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European and External Relations Committee  
1st Meeting, 2013

1. **Foreign language learning in primary schools:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Simon Macaulay, Chair, and Gillian Campbell-Thow, Cultural Organisations and Local Authority Advisers representative, Scottish Government Languages Working Group; John Bissett, Senior Policy Officer, Languages Team, and Tim Simons, Head of Curriculum Unit, Scottish Government.

2. **Consular support for Scottish citizens abroad:** The Committee will consider a paper from the Clerk.

3. **Brussels Bulletin:** The Committee will consider the latest issue of the Brussels Bulletin.

4. **Exploration of the range of EU funds available:** The Committee will consider a paper from the Clerk.

5. **Foreign language learning in primary schools:** The Committee will consider a report of the launch of the inquiry.

Equal Opportunities Committee  
1st Meeting, 2013

1. **Where Gypsy/Travellers live:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Christopher Ahern, Chairman, North Muirton Community Council; James Brownhill, Vice Chairman, Nigg Community Council; Sheila Chambers, Vice Chairman, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council; Kenneth Johnstone, Chairman, Girvan Community Council; Elizabeth Rhodick, Vice Convener, Lochgilphead Community Council.
Meeting of the Parliament

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

1. Aileen McLeod: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it is giving to the public health implications of the recently published Energy Action Scotland discussion paper, *The Relationship Between Fuel Poverty and Health*. (S4O-01669)

2. Duncan McNeil: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Justice last met the chief executive of the Scottish Court Service and what was discussed. (S4O-01670)

3. Stuart McMillan: [Withdrawn]

4. Richard Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing last met the chief executive officers of NHS boards. (S4O-01672)

5. Mary Fee: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to make prison visiting times child-friendly. (S4O-01673)

6. Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made on developing grassroots football. (S4O-01674)

7. Helen Eadie: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met representatives of NHS Fife. (S4O-01675)

8. Jean Urquhart: To ask the Scottish Government how schools, colleges and universities are promoting Scottish literature. (S4O-01676)

9. Elaine Smith: [Withdrawn]

10. Paul Martin: To ask the Scottish Government what support it can provide for open space areas throughout the Glasgow Provan constituency. (S4O-01678)

12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions

1. Johann Lamont: To ask the First Minister what engagements he has planned for the rest of the day. (S4F-01090)

2. Ruth Davidson: To ask the First Minister when he will next meet the Prime Minister. (S4F-01089)

3. Linda Fabiani: To ask the First Minister what the impact of changes to child benefit will be on families in Scotland. (S4F-01103)
4. Rob Gibson: To ask the First Minister how the recent report by Pinsent Masons, *Scotland’s place in the Renewable Energy World*, aids Scotland’s sustainable growth. (S4F-01102)

5. Jenny Marra: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government’s position is on the assertion by the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland that a change in legislation is required to properly define the roles and responsibilities of the service’s HR and finance functions. (S4F-01106)

6. Clare Adamson: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government’s response is to the recent CNN poll that places Scotland as the number one tourist destination for 2013. (S4F-01104)

12.30 pm  Members’ Business

Debate on the subject of—

**S4M-04421 John Mason: Mergers and Acquisitions**—That the Parliament notes the ongoing debate concerning a possible merger between BAE Systems in Glasgow and EADS; notes with interest the recent comments of the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Alistair Darling MP, and some backbench Conservative MPs, who recognise that, in some cases, a merger or acquisition is not in the long-term interest of the consumer or country as a whole; recalls examples, such as the mergers between the Royal Bank of Scotland and ABN Amro, AOL and Time Warner, Lloyds TSB and the Bank of Scotland, and Scottish Power and Iberdrola, which it considers have been of doubtful benefit to customers, staff or the wider national interest, and believes that a review of merger and acquisition policies might be of widespread advantage.

2.30 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm  Scottish Government Debate: Action to Support Youth Employment

**S4M-05319 Angela Constance: Action to Support Youth Employment**—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Government’s “all-Government, all-Scotland” approach at the centre of Scotland’s Youth Employment Strategy, which has had a positive impact on the challenge of youth unemployment; further welcomes the launch of the Make Young People Your Business campaign; recognises that this approach is vital in the development of Scotland’s young workforce; agrees that all MSPs have a role to play in their constituencies to actively encourage local employers and other partners to do more, and welcomes the decrease in youth unemployment by 25,000 seen in the December 2012 labour market statistics.
The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment:

