

Thursday 10 October 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-14683 Paul O'Kane: Challenge Poverty Week 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Prison Population

followed by Ministerial Statement:
Prosecution Guidance on Public Safety and
Prison Population

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Climate
Change (Emissions Reduction Targets)
(Scotland) Bill

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Committee Meetings

8:45am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs
and Culture Committee

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security
Committee

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11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to removing free bus passes from people who abuse the system. ([S6O-03837](#))
- 2. Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what would be required for the frequency of service on the Milngavie rail line to return to quarter-hourly throughout the day, as was the case before the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S6O-03838](#))
- 3. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work on inclusive communication. ([S6O-03839](#))
- 4. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact it anticipates that the planned closure of Grangemouth oil refinery will have on the Forties Pipeline System and associated jobs and businesses. ([S6O-03840](#))
- 5. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what preparations it has conducted in advance of the planned opening of Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership's safer drug consumption facility on 21 October. ([S6O-03841](#))
- 6. Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Transport Scotland and Amey regarding the repairs that are required at Union Bridge on the A96 in Keith. ([S6O-03842](#))
- 7. Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work to support the introduction of a ban on biodegradable municipal waste going to landfill. ([S6O-03843](#))
- 8. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the regulation of dog walking services, following its public consultation on the licensing of activities involving animals. ([S6O-03844](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03437](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03438](#))
- 3. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S6F-03447](#))
- 4. Clare Adamson:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is, regarding any potential impact on its Fair Work agenda and the nighttime economy in Scotland, to the new UK legal framework that has come into force requiring employers to pass all tips, gratuities and service charges on to workers. ([S6F-03439](#))
- 5. Tess White:** To ask the First Minister what support the Scottish Government is providing to NHS boards in order to reduce waiting times for breast reconstruction surgery. ([S6F-03444](#))
- 6. Christine Grahame:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reported concerns that the UK Labour administration has not affirmed the commitment, which was signed in March 2021 by the UK and Scottish governments under the Borderlands Growth deal, to

allocate £5 million towards a feasibility study to extend the Borders railway to Carlisle. ([S6F-03457](#))

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-14683](#) Paul O'Kane: Challenge Poverty Week 2024—That the Parliament recognises Challenge Poverty Week 2024, which is coordinated by the Poverty Alliance, Scotland's anti-poverty network, and runs from 7 to 13 October; notes that activities, events and actions will take place across Scotland, including in the West Scotland region, which will be aimed at increasing public support for tackling poverty and highlighting the realities of, and solutions to, poverty; acknowledges that Challenge Poverty Week 2023 was the biggest yet, with over 500 organisations taking part; notes that the week emphasises the need for fair funding for the third sector and the importance of a number of key policy asks, including across housing, transport, adequate incomes and food, to help unlock people from the grip of poverty; understands that 21% of people, and 24% of children, are living in the grip of poverty; notes the view that governments, elected members, civil society and communities all have a role to play in solving poverty; is concerned that particular groups of people, including women, lone parents, disabled people and people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds, are disproportionately experiencing poverty; considers that people in Scotland believe in compassion, justice and ending poverty; celebrates the work undertaken by organisations and communities across Scotland to stem what it sees as the rising tide of poverty, and notes the calls for MSPs to attend and support events and activities in their constituencies and regions as part of what it believes is this important campaign.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

- 1. Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether young people have the opportunity to study subjects that they are interested in. ([S6O-03829](#))
- 2. Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to support the university sector during the current academic year. ([S6O-03830](#))
- 3. Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government what further support and guidance it can provide to secondary education establishments regarding the balancing of the right to education of both a victim of sexual assault and the alleged perpetrator. ([S6O-03831](#))
- 4. Evelyn Tweed:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-03832](#))
- 5. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent report by Audit Scotland on Scotland's colleges, which states that "colleges need more clarity from the Scottish Government on the aspects of their role to prioritise," and that colleges are "making fundamental decisions about their future services without this clarity". ([S6O-03833](#))
- 6. Humza Yousaf:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its Anti-Racism in Education Programme. ([S6O-03834](#))

7. Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on whether it will review any guidance in relation to the teaching of gender identity in schools, in light of the Cass report. ([S6O-03835](#))

8. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government what plans there are for the future provision of Gaelic education in primary schools in the Glasgow Anniesland constituency. ([S6O-03836](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Prison Population

followed by Ministerial Statement: Prosecution Guidance on Public Safety and Prison Population

