4, page 6, line 14, leave out <26E(ca)> and insert <26E(ca)(i)>

Jim Fairlie

- 3 In section 4, page 8, line 23, leave out <after “subsection” insert “(1A),”> and insert <for “subsection (2) or (3)” substitute “this section”>

Jim Fairlie

- 4 In section 4, page 8, line 24, leave out <after “subsection” insert “(1A),”> and insert <for “subsection (2) or (3)” substitute “this section”>

Section 8A

Jim Fairlie

- 5 In section 8A, page 14, line 23, leave out <such other purposeful use as is consented to under section 5C(4)> and insert <another purposeful use>

Section 10A

Alasdair Allan

- 6 In section 10A, page 17, line 7, at end insert—
<() in relation to any right in a common grazing which pertains to the owner-occupied croft (including any tenancy of a deemed croft held by the owner-occupier crofter by virtue of section 3(5)(a) in respect of such a common grazing),>

Section 14A

Jim Fairlie

- 7 In section 14A, page 24, line 2, leave out <which is acquired by the crofter is to be> and insert <pertaining to the croft and acquired by the crofter is>

Jim Fairlie

- 8 In section 14A, page 24, leave out lines 4 to 13

Jim Fairlie

- 9 In section 14A, page 24, leave out lines 16 and 17 and insert—

<(8A) A lease of a croft granted under this section is deemed to include any right in a common grazing which pertains to the croft and is held by the owner-occupier crofter (either as a pertinent of the tenancy or, as the case may be, as a sub-lease of the right).

(8B) Subsection (8A) does not apply if the lease—

- (a) is for part of the croft, and
- (b) makes express provision about what is to happen in respect of the rights in the common grazing.”.>

Section 15

Jim Fairlie

- 10 In section 15, page 24, line 38, leave out <division of the croft> and insert <dividing of the owner-occupied croft for the purposes of transfer>

Jim Fairlie

- 11 In section 15, page 25, line 11, after <owner-occupier> insert <crofter>

Jim Fairlie

- 12 In section 15, page 25, line 28, leave out <of the share or the owner of the common grazings of which the share forms part>

Jim Fairlie

- 13 In section 15, page 25, line 37, leave out <3> and insert <5>

Jim Fairlie

- 14 In section 15, page 26, line 24, at end insert—

<() In this section, a reference to the owner is a reference to—

- (a) the person who is entitled to any rent which is or may be payable in respect of the share, or
- (b) if the person who is so entitled is the former owner of the croft to which the share pertains and cannot after reasonable inquiry be found, the person who is the owner of the common grazing of which the share forms part.>

Section 18

Jim Fairlie

- 15 In section 18, page 30, line 39, leave out <6> and insert <8>

Alasdair Allan

- 16 In section 18, page 31, leave out lines 4 to 22 and insert—

<(4A) The Commission may determine that the decision, or deemed decision, is—

- (a) reasonable, or

- (b) unreasonable.
- (4B) Where the Commission determine that a decision to refuse consent is unreasonable, the Commission may determine under subsection (4A) that the consent is to be deemed given—
 - (a) subject to conditions, or
 - (b) without conditions.
- (4C) In relation to a decision of an owner to grant consent but subject to a condition the Commission may, if it is not satisfied that the condition is reasonable, determine under subsection (4A) that the consent is to be deemed given—
 - (a) without the condition, or
 - (b) subject instead to a condition specified in the determination.
- (4D) Where the Commission determine that a decision, or deemed decision, of an owner to grant consent without conditions is unreasonable the Commission may determine under subsection (4A) that—
 - (a) the consent is to be deemed given subject to conditions, or
 - (b) the consent is deemed to be refused.>

Alasdair Allan

- 17 In section 18, page 31, line 23, leave out <(3) or (4)> and insert <(4A)>

Alasdair Allan

- 18 In section 18, page 31, leave out lines 30 to 32

Alasdair Allan

- 19 In section 18, page 31, line 33, leave out <(3) or (4)> and insert <(4A)>

Alasdair Allan

- 20 In section 18, page 32, line 13, leave out <(4)> and insert <(4A)>

Alasdair Allan

- 21 In section 18, page 32, leave out lines 16 and 17 and insert—

<(11) The modifications referred to are that—

- (a) subsection (6) is omitted,
- (b) in subsection (7)—
 - (i) paragraph (a) is omitted,
 - (ii) after paragraph (f), insert—