S4M-05319.2 Ken Macintosh: Action to Support Youth Employment—As an amendment to motion S4M-05319 in the name of Angela Constance (Action to Support Youth Employment), leave out from “the Scottish Government’s” to end and insert “an ‘all-Government, all-Scotland’ approach at the centre of Scotland’s Youth Employment Strategy; notes with concern that, according to the December 2012 labour market statistics, more than one in five young people eligible to work are officially unemployed and that long-term youth unemployment is higher in Scotland than in the rest of the UK according to the latest claimant figures; further notes the comments of Professor David Bell to the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee that youth unemployment figures underestimate the problem; believes that the 24% real-terms cut to college funding between 2011 and 2015 threatens to exacerbate rather than improve this situation and that cuts to Scotland’s housing budget similarly threaten growth and apprenticeship opportunities; is concerned that current efforts to tackle youth unemployment through the modern apprenticeship programme are falling short of the needs of young unemployed people in Scotland; believes that the Scottish Government could do more, for example, on investing in transport, improving childcare and better use of government procurement to tackle Scotland’s unemployment and underemployment crisis, and agrees that all MSPs have a role to play in their constituencies to actively encourage local employers and other partners to do more.”

followed by

Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Gil Paterson be appointed to replace Bob Doris as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee; and

Roderick Campbell be appointed to replace Gil Paterson as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee.

5.00 pm Decision Time
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Section B – Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 9 January 2013

Tuesday 15 January 2013

2.00 pm  Time for Reflection
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by  Scottish Government Debate: Planning Reform, Next Steps
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business – S4M-04875 Adam Ingram: Scottish Coal Industry (for text of motion see Section F of the Business Bulletin for Tuesday 20 November 2012)

Wednesday 16 January 2013

2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions
Education and Lifelong Learning (for text of questions see Section D)
followed by  Stage 3 Proceedings: Freedom of Information (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business - S4M-04966 Rhoda Grant: Sustainable Biomass (for text of motion see Section F of the Business Bulletin for Tuesday 27 November 2012)
Thursday 17 January 2013

11.40 am   Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am   General Questions (for text of questions see Section D)

12.00 pm   First Minister’s Questions

12.30 pm   Members’ Business - S4M-05102 Clare Adamson: The Case for Universalism, the Jimmy Reid Foundation Report (for text of motion see Section F for Wednesday 5 December 2012)

2.30 pm   Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm   Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee Debate: Biodiversity

followed by   Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Tuesday 22 January 2013

2.00 pm   Time for Reflection

followed by   Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Wednesday 23 January 2013

2.00 pm   Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm   Portfolio Questions

Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth

followed by   Scottish Government Business

followed by   Business Motions
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Thursday 24 January 2013

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
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Section D – Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 16 January 2013

Education and Lifelong Learning

1. Alison McInnes: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact that proposed budget reductions will have on colleges in North East Scotland. (S4O-01679)

2. Graeme Dey: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on the plans for college regionalisation. (S4O-01680)

3. Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve the educational attainment of pupils from the poorest backgrounds. (S4O-01681)

4. Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on the impact on educational attainment of exposure to lead in childhood. (S4O-01682)

5. Drew Smith: To ask the Scottish Government when the audit of waiting lists for colleges will be published. (S4O-01683)

6. Jim Eadie: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take to ensure that universities meet their obligations as proposed in the Post-16 Education Reform Bill to widen access to higher education for children from deprived backgrounds. (S4O-01684)

7. Jamie Hepburn: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to ensure that student debt in Scotland remains the lowest in the UK. (S4O-01685)

8. Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government what recent advice the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning has given to local authorities regarding charging for instrumental music tuition. (S4O-01686)

9. Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the University of London regarding the future of the University Marine Biological Station Millport. (S4O-01687)

10. Patricia Ferguson: To ask the Scottish Government how it encourages young people from poorer backgrounds to participate in further and higher education. (S4O-01688)
11. Malcolm Chisholm: To ask the Scottish Government whether the transition between primary and secondary school can contribute to problems for S1 and S2 pupils in English and maths. (S4O-01689)

12. James Dornan: To ask the Scottish Government who is involved in helping widen access to colleges for disabled people. (S4O-01690)

13. Claudia Beamish: To ask the Scottish Government how it supports young carers in balancing the demands of schoolwork and caring responsibilities. (S4O-01691)

14. Alex Fergusson: To ask the Scottish Government what training is given to teachers to help pupils with additional support needs. (S4O-01692)

15. Angus MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government what recent progress has been made in introducing the EU 1+2 model of language teaching. (S4O-01693)

16. Joan McAlpine: [Not Lodged]

17. Ken Macintosh: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to prevent reductions in the availability of college courses for students with additional needs. (S4O-01695)

18. Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government what changes it has made to the teaching of history in secondary schools since 2007. (S4O-01696)

19. Marco Biagi: To ask the Scottish Government how many modern apprenticeship starts there were in Edinburgh in the most recent year for which information is available and how this compares with 2006-07. (S4O-01697)

20. Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government when the waiting list figures for Cumbernauld College will be published. (S4O-01698)

General Questions selected for answer on 17 January 2013

1. Hugh Henry: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason reported death rates at the Royal Alexandra Hospital are higher at the weekend than on weekdays. (S4O-01699)

2. Helen Eadie: To ask the Scottish Government what its assessment is of the health risks of the radioactive material at the foreshore at Dalgety Bay. (S4O-01700)

3. Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government how policing in Dumfries and Galloway will be accountable to local people once the single police force becomes operational. (S4O-01701)

4. Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the inappropriate use of social unavailability codes by NHS boards to meet waiting times targets. (S4O-01702)
5. **Stewart Maxwell:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people have been prosecuted in the last year for smoking in enclosed premises or permitting smoking to take place in enclosed premises. (S4O-01703)

6. **Jayne Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent support it has given to developing walking and cycling infrastructure in Mid Scotland and Fife. (S4O-01704)

7. **Mike MacKenzie:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on expediting the proposed new subsea power cables to the Western Isles and Orkney. (S4O-01705)

8. **Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and what issues were discussed. (S4O-01706)

9. **Brian Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government what its policy is on Gypsy/Traveller halting sites. (S4O-01707)

10. **Hanzala Malik:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its Race Equality Statement will be updated. (S4O-01708)
Questions marked with a triangle (Δ) are initiated by the Scottish Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

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

S4W-12123 Margaret Mitchell: To ask the Scottish Government what impact the reduction in the further education budget for 2013-14 will have on student places at Motherwell College.

S4W-12124 Margaret Mitchell: To ask the Scottish Government what impact there has been on staff numbers at Motherwell College as a result of reductions to the further education budget in (a) 2011-12 and (b) 2012-13.

S4W-12152 Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government how many people in Fife who have been charged with (a) murder and (b) a knife crime have been (i) remanded in custody, (ii) granted bail and (iii) granted bail despite opposition from the Crown Office prosecutors in each of the last five years.

S4W-12153 Mark McDonald: To ask the Scottish Government how much each local authority has received for sales of common good land or assets in each year since 1999.

S4W-12154 Mark McDonald: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has issued guidance to local authorities in relation to the sale of common good land or assets and, if so, when.

S4W-12155 Mark McDonald: To ask the Scottish Government how sales of common good land or assets by local authorities are monitored to ensure that best value is achieved.

S4W-12156 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government whether Steel Engineering has created at least 120 jobs as stated on page 85 of the Scottish Spending Review 2011 and Draft Budget 2012-13.

S4W-12157 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government whether Doosan Power Systems has set up an R&D centre near Glasgow creating 200 jobs, as stated on page 84 of the Scottish Spending Review 2011 and Draft Budget 2012-13.

S4W-12158 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government whether Doosan Power Systems has created up to 1,700 jobs through its offshore wind plans, as referred to on page 84 of the Scottish Spending Review 2011 and Draft Budget 2012-13.
S4W-12159 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government whether Gamesa has created the 300 jobs referred to on page 84 of the *Scottish Spending Review 2011 and Draft Budget 2012-13*.

S4W-12160 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government how many of the 180 jobs referred to on page 84 of the *Scottish Spending Review 2011 and Draft Budget 2012-13* Gamesa has created at its offshore wind technology centre at Strathclyde Business Park.

S4W-12161 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government how many of the planned 200 jobs referred to on page 84 of the *Scottish Spending Review 2011 and Draft Budget 2012-13* Mitsubishi Power Systems Europe Ltd has created.

S4W-12162 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government whether Amazon has created (a) 750 permanent new jobs and (b) a further 1,500 temporary jobs during the peak Christmas period at its fulfilment centre at Dunfermline as announced in the Scottish Government news release of 15 November 2011, *Amazon opens in Fife*.

S4W-12164 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government whether Amazon has created an additional 200 posts at its fulfilment facility in Gourock as announced in the Scottish Government news release of 15 November 2011, *Amazon opens in Fife*.

S4W-12168 Jackson Carlaw: To ask the Scottish Government what initiatives it is introducing in NHS (a) Greater Glasgow and Clyde and (b) Ayrshire and Arran to reduce the incidence of drug maladministration.

