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Foreword by the Presiding Officer

As the third year of this parliamentary session draws to a close, Brexit continues to dominate our work. Committees have been at the forefront of ensuring our laws in Scotland are fit for a post-Brexit world and the Chamber has provided a focus for discussion, questions and statements on the very latest developments.

I hope that embedding the Commission on Parliamentary Reform’s recommendations has brought more flexibility and responsiveness to our procedures, enabling us to discuss the big issues of the day. We have introduced urgent questions, a new Portfolio Questions session, and offered more opportunities to Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) to ask the First Minister questions and to influence the business being debated. Our new Committee Engagement Unit is helping us to get out and about more and to use emerging technologies to attract a much wider, more diverse set of views.

The Parliament became a five-star visitor attraction earlier this year and we continue to cement our well-earned reputation as a trusted source of information through research, academic seminars, and new blogs and podcasts.

I hope this report gives you a flavour of our work this year and, as we mark 20 years of the Scottish Parliament, encourages you to get involved.

Rt Hon Ken Macintosh MSP

Facal-toisich bhon Oifigear Riaghlaidh

Leis an treas bliadhna den t-seisean phàrlamaideach seo a’ tighinn gu crich, tha ar n-aire fhathast gu mòr air Brexit. Bha comataidhean air thùs ann a bhith a’ déanamh cinnteach gum bi laghan na h-Alba freagarrach ann an saoghal às déidh Brexic agus tha an Seòmar air a bhith na àite airson deasbadan, ceistean agus aithrisean air na tachartasan as ùire.

Tha mi an dòchas gu bheil stèidheachadh mholaidean a’ Choimisein air Ath-leasachadh Pàrlamaideach air barrachd sàbailteachd is mothaichadh a thoir do ar pròiseasan, a’ leigeil leinn cúisean mòra an latha a dheasbad. Tha sinn air ceistean eòin a thoir a-steach, ceisean Ceistean Portfolio úr, agus barrachd chothroman a thoir do Bhuill Pàrlamaid na h-Alba (BPA) ceistean a chur air a’ Phrhoimh Mhinistear agus buaidh a thoir air a’ ghnòthach a tha ga dheasbad. Tha ar n-Aonad Com-pàirtteachadh Chomataidhean gar cuideachadh a’ fhaighinn mun cuairt na dùthcha agus a’ cleachadh teineolaiche ùr gus raon bheachdan nas farsainge, eadar-mheasgde a chruinneachadh.

Fhuair a’ Phàrlamaid a inbhe mar àite turasachd cóig rionnagan na bu tràithe am-bliadhna agus tha sinn fhathast a’ cur ri ar clù mar thobar fiosrachaidh earbsach tro ranndachadh, seiminearan sgollearach, agus blogaichean is pod-chraolaidhean úra.

Tha mi an dòchas gun toir air an aithisg seo bias dhut de ar n-obair am-bliadhna agus, le 20 bliadhna de Phàrlamaid na h-Alba ga chomharradh, gum brosnaich e thu gus pàirt a ghabhail ann.

Am Fior Urr. Coinneach Mac an Tòisich BPA
Parliamentary business
Gnothaichean pàrlamaideach

The Chamber

Business in the Chamber is a central part of the Scottish Parliament’s work, with MSPs debating a wide range of political issues, policy proposals and legislation. Business in the Chamber also includes the questioning of the First Minister and other Scottish ministers, statements by cabinet secretaries and ministers, scrutiny of legislation, debates on motions brought forward by non-government parties and by committees, as well as the opportunity to debate motions proposed by members.

As in previous years of this session, events outside Scotland have continued to influence business in the Chamber.

Matters relating to Brexit also continued to be considered regularly, with questions on the issue featuring at Portfolio Questions, First Minister’s Questions and in both government and non-government debates. A number of ministerial statements have also been made regarding preparations for the UK leaving the European Union (EU) and on the impact of Brexit on particular areas of life and work in Scotland.

An Seòmar

Tha gnothach an t-Seòmhair na phàirt mhòr de dh’obair Pàrlamaideach na h-Alba, le BPA an a’ cumail dheasbadan cudromach agus làithreach air raon faoina faisge de chùisean poilitigeach, molaidhean politisaidh agus reachdas. Tha gnothach an t-Seòmhair cuideachd a’ toirt a-steach ceasnachadh a’ Phrìomh Ministeir agus ministearan Albannach eile, aithrisean le runairean cabineit agus ministearan, sgrèadhachadh deasbadan, deasbadan air gluasadadh le pàrtaidean neo-riaghaltais agus comataidean, agus cothrom deasbad air gluasadadh le buill fa leth.

Coltach ri bladhnaichean eile an t-seisein sa tha tachartasan taobh a-muigh na h-Alba fhathast a’ toirt buaidh air gnothach anns an t-Seòmar. Bhathar fhathast a’ beachadhachadh gu tric air cuisean co-cheangailte ri Brexit, le ceistean air a’ gnothach a’ nochadh aig Ceistean Portfòilio, Ceistean a’ Phrìomh Ministeir (FMQs) agus ann an deasbadan riaghaltais agus neo-riaghaltais. Chaidh grunn aithrisean ministreil a dheanamh cuideachd air deasadh a-rainn leister airson RA teraing às an Aonadh Èòrpaich (AE) agus buaidh Brexit air roinnean sònraichte de bheatha is obair ann an Alba.
In May 2018, the Parliament debated a motion on a legislative consent memorandum relating to the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill. Legislative consent memorandums are a key feature of the convention that bills in the UK Parliament that would change matters within the responsibility of the Scottish Parliament or Scottish Government are usually not passed by the UK Parliament unless consent has been given by the Scottish Parliament.

Commemoration of historical events has also featured this year, with the Parliament taking the opportunity to consider a motion of remembrance to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War.

Following publication of the report by the Presiding Officer’s Commission on Parliamentary Reform in June 2017, new procedures have been introduced to implement some of the recommendations relating to business in the Chamber. A regular slot has been created for committee announcements to be made. This allows committees the opportunity to provide details of forthcoming business or to highlight report findings, and eight committees have made use of this since October 2018.

Another new procedure was introduced which aims to increase transparency by enhancing the opportunities for all MSPs to influence and raise issues regarding the Parliament’s business. This new procedure allows members to speak on the motion setting out the Parliament’s forthcoming business, to request that a debate or statement on a particular issue be included, for example. This procedure has been used to secure a debate on asylum seekers and refugees.