“(fa) the decision by the owner under section 50(3) (including, where the decision is to refuse consent, the reasons provided by the owner explaining the basis of the refusal),”

- (c) for subsection (12A), substitute—

“(12A)The Commission must give notice of a determination made under section 50ZA(4A) to—

- (a) the grazings committee,
- (b) the owner, and
- (c) any person who objected under subsection (4) or (5A).”>

Section 27G

Jim Fairlie

- 22 In section 27G, page 46, line 19, leave out from <, in> to end of line 20 and insert <—
- () paragraph (b) is repealed,
 - () for paragraph (d), substitute—
“(d) subsection (4ZD).”>

Jim Fairlie

- 23 In section 27G, page 46, line 21, leave out <, subsection (3) is repealed> and insert <in subsection (3), in the opening words, for “the croft to which the decrofting direction relates is a registered croft (other than a first registered croft)” substitute “a decrofting direction is given in relation to a croft”>

Jim Fairlie

- 24 In section 27G, page 46, leave out lines 28 to 30 and insert—
- <() in subsection (4), for “subsections (4ZB) and (4ZD)” substitute “subsection (4ZD)”,
 - () subsections (4ZA) to (4ZC) are repealed,>

Section 30

Jim Fairlie

- 25 In section 30, page 51, leave out line 24 and insert—
- <() for subsection (7), substitute—
“(7) Section 55 applies in relation to a notice given under subsection (1) of this section as if for subsection (1)(b) of that section there were substituted—
“(b) by being sent by post to the proper address of the person.”.>

After section 33

Jim Fairlie

- 26 After section 33, insert—

<Review of crofting legislation

Review of crofting legislation

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) within 3 years of Royal Assent, begin a review of crofting legislation, and
 - (b) as soon as reasonably practicable after completing the review, prepare a report on that review.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may delegate their functions under subsection (1) to such person as they consider appropriate.
- (3) The report under subsection (1) must, in particular, include an assessment—
 - (a) of the impact and effectiveness of—
 - (i) the 1993 Act,
 - (ii) the 2010 Act,
 - (iii) this Act, and
 - (b) of whether—
 - (i) further legislation relating to crofting is required,
 - (ii) legislation relating to crofting requires to be consolidated.
- (4) When undertaking the review under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers (or, if applicable, the person to whom the function is delegated under subsection (2)) must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the report is prepared—
 - (a) publish the report, and
 - (b) lay it before the Scottish Parliament.>

After section 39

Jim Fairlie

27 After section 39, insert—

<Reviews of the operation and jurisdiction of the Court

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) as soon as practicable after the post-commencement period (or each of them), review the operation of this Part as respects the provisions listed or matters and appeals described in subsection (3),
 - (b) as soon as practicable after the period of 3 years beginning with the date this section comes into force, assess whether any areas of environmental law may, having regard to the nature and range of matters and appeals within the Court's existing competence and jurisdiction, be suitable for adding to the competence and jurisdiction of the Court.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must, before carrying out a review under subsection (1)(a), consult the Lord President of the Court of Session as to the appropriate terms for such a review.

- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a), the provisions are—
 - (a) paragraph 16 of schedule 1 (access rights),
 - (b) paragraphs 18 to 20 of schedule 1 (arbitration and compensation),
 - (c) paragraphs 21 and 22 of schedule 1 (community rights to buy: appeals),
 - (d) paragraphs 23 of schedule 1 (crofting and crofting community right to buy),
 - (e) paragraph 24 of schedule 1 (march dykes, runrig and commonties),
 - (f) paragraph 24A of schedule 1 (small landholdings),
 - (g) paragraph 25 of schedule 1 (succession to certain leases),
 - (h) any other matter or appeal which is added to the competence or jurisdiction of the Court after the coming into force of this section but before the expiry of the period referred to in subsection (1)(b).
- (4) A review under subsection (1)(a) must, in particular, consider—
 - (a) whether it is desirable to make provision under section 38 or paragraph 15(2) of schedule 1 to improve the operation of the Court or method of appeal in respect of the provision or matter or appeal under review,
 - (b) if any changes to the eligibility criteria for members of the Court (other than the Chair) are desirable as a result of the competence and jurisdiction of the Court having expanded, and
 - (c) such other matters as the Scottish Ministers consider relevant.
- (5) In carrying out a review or an assessment under this section, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) the Lord President of the Court of Session,
 - (b) the Chair,
 - (c) the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service,
 - (d) the Scottish Civil Justice Council,
 - (e) such persons as they consider represent the interests of persons who use the Court, and
 - (f) such other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (6) As soon as reasonably practicable after completing a review or an assessment under this section, the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) prepare a report on the review or assessment,
 - (b) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament, and
 - (c) publish the report in such manner as they consider appropriate.
- (7) A report prepared under subsection (6)(a) must include—
 - (a) in relation to a review, information on the type and number of cases brought within the relevant period, and
 - (b) in every case, a statement by the Scottish Ministers setting out—
 - (i) whether they intend to bring forward proposals to modify this Part (including schedule 1),