S4W-12170 Nanette Milne: To ask the Scottish Government what the average waiting time has been in each NHS board for patients seeking treatment for haemorrhoids in each year since 1999.

S4W-12171 Nanette Milne: To ask the Scottish Government how many patients have been treated for haemorrhoids by each NHS board in each year since 1999.

S4W-12172 Nanette Milne: To ask the Scottish Government how many patients in each NHS board area have had an appointment for treatment for haemorrhoids cancelled in each year since 1999.
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Section F – Motions and Amendments

Motions and amendments are normally printed the day after they are lodged. If an amendment is lodged to a motion then the original motion will appear alongside the amendment, along with any support lodged that day, in this section.

Each Monday, this section also contains all motions and amendments lodged the previous week that are still live and any motions and amendments that have been lodged for debate in the coming week. A motion or amendment is live if it has not been debated, withdrawn or otherwise deleted from the list.

Where a motion or amendment has been withdrawn, it is indicated in this section the day after it has been withdrawn. Support for motions and amendments received after they are lodged is shown at the end of this section the day after such support is received.

Motions and amendments can be published with various symbols:

- Asterisks before the motion or amendment number indicate a motion or amendment published for the first time;
- Asterisks also identify alterations to the text of a motion or amendment made since it was first published;
- A hash symbol identifies motions eligible for debate at Members’ Business;
- A diamond symbol identifies motions lodged for Members’ Business that have not yet attracted the required cross-party support;
- An "R", identifies motions or amendments in which the Member who lodged it has a registrable interest.

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


Any questions in relation to this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk, for which contact details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.
New and altered motions and amendments

*S4M-05336 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership—That the Parliament agrees that Bob Doris be appointed to replace Sandra White as a member of the Public Audit Committee.

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Roderick Campbell be appointed to replace Gil Paterson as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee.

*S4M-05334 Claudia Beamish: Green Schools in Gaza—That the Parliament welcomes the UN Relief and Works Agency’s progress in building "environmental zero impact" green schools in the Gaza Strip; believes that these will play a crucial role in helping to combat the environmental issues that the region faces, and considers that NGOs and the Scottish Government should support this and other ventures that will lead to Palestine enjoying a greener and more self-sufficient future.

*S4M-05333 Bruce Crawford: Stirling Knights Basketball Club—That the Parliament welcomes the award to the Stirling Knights Basketball Club of Young Start funding of £26,800 through the Big Lottery Fund, which, it understands, will allow it to undertake a one-year Young Leaders project to train and support young people to deliver the Friday Knights Primary League programme to communities in and around Stirling; understands that 20 people aged between 14 and 23 will benefit from the award, which will also fund coaching, accreditation and equipment; commends the enthusiasm and vision of those involved in the Stirling Knights, and wishes the club and all those involved continued success in future.

*S4M-05332 Kenneth Gibson: Eradicating Misogyny from Indian Institutions—That the Parliament notes the recent protests prompted by the reported brutal rape and murder of a 23-year-old woman by six men on a bus in Delhi, India, on 16 December 2012; deeply regrets the response of some prominent Indian men, most notably Abhijit Mukherjee, a member of India’s parliament and the son of the Indian President, Pranab Mukherjee, who, it understands, disparagingly referred to the protestors as “dented and painted women" who frequent nightclubs; believes that, although he has since apologised, Mr Mukherjee’s remarks are indicative of wider attitudes held by some men in Indian society; further believes that these unfortunate attitudes have, at times, been reflected in the conduct of Indian state officials, including members of its police forces and judiciary, when called on to address accusations of sexual violence against women in India; in view of this, supports calls by Indian women’s rights activists, including the founder of the Manushi human rights organisation, Madhu Kishwar, for there to be significant police and judicial reforms,
and considers that, while India, which is oftentimes referred to as the world’s largest democracy, has much to be proud of as it continues to develop despite the global economic downturn, it is imperative that women’s rights are given due priority and that men and women alike are able to benefit as India continues to rise and ultimately comes to play a more prominent role in the international community in the 21st century.

Supported by: Richard Lyle*, Roderick Campbell*, Helen Eadie*, Gil Paterson*

*S4M-05331 Stewart Stevenson: Right to Roam 10th Anniversary—That the Parliament notes that 23 January 2013 marks the 10th anniversary of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003; welcomes what it sees as the progress made on implementing the provisions regarding the right to roam and the right to buy; congratulates the outdoor organisations, land managers and public bodies that work together to deliver what it considers Scotland’s world-class land reform arrangements; notes that these arrangements are being examined by the Land Reform Review Group, and hopes that, for the benefit of all communities and visitors to Scotland, the Parliament will be able to play its part in any future improvements to the legislation.