The Parliamentary Bureau

Membership of the Bureau comprises the Presiding Officer, who chairs the meetings, along with one representative from each of the political parties represented in the Parliament (currently five parties).

Agendas for meetings of the Parliament are proposed by the Parliamentary Bureau in a business motion which, once approved, forms a rolling programme of business for the coming fortnight.
Debates
In the past year, the Scottish National Party-led Scottish Government initiated debates on a wide range of issues, including:
- celebrating Scotland’s volunteers
- defending the powers of the Scottish Parliament
- a digital society for all: working together to maximise the benefits of digital inclusion
- ending homelessness together
- protecting our interests: Scotland’s response to the UK Government and EU’s Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration
- sea fisheries and end-of-year negotiations
- suicide prevention action plan: every life matters
- ultra-low emission vehicles
- violence reduction in Scotland, progress and future priorities
- Year of Young People 2018: a celebration, a chance and a change

Seventeen half days have been allocated to debate non-government business in the Chamber during this parliamentary year. Debates on a range of topics took place, including:
- carers allowance supplement
- climate emergency
- finance and the constitution
- tackling antisocial behaviour

Committee debates
Committees can request debating time in the Chamber to bring issues to the attention of a wider audience. Committee debates this year have included:
- the impact of bank closures on local business, consumers and the economy
- in-work poverty
- remand

Deasbadan
Rè na bliadhna a chaidh seachad, bha Riaghaltas na h-Alba, fo stiùr Pàrtaidh Nàiseanta na h-Alba, aig ceann dheasbadan air raon farsaing de chuspairean, a’ gabhail a-steach:
- a’ toirt taing do shaor-thoilich na h-Alba
- a’ dìon chumhachdan Phàrlamaid na h-Alba
- mòr-chomann didseatach do na h-uile: ag obair còmhla guis buannachdan in-ghabhailte dìsiteach a chur am meud
- a’ cur stad air cion dachaigh còmhla
- a’ dìon ar maith: freagairt na h-Alba do Aonta Tarring As agus Gairm Poilitigeach na RA agus AE
- iasgachd mara agus còmhraidhean rèiteachaidh deireadh bliadhna
- Plana-gniomha guis féin-mharbhadh a bhacadh: tha a h-uile beatha cudromach
- carbadan le sgaolidhdean air leth isosal
- lùghdachadh fòrneirit ann an Alba, adhartas, agus prionmhachasan san am rí teadh
- Bliadhna na h-Oigridh 2018: gàirdreachas, cothrom agus atharrachadh

Chaidh seachd leath-latha deug a shùnachadh airson gnothachd neo-riaghailtais anns an t-Seòmar am anns a’ bhliadhna phàrlamaideach seo. Bha deasbadan ann air grunn chuspairean, nam measg:
- sochain-aosachaidh luchd-cùraim
- èiginn cliomaid
- ionmhas agus a’ bhun-reachd
- dèiligeadh ri giolann anuain-shoisteaitha

Deasbadan comataidh
Faodaidh comataidhean ùine deasbaid iarraidh san t-Seòmar guis cùisean a thorit gu aire luchd-èisteachd nas farsainge. Am measg dheasbadan comataidh am-bliadhna bha:
- buaidh dùnadh bhancailleach air gnothachd, luchd-cennaich agus an eaconamaidh ionadail
- bochdainn dhaoine a tha a’ cosnadh
- bacadh-saors
Ministerial statements
Ministerial statements are an important part of the Parliament’s work and are made by the First Minister and her ministerial colleagues to inform the Parliament of urgent matters or to make announcements on policy. Seventy ministerial statements were made on a number of topics, including:
- annual target report on greenhouse gas emissions
- Brexit and Scotland’s future
- delivery of devolved benefits
- lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex inclusive education
- performance of the National Health Service

Members’ business
Members of the Scottish Parliament can, through members’ business debates, highlight issues of interest to them which might not otherwise be debated. These debates take place at each meeting of the Parliament and examples of such debates held during the past year include:
- 10 years of Sistema Scotland and the Big Noise Orchestra
- centenary of the Iolaire disaster
- the Cycle to Syracuse to mark the 30th anniversary of the Lockerbie disaster
- the men’s shed movement
- the NHS’s 70th birthday
- remembering conscientious objectors
- the Scottish Powerchair Football Association
- St Andrews general practitioner out-of-hours facility

Aithrisean Ministeiril
Tha aithrisean le ministearan nam páirt chudromach de dh’obair na Pàrlamaid agus bidh am Prìomh Ministeir Ministeiran agus na ministeiran aice a’ libhrigeadh aithrisean gus inneon don Pàrlamaid mu chuísean éigin no co-dhùnaichean air poileasaide. Rinneadh seachad aithrisean Ministeiran air grunn chuspaircean, leithid:
- aithris air targaidh bhaladhairn sgaoilidhean gas blàthachadh cruinne
- Brexit agus an am ri teadh ann an Alba
- libhrigeadh shochairean tommachd
- foghlam in-ghabhaltach leasbach, gèidh, dà-shéòrsach, tar-gnhè agus eadar-gnhè
- coileanadh Seirbhis na Slàinte

Gnothaichean Bhalí
Faoadaidh Builf fa leth aire a thogail mu chuísean ans a bheil dìdh aca, ach nach faighhead iomme deasbaidh ann an doigh sam bith eile, tro dheasbaidh gnothaichean bhail. Bidh iad seo a’ tachairt, mar ar tíre, aig gach còinneamh den Pàrlamaid agus nam measg am-bliadhna bha:
- 10 bliadhna de Sistema Alba agus Orcastra Big Noise
- cuimhneachan ceud bliadhna na h-lolairce
- Turas-rothair gu Syracus a chumail 30 ceann-bliadhna bh o mhòr-sgrios Lockerbie
- gluasad seada nam fear
- 70 bliadhna de Sheirbheisean na Slàinte
- a’ cumhnaicheach luchd-dù thaideach cogaiseach
- Comann Ball-coise Chathraichean-cuibhle na h-Alba
- goireas dotair-teaghlach taobh a-muigh uairean oifise ann an Cill Rìmhinn