- (ii) where no such proposals are being brought forward, their reasons for not doing so.
- (8) In this section, “the post-commencement period” means the period of 3 years beginning with the date on which a provision listed or matter described in subsection (3) comes into force.
- (9) Where more than one provision listed or matter described in subsection (3) comes into force on the same day, the Scottish Ministers may review and report on them at the same time and in the same report.>

Ariane Burgess

28 After section 39, insert—

<Giving or updating guidance on access rights

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, before the transfer of the competence and jurisdiction for the matters referred to paragraph 16 of schedule 1 (access rights) to the Court takes effect, give guidance, or update any guidance given, under section 27 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 so far as necessary to reflect the Court assuming that competence and jurisdiction.
- (2) Subsections (4) to (6) of section 27 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 do not apply to the updating of any guidance given under that section to the extent required by this section.>

Schedule 2

Jim Fairlie

29 In schedule 2, page 67, line 16, leave out <, in subsection (6B)(b),> and insert <—

- () in subsection (6A), in paragraph (a), for “purposeful use as is mentioned in section 5C(2)(a)(ii) of this Act” substitute “use as is mentioned in section 5C(2)(a)(ii) or (iii)”,
- () in subsection (6B)—
 - (i) the “or” immediately following paragraph (a) is repealed,
 - (ii) after paragraph (a), insert—
 - “(aa) before the crofter puts their croft to any use as is mentioned in section 5C(2)(a)(ii), the landlord gives written intimation to the crofter that, as respects that use, subsection (6A) should not apply,
 - (ab) before the Commission make a determination under section 50ZA(4A), the owner gives written intimation to the Commission or the proposer that, as respects the use applied for under section 50(2), subsection (6A) should not apply, or”,
 - (iii) in paragraph (b),>

Jim Fairlie

30 In schedule 2, page 70, line 6, at end insert—

- <() for subsection (7)(a)(ii), substitute—

“(ii) whether the croft is being or will be—

(A) cultivated,

(B) put to any environmental use (within the meaning of section 5C(8A)), or

(C) put to another purposeful use.”>

Jim Fairlie

31 In schedule 2, page 70, line 13, at end insert—

<() In schedule 2 (the statutory conditions), in paragraph 5(c), after “put to” insert “any environmental use (within the meaning of section 5C(8A) or to”.>

Jim Fairlie

32 In schedule 2, page 70, line 19, at end insert—

<() for paragraph (q) substitute—

“(q) the bringing to an end under section 52(12)(b)(iii) of that Act (in whole or in part) of—

(i) an apportionment of a part of a common grazing to the crofter of the croft under subsection (4) of that section, or

(ii) an apportionment made in pursuance of section 27(4) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1955.”>

Jim Fairlie

33 In schedule 2, page 70, line 19, at end insert—

<() In section 25(2) (registration of events affecting registered common grazings)—

(a) for paragraph (i) substitute—

“(i) the bringing to an end under section 52(12)(b)(iii) of that Act (in whole or in part) of—

(i) an apportionment of a part of a common grazing to the crofter of the croft under subsection (3) or (4) of that section, or

(ii) an apportionment made in pursuance of section 27(3) and (4) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1955.”,

(b) in paragraph (j), for “that Act” substitute “the 1993 Act”.>

Progress of Legislation

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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 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 10 March 2026

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13th Report, 2026)

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

Passed, 25 February 2026

Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 12 March 2026

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 5 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (2nd Report, 2026)

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

Stage 2 completed, 18 February 2026

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

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

Passed, 17 February 2026

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)

Passed, 10 February 2026

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

Passed, 3 March 2026

Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill (G)

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 March 2026

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 11 March 2026

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

Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 5 March 2026

Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (M)

Before Stage 2 (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee), 17 February 2026