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-14836](#) Gillian Martin: **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill**— That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 23rd Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Climate Justice:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Tahseen Jafry, Director, Mary Robinson Centre for Climate Justice, Glasgow Caledonian University;
Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement, Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund;
Bridget Burns, Executive Director, Women's Environment & Development Organization.
3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will consider a draft report on Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 27th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Social Security \(Genuine and Sufficient Link to the United Kingdom\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#)
3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—
Erica Judge, Director of Funds, Inspiring Scotland;
Neil Ritch, Scotland Director, The National Lottery Community Fund;
Karin Earl, Funding Manager, The Robertson Trust;
Professor Tobias Jung, Professor of Management, University of St Andrews.
4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 3.
5. **Post-legislative scrutiny of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 (in private):** The Committee will consider its revised approach to oral evidence taking for the inquiry.
6. **Scottish Government Review of National Outcomes (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.
7. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider draft letters to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions regarding the Winter Heating Payment and the Secretary of State for Scotland about the Department's spending powers.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 9 October 2024

Tuesday 29 October 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Fiscal Sustainability

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-13331 Emma Roddick: Recognising the Dangers of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Wednesday 30 October 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-14408 Tim Eagle: Improving Access to Health and Social Care in Rural Scotland

Thursday 31 October 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-13402 Audrey Nicoll: Invasive Non-native Species in Scotland

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scotland's Commissioner Landscape

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 November 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 6 November 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 7 November 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

The future business of the Parliament has not yet been agreed to.

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
- *...* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
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The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

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

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S6M-14848](#) Fulton MacGregor: Publication of National Primary School Swimming Framework**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the *National Primary School Swimming Framework* and supporting guidance for increasing and improving swimming lessons by primary schools, including in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency; understands that the development of this framework has been carried out by Scottish Swimming, in partnership with Scottish Water, to improve the current levels of swimming attainment within Scottish schools as part of a wider effort to ensure that every primary school pupil is afforded the opportunity to learn how to swim; further understands that the main objectives of the framework's proposals include introducing non-swimmers to the aquatic environment to develop their water confidence, and developing a strict understanding of safety in the water; acknowledges that Scottish Swimming recommends pupils to have a minimum of seven and a half hours of curriculum swimming delivery, which could be comprised of 10 sessions of approximately 45 minutes; recognises that Scottish Swimming believes that the recommended age at which pupils should receive school swimming lessons is P4 and P5 because such children will have attained the appropriate literacy skills and before any social stigma can hinder their participation, which will help to ensure that all children have equal means and opportunities to engage with the swimming lessons; considers that the framework makes a clear distinction between a "universal" and "targeted" approach to school swimming provision, whereby all children are afforded the opportunity to swim, while a targeted approach identifies any pupils who are non-swimmers and require additional training and support; notes that the framework actively encourages swimming lessons in consistent blocks to support pupils in an organised way and ensuring that pupils are actively supported in teaching them how to swim; supports the framework's objectives on inclusivity, which highlight the provision of opportunities and pathways for children with physical, sensory, and learning impairments; praises the framework's objectives on the importance of reporting information to further understand the progress made by pupils, which will include information such as year group, school postcode, and any disabilities or health problems that are faced by pupils; believes that the framework has effectively emphasised aquatic safety at the heart of its recommendations on teaching children how to swim, and notes the belief that the framework provides an effective starting point for a national conversation on how to more effectively encourage swimming from a young age to be considered a vital skill to teach children.

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-14864](#) Alexander Burnett: Aberdeen City and Shire Thistle Awards 2024**—That the Parliament congratulates the Aberdeen City and Shire Thistle Awards 2024 winners; further congratulates the Kildrummy Inn by Alford, which won the Best Hotel Experience category; congratulates No45 Ballater, which won the award for the Best B&B or Guesthouse category; further congratulates TwinPeakes Fly Fishing, which took home the Best Adventure or Outdoor award; congratulates The Library at Douneside House, Tarland, on winning the Best Eating Experience award; further congratulates the Fife Arms, which won the Tourism and Hospitality Employer of the Year award; notes that the awards celebrate the very best of the region's tourism and hospitality sector, and wishes all the award winners the very best of luck at the national awards being held in November 2024.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Craig Hoy*, Murdo Fraser*, Tim Eagle*, Edward Mountain*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Annie Wells*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Greene*, Stuart McMillan*, Pam Gosal*