Time for reflection
The first item of business in the Chamber each week is time for reflection, which gives people of different faiths and beliefs the chance to share their thoughts with the Parliament. Representatives from a range of religious groups and faiths, and individuals of no faith, who have taken part this year include:
- Reverend Maurice Callaghan, parish priest, St John the Baptist, Port Glasgow
- Brogan Carberry and Zaina Bouazza, lessons from Auschwitz ambassadors, Holocaust Educational Trust
- Mr Robin Downie, former Moderator of the Youth Assembly of the Church of Scotland
- Very Reverend Dr Lorna Hood OBE, chair of Remembering Srebrenica
- Ms Abby Lang, head girl, Harris Academy, Dundee, and campaigner for awareness of sudden cardiac death in young people in association with the charity Cardiac Risk in the Young
- Imam Habibur Rahman, Dunfermline Central Mosque and Islamic Centre
- Mrs Brenda Reid, celebrant, Humanist Society Scotland, Arbroath
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Âm Cnuasachaidh
Is e Am Cnuasachaidh a’ chaid ghnothach anns a’-Sèòmar gach seachadh, agus beir e’-cuthorm do dhaoine aig a bheil diofar chreideamhan agus faisleanachdan na beachdan aca a nochdadh ris a’ Phàrlamaid. Am measg nochdheadh bhuidhnean creideimh agus dàine gun tha valandhadh idir, a tha a bhithean a sàs am-bliadhna, bha:
- An T-Ur Maurice Callaghan, sagairt paraisa, Eaglais Eòin Bhaistidh, Port Ghlaschu
- Brogan Carberry agus Zaina Bouazza, tosgairean Leasanan à Auschwitz, Urras Foghlaim an Olocost
- Mgr Robin Downie, seann Mhodaràtar Seanadh Ògirdh Eaglais na h-Alba
- Fior Urr. Dr Lorna Hood OBE, neach-cathrach Cuimhneachadh Srebrenica Alba
- Ms Abby Lang, ard-chaileag, Acadamhaigh Harris, Dùn Dé, agus neach-iormair airson aire mu bhàs a tháchadh air adharbhan crideach ann an gùrin ard ògirdh ann an co-bhanntachd ris a’ bhuidhnean carthannais Cardiac Risk in the Young
- Imam Habibur Rahman, Mosc agus Ionaodh Isliamach Dhùn Phàrlainn
- A’ Bh-Uas Brenda Reid neach-deas-ghnàth, Comann Daonnachd na h-Alba, Obar Brithaigh
Parliamentary questions

Parliamentary questions, whether written or oral, are used by MSPs as a means of seeking factual and statistical information from the Scottish Government or the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB). MSPs have weekly opportunities to ask oral questions of the First Minister and her ministerial colleagues.

First Minister’s Questions (FMQs) normally take place on a Thursday and are selected by the Presiding Officer. Members also have an opportunity during FMQs to ask questions of a local or urgent nature. From January 2019, FMQs have been broadcast with live British Sign Language (BSL) interpreting.

Topical Questions take place on a Tuesday and are also selected by the Presiding Officer. They provide members with an opportunity to ask questions of ministers on current issues of concern to their constituents.

Urgent questions are a means for MSPs to raise issues that are of immediate concern. The Presiding Officer selected urgent questions in the last year on:

- closure of the New School Butterstone in Perthshire
- Michelin Tyre factory closure in Dundee
- severe disablement allowance remaining with the Department for Work and Pensions

Ministers are also questioned by MSPs at Portfolio Questions on Wednesdays and General Questions on Thursdays. Members are randomly selected in a ballot for both. In March 2019, following a recommendation by the Commission on Parliamentary Reform, Portfolio Questions were extended from two to three sessions each week, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, as a pilot. This increases the frequency of each portfolio subject being examined in the Chamber.

6,498 written questions were submitted by members in the last year. Each question receives a written answer from the Scottish Government or SPCB and is published on the Parliament’s website.

Ceistean pàrlamaideach

Bhid BPA a’ cleachdadh cheisteann pàrlamaideach, ann an labhairt no sgriobhadh, airson fiosrachadh agus stailtsearachd fhagainn bhur Riaghaltas na h-Alba no Buidheann Chorporra Pàrlamaid na h-Alba. Gheibh BPA cothrom gach seachdain ceistean fhagainneachd don Phriomh Mnistear agus na ministearan aice.

Bhid Ceistean don Phriomh Mnistear (FMQs) a’ tachairt gach Diardaoin mar as trice agus ’s e an t-Ofigelh Riaghlaidh a bhios a’ tagadh nan ceistean. Gheibh builth cothrom cuideachd aig an âm seo ceistean fhagainneachd air cùisean éigin agus cùisean ionadail. Bhon Fhaoilleach 2019 chaidh FMQs a chraoladh le soidheadh beò ann an Cànan Soidhnhidh Bhreatainn (BSL).

Bhid na Ceistean Tràthail ann air Dimàirt agus, a-rithist, is e an t-Ofigelh Riaghlaidh a thaghas dé na ceistean a thòid fhagainneachd. Bheir iad cothrom do bhuilt ceistean a chur air ministearan air cùisean tràthail a bhunieas do mhuintir na sgire aca.

Tha ceistean èiginneach a’ toirt cothrom do BPA cùiseann láthail a thogail a dh’heumass dèileagadh riutha sa bhadh. Thagh an t-Ofigelh Riaghlaidh ceistean èiginneach am-bliadhna air:

- dùnadh Sgoil Ùr Butterstone ann an Siorrachd Pheairt
- dùnadh factaraidh taidhrichean Michelin ann an Dùn Dè
- sochain airson droch chiorrmaid a’ fuireach le Roinn na h-Obrach agus Pheininseanan

Bhid ministearan air an ceasnachadh le BPA cuideachd aig Ceistean Portfoliò gach Diciadain agus Ceistean Coitcheann gach Diardaoin. Thathar a’ tagadh cò gheibh cothrom ceasnachaidh le baileat airson na dhà. Anns a’ Mhàrt 2019, às déidh moladh bhon Chomisean air Ath-leasachadh Pàrlamaideach, chaidh Ceistean Portfoliò a leudachadh bho dhà sheisean gu tri gach seachdain, air Diciadain is Diardaoin, mar phileat.

Chaidh 6489 ceistean sgriobhte a chur a-steach le builth rì na bliadhna. Gheibh a h-uile ceist freagairt sgriobhte bho Riaghaltas na h-Alba no Buidheann Chorporra Pàrlamaid na h-Alba agus thèid fhollseachadh air larách-lín na Pàrlamaid.
Motions

MSPs use parliamentary motions for various purposes – to highlight an issue or event, to generate support for a cause, to acknowledge or congratulate an achievement or to stimulate debate on a subject. Other members can sign such motions to show their support.

While most motions are not intended for debate, a number are, including motions for members’ business debates, government and other party debates, and in relation to legislation.

All motions, whether for debate or not, can be amended by any member.