*S4M-05330 Kevin Stewart: The Unicorn Legacy—That the Parliament congratulates the 11-year-old Aberdonian, Jasmin Duncan, on having her first book, The Unicorn Legacy, published on 9 January 2012; recognises what it believes is Jasmin’s achievement in captivating an audience with her newly-published stories; wishes her the best of luck with the planned sequel and other projects, and welcomes the support of both Jasmin’s school, Kittybrewster Primary, and publisher, Karabest, in supporting a young person through the publishing process.


*S4M-05329 James Kelly: St Anthony’s Primary Fundraises for Wild Hearts—That the Parliament congratulates St Anthony’s Primary School in Rutherglen on organising a number of fundraising events for the Wild Hearts charity, which supports micro-finance projects for women in Africa; understands that the pupils held a car-washing event and ran a school disco as well as other events in order to raise what it sees as a very impressive £412; recognises that the pupils were taking part in the Micro Tyco Challenge, which sees schools, colleges, universities and businesses challenged to grow £1 seed capital into as much money as possible in just four weeks; commends the entire team at St Anthony’s on what it considers its excellent efforts in raising money to help others, and wishes the school the best of luck with future projects.

*S4M-05328 Sandra White: Learning Success—That the Parliament notes the recent report from Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Education on standards and quality at Garnetbank Primary School in Glasgow, which saw the school rated as very good in four of the five quality indicators; further notes the report’s statement that the children "achieve very well, are very keen to learn, confident and motivated"; praises what it considers the hard work and dedication of the teachers in providing a nurturing and welcoming environment to support the pupils’ learning and development; commends what it sees as the children’s excellent knowledge and understanding of different world religions, festivals and belief, and hopes that all of Garnetbank’s pupils will continue to become well educated, tolerant and open-minded citizens.


*S4M-05327 Kevin Stewart: Welfare Benefits Up-rating Bill—That the Parliament notes with concern the UK Parliament’s decision to pass the Welfare Benefits Up-rating Bill; considers that the decision to limit the uprating of benefits, including income support, maternity allowance and elements of working tax credits, to just 1% will have a major impact on working families on low incomes; believes that benefits have historically risen in line with inflation to help those in need with the cost of living; rejects the comparison made by the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, Vince Cable, between benefit recipients and low earners as it understands that 60% of benefit recipients affected by the changes are low earners, and believes that all powers for welfare should be in the hands of the Scottish Parliament so that Scots can build the kind of country that Westminster has, in its view, consistently failed to deliver.


*S4M-05326 Stuart McMillan: Funding for Kayak Trail—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that a kayak trail around the Argyll and Bute coastline, including Helensburgh, is to be developed over the next few years; understands that the project, launched by Argyll and Bute Council, aims to develop adventure tourism and generate employment; believes that the council has received £369,000 from the Coastal Communities Fund to finance the project, with another £150,000 coming from the Argyll and the Islands LEADER Programme, and understands that the project aims to improve facilities and access for paddle sports, such as kayaking, throughout the area and will create two full-time jobs, 12 marine tourism apprenticeships for local young people and a range of volunteering opportunities.

*S4M-05325 Fiona McLeod: Westerton Male Voice Choir—That the Parliament congratulates Westerton Male Voice Choir on raising £920.32 for its chosen charity, Revive MS, a group dedicated to helping people affected by multiple sclerosis; understands that this was achieved through numerous fundraising events such as entertaining shoppers at Asda Bearsden and a sell-out concert, and commends the choir for its ongoing performances that help to raise spirits as well as money for good causes.


*S4M-05324 James Kelly: Trinity High School, a Champion for Change—That the Parliament congratulates Trinity High School in Rutherglen on being awarded Champions for Change status by what is considered the leading charity, Nil By Mouth, in recognition of its efforts to tackle sectarianism; notes that, in order to obtain this award, the school has displayed a long-term commitment to tackling bigotry right across the curriculum, engaged positively with other schools in the area, involved pupils, teachers and parents in these activities and produced a short film on sectarianism that was featured on the BBC’s nationwide School Report project; welcomes the creation of a pupil-led action group in the school to raise awareness of the issue and give young people a voice in the debate, and recognises the importance of such grassroots educational initiatives in building a better Scotland.