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Approved at Reconsideration Stage, 3 March 2026

Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill (M)

Before Stage 2 (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee), 19 February 2026

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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)

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 March 2026

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 12 March 2026

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 5 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 29 January 2026

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

Stage 2 completed, 24 February 2026

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

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

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

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

Passed, 20 January 2026

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 4 March 2026

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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Armed Forces Bill LCM-S6-73

Lodged on 26 February 2026

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

Lodged on 21 January 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 3 February 2026

Crime and Policing Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-57d

Lodged on 2 March 2026

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

Lodged on 6 January 2026

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 4 March 2026

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

Lodged on 7 January 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 11 February 2026

Report – Lead committee (Finance and Public Administration) (2nd Report, 2026)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (10th Report, 2026)

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)

Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill LCM-S6-72

Lodged on 21 January 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 12 February 2026

Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (7th Report, 2026)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (14th Report, 2026)

Northern Ireland Troubles Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-68a

Lodged on 20 February 2026

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 Supplementary LCM-S6-66a

Lodged on 4 February 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 February 2026

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

Railways Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-69a

Lodged on 20 February 2026

Meeting (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 24 February 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 March 2026

Representation of the People Bill LCM-S6-74

Lodged on 27 February 2026

Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-61b

Lodged on 17 December 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 28 January 2026

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (2nd Report, 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-S6-51b

Lodged on 27 February 2026

Lead committee – Health, Social Care and Sport

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Made Affirmative Instruments

Subject to approval by 15 December 2025

[Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/353\)](#) (18 November 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to approval by 17 March 2026

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/97\)](#) (18 February 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Affirmative Instruments

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

[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)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 1 March 2026

[Care Home Services \(Visits to and by Care Home Residents\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (21 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Community Care \(Personal Care and Nursing Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (21 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2025 Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (22 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 3 March 2026

[Absent Voting \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (23 January 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 7 March 2026

[Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (27 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Public Services Reform \(Scottish Water\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (27 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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

[Council Tax \(Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Hate Crime and Public Order \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(Characteristic of Sex\) \(Amendment and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Fees\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 9 March 2026

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (29 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Private Housing Rent Control \(Exempt Property\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (29 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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

[Marine Licensing \(Exempted Activities\) \(Scottish Inshore Region\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (30 January 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exclusions and Exceptions\) \(Domestic Homicide and Suicide Reviews\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (30 January 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Scottish Aggregates Tax \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (30 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

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

[Local Government Finance \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (4 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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

[Investigation and Commencement of Repair \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (5 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Composition and Rules of Procedure\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (6 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Allocation of Functions to the Local Taxation Chamber\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (9 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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

[Scottish Elections \(Representation and Reform\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Provision\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (11 February 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

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

[Prisoners \(Early Release\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (12 February 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 14 April 2026

[Marine Licensing \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (20 February 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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

[Antisocial Behaviour \(Fixed Penalty Offences\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (27 February 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 7 March 2026

Lead Committee report due by 2 March 2026

[Children's Hearings \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Rules of Procedure in Children's Hearings\) Amendment Rules 2026 \(SSI 2026/30\)](#) (27 January 2026) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment by 9 March 2026
Lead Committee report due by 2 March 2026

[Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Procedure Rules\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/33\)](#) (29 January 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Procedure Rules\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/34\)](#) (29 January 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland \(Practice and Procedure\) \(No. 2\) Amendment Rules 2026 \(SSI 2026/35\)](#) (29 January 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 10 March 2026
Lead Committee report due by 9 March 2026

[Qualifications Scotland \(Strategic Advisory Council\) \(Establishment\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/36\)](#) (30 January 2026) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[National Health Service \(General Medical Services Contracts and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/37\)](#) (30 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 13 March 2026
Lead Committee report due by 9 March 2026

[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/39\)](#) (2 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/42\)](#) (2 February 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/43\)](#) (2 February 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rating \(Valuation of Utilities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/44\)](#) (2 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Police Service of Scotland \(Vetting\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/46\)](#) (2 February 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 16 March 2026
Lead Committee report due by 9 March 2026

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/47\)](#) (5 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Local Reviews\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/48\)](#) (5 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/49\)](#) (5 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/52\)](#) (5 February 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Environmental Authorisations \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/55\)](#) (5 February 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment by 17 March 2026
Lead Committee report due by 16 March 2026

[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/54\)](#) (6 February 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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