Motions lodged during the year and not intended for debate were on a broad range of subjects, including:

- Girlguiding Scotland’s digital activity badge
- Record numbers of Scottish athletes at the 2018 European Championships
- Scottish Police Federation’s 100th anniversary
- Standing in solidarity with New Zealand
- World Oceans Day 2018

Gluasadan

Bidh na Buill a’ cleachdadh gluasadan pàrlamaideach air coachadh adh Bharan – gus aire a thogail mu cheist no taichtas, gus taic a chur ri cùis air choireigin, gus urram a nochadh no meal-an-aindeachd a thoir seachad, no gus deasbad air cuspair a bhrosnachadh. Faodaidh Buill eile taic a thoir do na gluasadan seo le bhith a’ cur an ainm ritha.

Ged nach eil dùil ri deasbad air a mhòr-chuid de na gluasadan, bidh deasbad ann air cuid, a’ gabhail a-steach gluasadan ann an deasbadan ghnotoarchean bholl, deasbadan riaghaltais agus deasbadan phàrtaidhean eile agus na bhuineas do reachdas.

Faodaidh ball sam bith atharrachadh-gluasad a mholadh, ge bith a bheil e ri deasbad no nach eil.

Bha na gluasadan a chaidh a chur a-steach rè na bliadhna, ach nach robh airson deasbad, air raon farsaing de chuspairean, leithid:

- Bràiste gniomhachd dhidseataich Girlguiding Alba
- Àirde anns an àireamh lùth-chleasaichean Albannach aig na Farpais Eòrpach 2018
- 100 bliadhna de Chaidreachas Polleis na h-Alba
- A’ nochadh dlùth-phàirteachas le Sealan Nuadh
- Latha Fairgean na Crùinne 2018

Gluasad is atharrachadh air an chur a-steach.

Lobbying Register

Scotland’s Lobbying Register, administered by the Scottish Parliament’s Lobbying Register team, has now been in full operation for more than a year.

The Lobbying Register legally requires any eligible organisation engaging in face-to-face lobbying of MSPs or of the Scottish Government’s ministers, special advisers or permanent secretary to register and then provide information returns about any lobbying it has undertaken.

By the time of the first-year anniversary on 12 March 2019, the team had registered more than 1,000 organisations and more than 5,000 information returns had been published. Details of all registered organisations and published information returns can be viewed on the Lobbying Register at www.lobbying.scot.

Clàr-coiteachaidh

Tha Clàr-coiteachaidh na h-Alba, a tha ga chumail le Sgioba Clàr-coiteachaidh Pàrlamaid na h-Alba, air a bhith ag obair a-nis airson còrr is bliadhna.

Tha an Clàr-coiteachaidh ga chur mar fhiachaibh laghail air buidheann bhuntainneach sam bith a n’ coiteachadh aghaidh-ri-aghaidh air BPA, ministearan Riaghaltas na h-Alba, comhairlichean speisealta no an rùnaire seamsbhach, an clàradh fhèin, agus fiosrachadh mun choiteachadh a thoir seachad.

Aig a’ chião cheann-blàidhna air 12 Màrt 2019, bha an sgioba air còrr is 1,000 buidheann a chlàradh agus còrr is 5,000 pìosan fiosrachadh fhoilseachadh. Chlithear a h-uile buidheann chlàraichte agus fiosrachadh fhoilseichte air a’ Chlàr-choi-teachaidh aig www.lobbying.scot.

5,283 motions and amendments were lodged.

Gluasad is atharrachadh air an chur a-steach.
Legislation
Draft laws (known as bills while they are being considered by the Parliament) can take several months to complete their three-stage progress through the Parliament. When a bill is passed, it normally takes around one month for it to receive Royal Assent and to then become an act of the Scottish Parliament. Information on the procedures for considering different types of bill can be found on the Parliament’s Bills webpages.

Between 12 May 2018 and 11 May 2019:
- 16 bills were introduced in the Parliament. As in most years, the majority were introduced by the Scottish Government. Three members’ bills and one private bill were also introduced.
- 13 bills were passed (five of the bills introduced during this parliamentary year and a further eight which had been introduced in previous years). The remaining bills are continuing their parliamentary passage.
- 11 bills received Royal Assent.

Bills and acts are listed in alphabetical order. On each panel, the date of introduction is noted top left and the date of Royal Assent (where relevant) is on the right.

Reachdas
Faodaidh dreachd laghan (is e bilean a th' orra fhad 's a tha a’ Phàrlamaid a’ beachdachadh orra) a bhith grunn mhiosan air an t-slighe tro na tri ìrean sa Phàrlamaid. Nuair a thathar air gabhail ri bile, bidh e a’ toirt mu mhìos mus feigh e Aonta Rioghal airson a dhol na Acht Pàrlamaid na h-Alba. Gheibheadh fiosrachadh air na pròiseasan airson beachdachadh air diofar seòrsa bile air duilleagan-lìn Bhilean na Pàrlamaid.

Eadar 12 Cèitean 2018 agus 11 Cèitean 2019:
- 16 bile a-steach don Phàrlamaid. B’ e Riaghaltas na h-Alba – mar as àbhaist – a thug a-steach a’ mhòr-chuid de bhilean.
- Thugadh a-steach cuideachd trì bilean bhall agus aon bhile prìobhaildeach.
- 13 bile (còig de na bilean air an toirt a-steach don Phàrlamaid) a thugadh a-steach ann am bliadhnaichean eile). Tha na bilean a th’ air fhàghail fhathast a’ déanamh an slighe tron Phàrlamaid.
- 11 bile a-thugadh a-steach ri mbàile an t-àlainne.

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19.12.18
Budget (Scotland) Act 2019
Achd a’ Bhuidseit (Alba) 2019
29.03.19

02.10.18
Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill
Bile a’ Chunntas Sluaigh (Atharrachadh) (Alba)

06.09.18
Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill
Bile Cloinne (Dion Co-ionnan bho Ionnsaigh) (Alba)

01.06.17
Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018
Achd Agartach Chatharra (Cosgainsean agus Imeachdann Buidhne) (Alba) 2018
05.06.18

23.05.18
Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill
Bile Slàinte is Cùrai (Luchd-obrach) (Alba)

26.06.18
Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill
Bile Bochdainn Connaithe (Targaid, Mineachadh agus Ro-innleachd) (Alba)

14.06.18
Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Act 2019
Achd Airgead-dìolaidh (Toradh Tasgaidh agus Pàigheadh Ùineachaidh) (Alba) 2019
24.04.19

23.05.18
Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill
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The Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

The Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) considers and makes decisions on a wide range of issues relating to the support of MSPs and the work of the Parliament. It is made up of five members, elected to the role by the Parliament, plus the Presiding Officer, who is the chair.