*S4M-05322 Jackie Baillie: The Hunter Foundation, Tackling Child Poverty—That the Parliament commends the work of the Hunter Foundation in its efforts to tackle child poverty on a global scale; understands that it has invested in excess of £50 million toward this cause, despite tough economic times; notes its collaborative work with other organisations such as the Clinton Foundation, the Gates Foundation, CHAS, BBC Children in Need and the STV Appeal 2012: Supporting Scotland’s Children; welcomes all of the efforts outlined in the foundation’s annual report card; commends Sir Tom and Lady Marion Hunter, together with the trustees and staff of the Hunter Foundation, and looks forward to the foundation achieving even more in the years to come.

**S4M-05321 Neil Bibby: Renfrewshire Council Takes Action on Welfare Reform**—That the Parliament warmly congratulates Renfrewshire Council on its announcement that it will recruit over 40 staff to support residents in dealing with what it considers the devastating impact of welfare reform cuts; considers that these cuts will see over £22 million coming out of the pockets of low-paid people and those seeking work in Renfrewshire; understands that, in Renfrewshire alone, 2,000 disabled people will lose disability living allowance and 3,000 tenants in social housing will be affected by the so-called bedroom tax, and welcomes the council’s deployment of £1.5 million in the next 15 months to support its residents in dealing with the consequences of the welfare reform programme.

**S4M-05319.2 Ken Macintosh: Action to Support Youth Employment**—As an amendment to motion S4M-05319 in the name of Angela Constance (Action to Support Youth Employment), leave out from "the Scottish Government’s" to end and insert "an ‘all-Government, all-Scotland’ approach at the centre of Scotland’s Youth Employment Strategy; notes with concern that, according to the December 2012 labour market statistics, more than one in five young people eligible to work are officially unemployed and that long-term youth unemployment is higher in Scotland than in the rest of the UK according to the latest claimant figures; further notes the comments of Professor David Bell to the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee that youth unemployment figures underestimate the problem; believes that the 24% real-terms cut to college funding between 2011 and 2015 threatens to exacerbate rather than improve this situation and that cuts to Scotland’s housing budget similarly threaten growth and apprenticeship opportunities; is concerned that current efforts to tackle youth unemployment through the modern apprenticeship programme are falling short of the needs of young unemployed people in Scotland; believes that the Scottish Government could do more, for example, on investing in transport, improving childcare and better use of government procurement to tackle Scotland’s unemployment and underemployment crisis, and agrees that all MSPs have a role to play in their constituencies to actively encourage local employers and other partners to do more."

Supported by: Kezia Dugdale*

**S4M-05319.1 Liam McArthur: Action to Support Youth Employment**—As an amendment to motion S4M-05319 in the name of Angela Constance (Action to Support Youth Employment), after "do more" insert ", including raising awareness of all the practical support and incentives available to employers taking on young people".

**Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support**

S4M-05320 Biodiversity (lodged on 08 January 2013) Claudia Beamish*, Graeme Dey*, Angus MacDonald*, Nigel Don*, Jayne Baxter*, Richard Lyle*


S4M-05316 Protecting Scotland’s Coastline (lodged on 08 January 2013) Colin Beattie*, Roderick Campbell*, Jamie Hepburn*, Adam Ingram*, Sandra White*, Gil Paterson*

S4M-05315 Dyce Library Celebrates Silver Anniversary (lodged on 08 January 2013) Jamie Hepburn*, Sandra White*, Joan McAlpine*, Gil Paterson*

S4M-05311 2013 Centenary of the Carnegie UK Trust (lodged on 08 January 2013) Sandra White*, Richard Lyle*, Gil Paterson*


S4M-05308 Launch of FareShare Glasgow (lodged on 07 January 2013) Annabelle Ewing*, Jamie Hepburn*, Bruce Crawford*, Stuart McMillan*, Gil Paterson*


S4M-05305 Jimmy Halliday (lodged on 07 January 2013) Jamie Hepburn*, Bruce Crawford*, Marco Biagi*, Gil Paterson*

S4M-05304 Queensferry’s Loony Dook (lodged on 07 January 2013) Jamie Hepburn*, Marco Biagi*

S4M-05303 Healing Artwork Unveiled in Falkirk Woodland (lodged on 04 January 2013) Jamie Hepburn*, Annabelle Ewing*, Gil Paterson*, Mark McDonald*

S4M-05302 120 Years of Informing Scotland’s Agricultural Industry (lodged on 04 January 2013) Jamie Hepburn*, Bruce Crawford*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jean Urquhart*, Gil Paterson*, Mark McDonald*

S4M-05301 25 years on from Lockerbie, the Time is Right for a UK-led Inquiry - (lodged on 04 January 2013) Jamie Hepburn*
S4M-05300  RNLI Heroes  (lodged on 03 January 2013) Jamie Hepburn*