Actions taken by the SPCB this year include:

• approval of its gender pay gap and diversity monitoring reports for 2018
• endorsement of the report by the Joint Working Group on Sexual Harassment and the Parliament’s Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedure
• approval of the provision of free sanitary products in the Scottish Parliament
• continued review of security arrangements for MSPs, staff and visitors
• implementation of recommendations by the Commission on Parliamentary Reform falling within the remit of the SPCB (primarily relating to diversity and engagement)
• co-location of three officeholders’ offices
• approval of proposals to mark the 20th anniversary of the Scottish Parliament

Buidheann Chhorporra Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Buidheann Chhorporra Pàrlamaid na h-Alba (SPCB) a’ beachadhachadh is a’ co-dhùnadh air raon farsaing de chuísean a bhùineas ri taic a thoirt do BPA agus obair na Pàrlamaid. Tha e air a dhèanamh suas de chòigh buill, air an taghadh don dreuchd leis a’ Phàrlamaid, agus cuideachd an t-Ofìigear Riaghlaidh, a tha na Chathraiche.

Am measg chuísean a chaidh a dheasbad leis an SPCB am-bliadhna bha:

• aonta ri aithisgean dearachadh beàrn pàighidh gnè agus iomadachd airson 2018
• daingneachadh na h-aithisg bhon Cho-Bhuidheann Obrach air Sarachadh Feise agus Poileasaidh is Modhan-obrach Sarachadh Feise na Pàrlamaid
• aonta ri solair an-asgaidh de chungaidhean míosail ann am Pàrlamaid na h-Alba
• leirni Де hantainneach air rèiteachaidh haoine airson BPA, luch-obraich agus luch-tadhail
• buileachadh mholaidean a’ Chòimisein air Ath-leasachadh Pàrlamaideach a thá ann an raon-úghdarrais SPCB (mar as trice a’ buntainn ri iomadachd is compàirteachadh)
• co-shuidheachadh tri oifisean luch-dreuchd
• aontachadh ri molaidhean gus 20 bliadhna de Phàrlamaid na h-Alba a chomharradh
Commission on Parliamentary Reform

In March 2019, the Presiding Officer’s Advisory Group published its final report on how the Parliament has delivered the recommendations of the Commission on Parliamentary Reform. The report detailed the progress that the Parliament has made in bringing more flexibility and responsiveness into parliamentary business, with changes in both the Chamber and committees operate. The Parliament’s relationship with the people of Scotland was firmly at the heart of the process, with a new Committee Engagement Unit established to develop innovative ways of engaging with the public. The Parliament has also continued its work to make sure it reflects the diversity of society.

Reform does not end with publication of the report. The Parliament will continue to look to the future and consider new ways of working, drawing inspiration from the Commission’s themes, to maintain its position as a mature, modern and responsive institution at the heart of Scottish public and political life.

Coimisean air Ath-leasachadh Pàrlamaideach

Anns a’ Mhàrt 2019, dh’fhoilsich Buidheann Comhairleachaidh an Oifigeir Riaghlaidh an aithisg dheireannach air mar a tha a’ Phàrlamaid air molaidhean a’ Choimisein air Ath-leasachadh Pàrlamaideach a chur an gniomh.

Thug an aithisg cunntas air an adhartas a tha Pàrlamaid na h-Alba air a dhèanamh gus barrachd sùbaiteachd agus freagairt a thoirt a-steach do ghothach na Pàrlamaid, le atharrachaidhean anns an dòigh sam bi an Seòmar agus na comataidhean ag obair. Bha dàímh Phàrlamaid na h-Alba ri sluagh na h-Alba aig cridhe a’ phróiseis seo, le Aonad Com-pàrlaicheachd Comataidh ûr air a stèidheadachd gus dòighlean inneachdach a leasachadh airson dol an sàs leis a’ phobail.

Tha a’ Phàrlamaid cuideachd air leantainn air adhart leis an obair aca gus dèanamh cinnteach gu bheil e a’ nochdadh iomadachd an t-sluagh.

Chan eil ath-leasachadh a’ tighinn gu criochnachd le foilseachadh na h-aithisg. Leanaidh a’ Phàrlamaid air adhart a’ coinhead ris an âm ri teadh agus beachdachd iad air dòighlean-obrach ûr, a’ tarraing misneachd bho chuspairean a’ Choimisein, gus an suidheadachd aca a chumail suas mar bhuidheann chiallach, ûr-nodha agus mhothachail aig cridhe beatha phoblach agus pholitigeach na h-Alba.
Committees play a central part in the work of the Parliament – scrutinising legislation, carrying out inquiries and engaging with a range of people to inform their work.

Inquiries carried out by committees this year include:
- the fires at Glasgow School of Art
- how the NHS is run
- the impact of the construction sector on the economy
- standardised assessments in schools

Committees have scrutinised a wide range of primary and secondary legislation and legislative consent memorandums (LCMs). LCMs are brought forward when there are UK Government bills that propose to change the law on a devolved matter.

Brexit has featured prominently in the committees’ workload. As well as conducting inquiries into how Brexit will impact on different policy areas, committees have scrutinised Brexit-related LCMs. They have also scrutinised around 90 proposals by the Scottish Government to consent to Brexit-related changes being dealt with through 133 UK statutory instruments. In addition, committees have considered 31 Scottish statutory instruments relating to Brexit.
During this year, the Parliament established a committee to consider and report on the Scottish Government’s handling of harassment complaints about Alex Salmond, former First Minister. It also established the Hutchesons’ Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill Committee to consider the private bill of the title. This committee was dissolved when the bill was passed in April 2019. The Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee, which had been established in April 2017, was also dissolved when the bill of the title was passed in December 2018.

On 6 September 2018, the Parliament agreed changes to the remits and size of several committees. It also agreed changes to the names of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee and the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee.

Seventeen committees and sub-committees remained active on 11 May 2019.
It was another busy and successful year, with the International Relations Office supporting more than 60 inward engagements and several outward visits.

The Presiding Officers welcomed seven speakers, ten ambassadors and seven consuls general, among many other parliamentary and governmental delegations. Official visits came from across the globe, including representatives from Armenia, Australia, Botswana, Canada, Japan and Venezuela.

The Presiding Officer represented the Parliament at events in Dublin, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first public meeting of the Dáil Éireann.

B’ e bliadhna thrang, shoirbheachail eile a bh’ ann, le Oifis nan Dàimhean Eadar-nàiseanta a’ cur taic ri còrr is 60 ceangalaichean a rinneadh leinn agus grunn thurasan a-mach.

Chuir an t-Oifigear Riaghlaidh fàilte air seachdnar luchd-labhairt, deichnear tosgaire agus seachdnar àrd-chonsail, am measg iomadh buidheann-riochdachaidh phárlamaideach agus riaghailtais. Thàinig turasan oifigeil thugainn bho air feadh an t-saoghail, a’ gabhail a-steach riochdairean bho Armenia, Astràilia, Botswana, Canada, Japan agus Venezuela.

Riochdaich an t-Oifigear Riaghlaidh a’ Phàrlamaid aig tachartasan ann am Baile Àtha Cliath a’ cumail a’ cheudamh chumhnaich den chriad choinneamh aig Dáil Éireann.
Other outward visits covered a range of subjects. Deputy Presiding Officer Linda Fabiani MSP and Mary Fee MSP attended a Gender Sensitive Parliaments workshop in the Parliament of Catalonia in September 2018 and took part in discussions around equal opportunities in parliaments. In October 2018, Gillian Martin MSP and Mark Ruskell MSP, as members of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, attended the Arctic Circle Assembly in Reykjavik to discuss topics such as climate change, marine pollution and the disappearing Arctic sea ice. Depute Presiding Officer Linda Fabiani MSP and Liam McArthur MSP represented the Scottish Parliament at the Tartan Day Parade in April 2019, as part of the wider visit to New York and Toronto for meetings at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

The British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly met for its 56th and 57th plenary sessions in Sligo and London. At these, Deputy Presiding Officer Linda Fabiani MSP, Ross Greer MSP, John Scott MSP, Willie Coffey MSP and Pauline McNeill MSP took part in discussions about Brexit, women in parliament and legislative scrutiny with counterparts from UK and Irish legislatures.

The Scotland Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) engaged in several CPA activities. These included an election observing mission to the British Virgin Islands, a financial scrutiny and oversight workshop, and discussions with delegations from the House of Assembly of the Turks and Caicos Islands and from Tynwald in the Isle of Man. The Branch also marked Commonwealth Day with an event with MSPs and Commonwealth consuls.

Prime Minister of Iceland, Katrín Jakobsdóttir
Prìomhaire Innis Tìle, Katrín Jakobsdóttir


Chòinich Seanadh Pàrlamaideach Bhrreatainn-Eìreann airson nan 56mh agus 57mh mòr-sheiseanan ann an Sligeach agus Lunnainn. Aig na coinnreamhnan seo, ghabh Leas-oifigeach Riaghlaidh Linda Fabiani BPA, Ross Greer BPA, Iain Scott BPA, Üloleam Ó Cofaigh (Coffey) BPA agus Pauline NicNèill BPA pàirt ann an còmhraidhean mu Brexit, boireannach a’ Phàrlamaid agus sgrùdadh reachdais, len leithid fhéin à reachdadaireachdan na RA agus Eìreann.

Ghabh Meur na h-Alba de Chomann Pàrlamaideach a’ Cho-fhàilteis (CPA) pàirt ann an grunn ghniomhan CPA. Nam measg, bha turas dearcnachaidh air taghadh do Eileanan Breatannach na Maighdean Bòdh-obrach air sgrùdadh is dearcnachadh ionmitrasail, agus còmhraidhean le baidhnean-riochdachadh bho Thaigh Seanadh Eileanan Turks is Càicos, agus Tuinwald Eilean Mhànainn. Chomharaich a’ Mhèur cuideachd Latha a’ Cho-fhàilteis le tachartas airson BPA an agus consaisean a’ Cho-fhàilteis.
Engagement with the public
Com-pàirteachadh leis a’ phoball

Being accessible to the people of Scotland and encouraging their involvement remain priorities for the Parliament. In another productive year, existing work has been developed and further innovations have expanded opportunities for people of all ages to find out about their Parliament and make their views known.

2018 was Scotland’s Year of Young People – and young people were at the heart of many of the Parliament’s activities this year. For example, in the latter part of 2018, the Presiding Officer met with a number of young people in the Parliament or in their home towns to hear what inspired them in their lives.

Tha e fhathast na phríomhachas aig a’ Phàrlamaid a bhith so-ruigsinneach do mhuintir na h-Alba, agus am brosnachadh gus a bhith a’ gabhail páirt. Ann am bliadhna dhripeil eile, chaidh obair a bh’ ann mar-thà a leasachadh agus tha inleachdas air cothrom an leudachadh do dhaoine de gach aois gus faighinn a-mach mun Phàrlamaid aca agus an guth a thogail.

B’e 2018 Bliadhna Òigridh na h-Alba – agus bha daoine òga aig cridhe ionadh tachartas na Pàrlamaid am-bliadhna. Mar eisimpleir, aig deireadh 2018, choinnich an t-Oifigear Riachdaild ri grunn dhaoine òga anns a’ Phàrlamaid no anns na bailtean-dachaigh aca fhein gus duinntinn dè a bhrosnaich iad nam bealtha.

A Human Touch outdoor exhibition
Taisbeanadh a-muigh A Human Touch
The Parliament’s education programmes have delivered services to around 25,000 pupils in the Scottish Parliament building and in classrooms across Scotland; and many more have had access to the resources published online and in print.

The aim of this work is to inform the next generation about their Parliament and inspire them to contribute their thoughts and experiences. Examples of their participation this year include:

• more than 1,000 young people giving their views to the Equalities and Human Rights Committee as part of its scrutiny of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill
• pupils from across Scotland meeting with members of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee to voice their concerns on climate change
• contributions from young people to an online forum on access to mental health services

In addition, during the Year of Young People, the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) agreed a partnership approach to working that has had benefits for both. SYP sittings have provided space for the two organisations to learn from each other and enabled committees to discover more about the issues that matter to young people. The Parliament’s Gaelic Development Officers have also been helping members of the SYP to find out about the language and its role in Scotland’s past and present.

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A bharrrachd air sin, ri linn Bladhna na h-Oighridh, dh’aontaich Pàrlamaid na h-Alba agus Pàrlamaid Ógighridh na h-Alba (SYP) dòigh-obrach com-pàirtreachail a bha na bhuanachd don dà chuid. Tha seiseanan SYP air ò a thuirt don dà bhuidhinn a bhith ag ionnsachadh bho chèile agus ag a’ toirt colthrom do chomataidhdean tuilleadh fhagainn a-mach mu na ceistean a tha cudromach do dhaoinn òga. Tha Oifigeair Leasachaidh Gàidhlig na Pàrlamaid cuideachd air a bhith a’ cuideachadh buil an SYP gus faighinn a-mach mun chànan agus mun ò a thuirt a th’ aice ann an eachdraidh na h-Alba agus san laitha an-dìuich.