S4M-05298  Glasgow Warriors Win 1872 Cup in Style  (lodged on 03 January 2013) Jamie Hepburn*, Annabelle Ewing*, Gil Paterson*, Mark McDonald*

S4M-05297  Sighthill Stone Circle  (lodged on 03 January 2013) Willie Coffey*, Jamie Hepburn*, Sandra White*, Gil Paterson*

S4M-05296  Acting Up for North Glasgow  (lodged on 21 December 2012) Jamie Hepburn*

S4M-05294  Future Stars Shine in Maryhill  (lodged on 21 December 2012) Jamie Hepburn*, Annabelle Ewing*, Gil Paterson*, Mark McDonald*

S4M-05293  50th Anniversary of the Prestwick Branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society  (lodged on 21 December 2012) Jamie Hepburn*, Gil Paterson*

S4M-05292  Queen Margaret University Wins Awards for Knowledge Exchange -  (lodged on 20 December 2012) Jamie Hepburn*, Sandra White*

S4M-05291  Human Rights for Uyghurs and Tibetans  (lodged on 20 December 2012) Jamie Hepburn*

S4M-05290  Commending Linnvale and St Eunan’s Primary Schools for Tackling Sectarianism  (lodged on 20 December 2012) Jamie Hepburn*

S4M-05289  Tackling Domestic Abuse in Scotland  (lodged on 20 December 2012) Jamie Hepburn*, Gil Paterson*

S4M-05288  Recognising the Impact of Huntington’s Disease  (lodged on 20 December 2012) Jamie Hepburn*, Sandra White*

S4M-05287  Hillsborough, a Step Closer to Truth and Justice  (lodged on 21 December 2012) Jamie Hepburn*, Gil Paterson*

S4M-05285  Remember the Braer Disaster  (lodged on 20 December 2012) Colin Beattie*, Angus MacDonald*, Graeme Dey*, John Mason*, Linda Fabiani*, Dennis Robertson*, Jamie Hepburn*, Bruce Crawford*, Adam Ingram*, Sandra White*, Joan McAlpine*, Gil Paterson*, Mark McDonald*

S4M-05283  Nigg Jobs Expansion Welcomed  (lodged on 20 December 2012) Jamie Hepburn*, Sandra White*

S4M-05282  Cape Wrath’s Future  (lodged on 20 December 2012) Jamie Hepburn*, Sandra White*

S4M-05281  Food Banks  (lodged on 20 December 2012) Jamie Hepburn*, Annabelle Ewing*, Gil Paterson*, Mark McDonald*
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S4M-05048 The Right to Choose (lodged on 29 November 2012) Jayne Baxter*
Freedom of Information (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3

Before section 1A

Michael McMahon

9 Before section 1A, insert—

<Purposes of FOI Act

Before section 1 of the FOI Act there is inserted—

“A1 Purposes

The purposes of this Act are, consistent with the Scottish Parliament’s founding principles of openness, accessibility and accountability—

(a) to increase progressively the availability of information held by Scottish public authorities in order—

(i) to enable more effective public participation in the making and administration of laws and policies,

(ii) to promote the accountability of Scottish public authorities, and

(iii) to facilitate the informed discussion of public affairs,

and, in doing so, enhance respect for the law and promote good government, and

(b) to provide an enforceable right of access to information held by Scottish public authorities or persons providing services for them in accordance with the principle that information should be available to any person requesting it.”.>

Section 1A

Nicola Sturgeon

10 In section 1A, page 1, line 17, leave out <30 June 2016> and insert <31 October 2015>

Nicola Sturgeon

11 In section 1A, page 2, line 13, leave out <at least 3 years preceding> and insert <time from the date on which section 1A of the Freedom of Information (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2013 comes into force until>
After section 3

Paul Martin

12  After section 3, insert—

<Functions of Commissioner>

In section 43 (general functions of Commissioner) of the FOI Act, after subsection (3) there is inserted—

“(3A) The Commissioner must prepare, publish and update as necessary a list comprising those persons or bodies who are Scottish public authorities within the meaning of section 3(1).”>

Section 4

Nicola Sturgeon

13  In section 4, page 3, line 1, leave out <rule> and insert <enactment>
Committee Reports

The following report is being published on 10 January 2013

Justice Committee, 1\textsuperscript{st} Report, 2013 (Session 4): Knife Dealers (Licence Conditions) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SP Paper 247).