BSL and Gaelic have also been taken into account in the development of new information resources to help people understand what the Parliament does and who their MSPs are. Further titles have been added to the two series of animations launched last year: ‘Laws’, ‘The Scottish Government’ and ‘Members of the Scottish Parliament’ provide simple, colourful introductions to these key topics, while ‘First Minister’s Questions’, ‘Decision Time’ and ‘The Scottish Budget Process’ provide more in-depth information, demystifying procedures about which there are frequent enquiries.

Work is progressing on further animations in both series.

The recommendation from the Commission on Parliamentary Reform to make information about the Parliament more accessible to people across Scotland has also been progressed. A range of leaflets and posters showing local MSPs have been made available this year through an increased range of outlets, including colleges, universities and many of the partners supporting the Dundee Women’s Festival, as well as the local offices of MSPs and public libraries.

Fulfilling another key recommendation by the Commission on Parliamentary Reform, the Committee Engagement Unit (CEU) was established in 2018. Its five staff are experts in participation methods, supporting and challenging the Parliament’s committees to enable more people in Scotland to share their views and experiences.

Chaidh aire a thoirt do BSL agus Gàidhlig cuideachd nuair a bhathar a’ leasachadh ghoireasann fiosrachaidh ùr airson daoine a chuideachadh a bhith a’ tuiginn na thà a’ Phàrlamaid a’ dèanamh agus có na BPAan aca. Chaidh totalan eile a chur ris an dà shreath de dhealbhan-beò a chaidh a chur air bhog an-uiridh. Tha ‘Laghan’, ‘Riaghaltas na h-Alba’ agus ‘Buidh Pàrlamaid na h-Alba’ a’ líbhregheadh inntreigheadh simplidh, tarraingeach do na cuspairean cudromach seo, agus tha ‘Ceistean a’ Phríomh Mhinisteir’, ‘Àm Co-dhunaidh’ agus ‘Pròiseas Buidseit na h-Alba’ a’ toirt seachad fiosrachadh nas mionaidche, a’ solleireachadh pròiseasan a bhios ag adhharachadh móran cheistean bhon phobail. Tha obair ga dhèanamh air dealbhan-beò eile anns gach sreath.

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The CEU works with teams across the Parliament to find ways for committees to get better at involving people in their work and to try out new ways for people to participate. So far, the CEU has:

- helped the Parliament to acquire three tools for digital engagement to allow people to discuss topics online.
- run a citizens’ jury on an environmental issue in March 2019, with further citizens’ panels underway on primary health care. These will explore the value for committees and participants of informed deliberation on an issue by a diverse and randomly selected group of the public.
- developed ‘pop-up democracy’ activities to allow public opinion to be gathered on quick questions at events and in community settings.
- designed the Young Women Lead programme, in partnership with the Young Women’s Movement, supporting a committee of 30 young women to run their own inquiry. The 2018 committee’s report on sexual harassment in schools was considered by the Equalities and Human Rights Committee, which also questioned the Deputy First Minister on it. The programme won the 2018 Scottish Public Service Award for championing gender equality.

The CEU is also working to improve planning and evaluation of public engagement and the feedback given to participants about the impact and evaluation of public engagement and the influence of social media.

Bidh an CEU ag obair le sgìobaidean air feadh na Pàrlamaid gu dòighean a long airson gum bi comataidhean nas fhèarr air daoine a thoirt an lùb an coidr ochrach agus a bhith a’ feuchann dhòighean ùra anns an faod daoine pàirt a ghabhail. Gu ruige seo, tha an CEU air:

- a’ Phàrlamaid a chuideadhach gum trì innealan airson conaltradh didisteach fhàighinn a leigseas le daoine cuspairean a dheasbad air-loidhne.
- a bhith a’ ruth dùraidh shaoranach air cuis àrainneachdail sa Mhàrt 2019, le barrachd phanalaisean de shaoranachd air tòiseachadh air cùram slàinte bunasach. Nì iad rannsachd air dé an t-uiread a tha beachadhachfasraichte air cuis le bhuidheann den phobail a tha eadar-mheasgte agus air a taghadh air thuairiml uachdhor do chomataidhean agus com-pàrtichean.
- gniomhan deamorcasaidh pop-up a chruthachadh gus cothrom a thoirt do dhaoinn air an theòrachaidh a bhòr a seachad air ceisteann Luath aig tachartasan agus ann an sàrachasdhachaidh coimhearsnaich.
- am prògram Young Women Lead a dheadhadh, ann an com-pàirtteachas ri Gwasad nam Boireannach Ògá, a’ toirt taic do chomataidh de 30 boireannach ògá gus an rannsachadh aca fhitheil a rúthil. Chaidh aithisg comataidh 2018 air sàrachadh feisec suas an glioitean a bheachadh leis a’ Chomataidh Co-ionannachd agus Còraichean Daonna, a cheasnaich an t-iar Phriomh Mhinistear air a’ chiosain ann an prògram Duais Seirbhisean Phoblachd na h-Alba 2018 airson a bhith ag adhartachadh co-ionannachadh gnè.

Tha an CEU cuideachd ag obair guas deabhadh agus measadh air com-pàirtteachadh poblach a leasachadh agus am fios air ais a gheibh com-pàrtlichean mu bhuaidh an coidr ochrach.

Tha tachartasan is taisbeenaidhean cuideachd a’ toirt chothroman com-pàrtteachaidh seachad airson Pàrlamaid na h-Alba, BPAn agus am pobail.

Member-sponsored events and exhibitions continue to be popular, with more than 400 held over the past year, while the programme of major events included Euroquiz 2018, the 40th anniversary John P Mackintosh Memorial Lecture, the St Andrew’s Day Debate and International Women’s Day 2019. In addition, in August 2018, the Scottish Parliament hosted the Edinburgh International Culture Summit. This provided a forum for in-depth discussion on the theme of Culture: Connecting Peoples and Places’ between ministers, artists, thinkers and others who formulate and implement cultural policy.

In October 2018, the 14th Festival of Politics saw almost 5,000 people attend 44 panel discussions and film screenings over four days. Various experts and speakers participated in panels on a range of topics, including suffrage, the #MeToo campaign, the end of the First World War, Brexit, Scotland’s Year of Young People, foodbanks, disability, the NHS at 70, future scenarios of a robot economy, and the cultural policy.

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Highlights included the In conversation with... events with politicians Lord Heseltine and Dame Margaret Hodge MP, social commentator and author Darren McGarvey (aka Loki), poet and author Ben Okri, historians and authors Sir Tom Devine OBE and Stana Nenadic, and the academic and author Professor Mary Beard. The Festival also hosted for the first time in the Debating Chamber Question Time, the BBC’s flagship political programme.

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To mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, the Scottish Parliament projected THEIR NAME LIVETH onto the Parliament building. This specially commissioned projection incorporated the names of the 134,712 men and women listed in the Scottish National War Memorial Roll of Honour, set to a backdrop of historical photographs and other images. The Parliament also accepted the gift of a Tommy sculpture, designed by Martin Barraud and gifted by the Ancre Somme Association.

The Parliament hosted three exhibitions this year: World Press Photo 2018; Higher Vision, an exhibition of Higher course student photography; and A Human Touch, an Edinburgh Science Festival outdoor photography exhibition on environmental themes. As part of the programme of events and activities to mark the Parliament’s 20th anniversary in 2019, the existing Travelling the Distance sculpture was enhanced by a new digital interactive. This new interactive allows visitors to find out about both the women who wrote the 100 porcelain sentences in Shauna McMullan’s artwork and those they wrote about.
Another element in the 20th anniversary programme was the launch of a series of Family Days. The first two were held in April 2019, in association with the Edinburgh Science Festival, and provided visitors with hands-on activities and opportunities to explore key issues through a number of panel discussions.

2018 saw the Scottish Parliament receive a five-star VisitScotland visitor attraction award, enhancing the reputation of Holyrood as a ‘must visit’ destination and testifying to the achievement of the teams that provide services to the public every day.

The Scottish Parliament continued to be very busy with visitors this year, with an increase in numbers compared to the previous year. The range of guided tours and daily introductory ten-minute talks also attracted larger numbers, with the new photography tour proving to be a particular hit.

The Parliament shop also enjoyed another busy year, with new ranges featuring the official Scottish Parliament tartan and a device commemorating the Parliament’s 20th anniversary being particularly popular with visitors. Books, too, continued to sell well, from the successful pop-up Festival of Politics bookshop to the range of titles featured for LGBT History Month 2019.

As well as improving the experience for visitors to the building, the Parliament has been developing how it informs and engages with the public on digital channels. A range of new digital engagement tools have helped committees gather a wide range of views from fresh audiences. There has been innovation, too, in the Parliament’s podcast service, with new production methods, content and promotional material. In addition to featuring high-profile parliamentary business such as FMQs, podcasts have made the content of topical seminars and talks accessible to the public, as well as to MSPs and staff. With increasing demand for more sophisticated pieces, multi-contributor podcasts and roundtable-style features have also been created on topics including climate change, Brexit and mesh devices.

This year also saw significant progress towards a new, user-centred Scottish Parliament website, with the launch of the first version of the ‘beta’ website in February 2019. Further developments, based on user feedback, will be rolled out in the coming year.

B’e eileamaid eile den prògràm 20mh ceann-bliadhna sreath de Làithlean Teaghlaitheach. Chaidh a’ chìadh dhà a chumail sa Gheàbàn 2019, ann an co-bhonn ri Fhèis Saidheans Dhùn Èideann, agus thug iad gniomhan eadar-obrachail do luchd-tadhail, agus cothroman ceistean cudromach a rannsachadh tro ghrunn chòmhraidhean panail.

Fhuair Pàrlamaid na h-Alba duais mar ionad luchd-tadhail cóig rionnagan ann an 2018, ag àrdachadh clìu Thaigh an Ròid mar àite air am feumar tadhail agus a’ dearbhadh obair nan sgìobanann a bhios a’ frithéaladh a’ phobail gach latha.

Bha Pàrlamaid na h-Alba fhathast glè thrang le luchd-tadhail am-bliadhna, le àrdachadh anns na h-àireamhan ann an colmnais ris an-uiridh. Tharraing an raon de thurasan treòraichte agus na h-óraidean intrìgidh deich-m-ionaid gach latha a-steach àireamhan nan motha cuideachd, leis an turas dhealtachd-cameran ur air leath soibhneachaidh.

Bha bliadhna thrang eile aig bòth na Pàrlamaid, le bathar ur a’ taisbeanadh breacan oifigeil Pàrlamaid na h-Alba agus imealla a tha a’ comhrachadh 20 bliadhna den Phàrlamaid a’ còrdadh gu mòr ri luchd-tadhail. Bha leabhrachean, cuideachd, a’ reic gu math, bhu bhòth-leabhrachean shealach soibhneachail aig an Fhèis Poilitigs gu na tiotalan a chaidh a nochadh airson Mìos Eachdraidh LGBT 2019.

A bharachd air a bhih a’ toirt pìseach air turas luchd-tadhail don togalach, tha a’ Phàrlamaid air a bhih a’ leasachadh mar a bhios iad a’ toirt fiosrachadh don phobail agus a’ conaltradh riutha air sianalan didsiteach. Tha raon de dh’innseanl com-pàirteachaidh didsiteach air comataidhean a chuideachaidh le a bhih a’ cruinneachadh raon farsaing de bheachdan bho luchd-èisteachd úr. Tha innleachdas air a bhih ann cuideachd, ann an seirbheis pod-chraolaidh na Pàrlamaid, le modhan-obrach, susbaint, agus sanasachd úr. A bharachd air a bhih a sealltainn gnothach àrd-inbhò pàrlamaideach leithid FMQ, tha pod-craolaidhean air seiminearan agus óraidean làitheach a sgoileadh don phobail, agus do BPAan agus luchd-obrach. Le barrachd iarrais air stuth nas adhartach, chaoidh pod-chraolaidean ioma-neach agus feartan bùirid-cruinn a chruthachadh air cuspairean leithid atharrachadh cilioan, Brexit agus innealan mogail.

Am-bliadhna cuideachd rinneadh adhartas mòr gu ruige làrach-lìn ùr Pàrlamaid na h-Alba le luchd-cleachdaidh aig a cride, le cur air bhog a’ chìadh dreach den làrach-lìn ‘beta’ sa Ghearran 2019. Thèid leasachaidhean eile, stèidhichte air fios air ais bho luchd-cleachdadh, a sgoileadh a-mach ré na bliadhna a tha romhainn.
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