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Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill (G)
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)) 9 January
Forth Road Bridge Bill (G)
Introduced (lead committee (Infrastructure and Capital Investment)) 11 December

Freedom of Information (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)
Subordinate Legislation Committee 8 January
Stage 3 (debate, meeting of Parliament) 16 January
Amendments should be lodged by 4.30 pm on Thursday 10 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk)

High Hedges (Scotland) Bill (M)
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government and Regeneration)) 19 December

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Bill (G)
Stage 1 (lead committee (Finance)) 5 December

The National Trust for Scotland (Governance etc.) Bill (P)
Introduced 7 January

Post-16 Education (Scotland) Bill (G)
Stage 1 (lead committee (Education and Culture)) 11 December

Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Bill (G)
Stage 2 completed 13 November
Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk)

Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill (G)
Passed 28 November

Water Resources (Scotland) Bill (G)
Stage 1 completed 19 December
Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk)

Subordinate legislation in progress (date of laying) (Lead Committee)

Affirmative instruments

Lead committee to report by 23 January 2013
Knife Dealers (Licence Conditions) (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft] (29 November 2012) (Justice)
Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (Supplementary and Consequential Provisions) Order 2013 [draft] (29 November 2012) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Public Services Reform (Planning) (Pre-application consultation) (Scotland) Order 2013 [draft] (29 November 2012) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Public Services Reform (Planning) (Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Order 2013 [draft] (29 November 2012) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Lead committee to report by 3 February 2013

Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 [draft] (10 December 2012) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Lead committee to report by 4 February 2013

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Order 2013 [draft] (11 December 2012) (Justice)

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Subject to annulment by 13 January 2013
Lead committee to report by 7 January 2013

Diligence against Earnings (Variation) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/308) (19 November 2012) (Economy, Energy and Tourism)

Subject to annulment by 16 January 2013
Lead committee to report by 7 January 2013

Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/315) (22 November 2012) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Police Grant (Variation) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/316) (22 November 2012) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 17 January 2013
Lead committee to report by 7 January 2013
Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/318) (23 November 2012) (Health and Sport)

Council Tax Reduction (State Pension Credit) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/319) (23 November 2012) (Welfare Reform)

M74 Motorway (Fullarton Road to the M8 West of Kingston Bridge) (Speed Limit) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/320) (23 November 2012) (Infrastructure and Capital Investment)

Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/321) (23 November 2012) (Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)

Subject to annulment by 20 January 2013
Lead committee to report by 14 January 2013

Court Fees (Miscellaneous Amendments) Scotland Order 2012 (SSI 2012/322) (26 November 2012) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 22 January 2013
Lead committee to report by 14 January 2013

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Metal Dealers’ Exemption Warrants) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/324) (28 November 2012) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 23 January 2013
Lead committee to report by 14 January 2013

Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/325) (29 November 2012) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/326) (29 November 2012) (Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)

Crofting Register (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2012 (SSI 2012/327) (29 November 2012) (Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)

Crofting Register (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/328) (29 November 2012) (Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)

Subject to annulment by 3 February 2013
Lead committee to report by 28 January 2013

Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Rights of Audience of the Principal Reporter) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/335) (10 December 2012) (Education and Culture)


Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Appeals against Dismissal by SCRA) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/337) (10 December 2012) (Education and Culture)

Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/338) (10 December 2012) (Local Government and Regeneration)


Subject to annulment by 5 February 2013
Lead committee to report by 28 January 2013

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) (Amendment) (No. 2) 2012 (SSI 2012/341) (12 December 2012) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 7 February 2013
Lead committee to report by 4 February 2013

M9/A90/M90 Trunk Road (Humbie Rail Bridge to M9 Junction 1a) (Variable Speed Limits and Actively Managed Hard Shoulder) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/343) (14 December 2012) (Infrastructure and Capital Investment)

M9/A9 Trunk Road (Newbridge to Winchburgh) (Variable Speed Limits and Actively Managed Hard Shoulder) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/344) (14 December 2012) (Infrastructure and Capital Investment)

Subject to annulment by 19 February 2013
Lead committee to report by 11 February 2013

Local Government Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/347) (17 December 2012) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Shetland Islands Regulated Fishery (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/348) (17 December 2012) (Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)

Marketing of Bananas (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/349) (17 December 2012) (Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)

Subject to annulment by 21 February 2013
Lead committee to report by 18 February 2013

Scottish Administration (Offices) Order 2012 (SI 2012/3073) (19 December 2012) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 22 February 2013
Lead committee to report by 18 February 2013

Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/352) (20 December 2012) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/353) (20 December 2012) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Subject to annulment by 23 February 2013
Lead committee to report by 18 February 2013

Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/354) (21 December 2012) (Education and Culture)

Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/355) (21 December 2012) (Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)

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