***[S6M-14863](#) Ben Macpherson: George Brown & Sons Engineers 200 Years in Business**—That the Parliament recognises George Brown & Sons Engineers of Leith for being in business for 200 years, as it prepares to move on from its current home in Leith on 21 October 2024, and begin its next chapter in bigger premises in East Lothian as the business continues to grow; understands that George Brown & Sons Engineers was founded in 1828, and has successfully navigated economic depressions, world wars, the COVID-19 pandemic, and industry developments, remaining a solid fixture on The Shore in Leith throughout this time; notes that the organisation has provided a range of engineering services, including ship repair and provision of aircraft carriers to customers in the UK and overseas from its workshops in Leith; believes that its relocation will protect the jobs of its existing 50 employees and allow the business to expand and utilise modern working practices; further believes that George Brown & Sons Engineers is a respected and trusted local company that has continued to grow from strength to strength; thanks George Brown & Sons Engineers for what it sees as its remarkable contribution to Leith and for providing evolving and expanding services to meet the needs of industry throughout the last 200 years; commends everyone involved with the company for successfully contributing to Scotland's economy, both locally and nationally, and wishes the organisation and its staff every success in the new premises.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tim Eagle*, Bill Kidd*, Emma Harper*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annie Wells*, Rona Mackay*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S6M-14861](#) Alexander Burnett: Young Engineers Club at Grampian Transport Museum Qualifies Two Racing Cars for the Greenpower International Finals**—That the Parliament congratulates the Young Engineers Club at Grampian Transport Museum on the remarkable achievement of having two of its self-built and engineered F24 electric-powered racing cars, *Merlin*, crewed by Alexander Brodie and Harvey and Millie Pole, and *Bullet*, crewed by Charlotte Brown and Andrew and William McHardy, qualify for the prestigious Greenpower International Finals at Goodwood Racing Circuit on 13 October 2024; acknowledges the outstanding success of these cars, which secured their places in the final after competing in rigorous rounds at East Fortune and Alford; notes that only 70 cars from across the UK qualify for the final, making this an exceptional accomplishment for the team; recognises the remarkable performance of *Merlin*, which broke the record for the most laps travelled within the allotted 90-minute race time at both events in June 2024, achieving 128 laps in each race while demonstrating impressive teamwork

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and strategy, including carefully timed pit stops and driver changes; commends the Young Engineers Club for its dedication, meeting most weekends at the Grampian Transport Museum to design, build, and refine the cars with support from parents, museum volunteers, and team leader, retired engineer John Rahtz; celebrates the club's successful application of STEM knowledge in its engineering work, and wishes the team every success at the upcoming finals at Goodwood.

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***S6M-14860 Fulton MacGregor: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2024**—That the Parliament recognises Baby Loss Awareness Week, which takes place from 9 to 15 October 2024; understands that what originally began as National Baby Loss Awareness Day in 2002, Baby Loss Awareness Week has taken place every October in the UK since then; notes that like in previous years, the week ends with the Wave of Light on 15 October, a moment for families and loved ones to light candles to remember their much-loved babies; understands that for some, this is a private moment of reflection, while others will share photos or videos of their candles on social media to connect with others taking part; recognises the work that Baby Loss Awareness Week does in offering support to grieving parents, while breaking what it sees as the stigma of talking about miscarriage and baby loss; notes that many buildings and landmarks across the UK will turn their lights pink and blue to raise awareness of the week; acknowledges the excellent work done by the Coatbridge-based charity, Baby Loss Retreat, which was founded in February 2018 by Julie and Bryan Morrison; praises the charity for its hard working and continued efforts to support parents and families who have been affected by miscarriage, stillbirth and neonatal death; commends the work done by so many to ensure easy access to the baby loss Memorial Book, which, it understands, was introduced in 2023 to ensure that those who have experienced a pregnancy or baby loss can remember their child, and extends its sincere condolences to all those who have been affected by miscarriage, stillbirth and neonatal death.

Supported by: Monica Lennon*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Murdo Fraser*, Jackie Dunbar*, Douglas Ross*, Jeremy Balfour*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annie Wells*, Emma Harper*, Rona Mackay*, Alexander Stewart*, Kevin Stewart*, Tim Eagle*, Christine Grahame*, Miles Briggs*, Liam McArthur*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Pam Gosal*, John Mason*

***S6M-14859 Bill Kidd: Ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** — That the Parliament welcomes the reported ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) by a further three UN member states, namely Indonesia, Sierra Leone and Solomon Islands; understands that this brings the total number of signatories to 94, with 73 of these nations having fully ratified the treaty and incorporated it into their national legislation; considers that Indonesia's ratification of the treaty is significant, in light of its position as the largest country by population to have ratified the TPNW, having consistently been involved in keeping Southeast Asia a nuclear weapons-free zone, and due to being a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); understands that, despite a majority of respondents believing that the UK should ratify the TPNW and three quarters believing that the UK should participate in TPNW meetings, as indicated by a poll conducted by Survation on behalf of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, the UK has neither signed nor ratified the TPNW and has consistently voted against an annual UN General Assembly resolution that would lead to the adoption of the TPNW; hopes that what it sees as this increased global participation with and support for the TPNW will lead to the UK reconsidering its opposition to the adoption of the TPNW, and encourages it to attend the third meeting of the TPNW in March 2025 as an observer state.

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Supported by: Kevin Stewart* R, Christine Grahame*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Rona Mackay*, Stuart McMillan*, John Mason*, Annabelle Ewing*

***S6M-14858 Emma Roddick: Urging UK Government to Sign Argyll and Bute Growth Deal Without Delay**—That the Parliament notes with concern reports that the £70 million Argyll and Bute Growth Deal has been put on hold by the UK Government; understands that both the UK and Scottish governments had committed £25 million towards projects that would contribute to the region's regeneration over the next 10 years, including housing developments, facilities to support local business, and the refurbishment of the Rothesay Pavilion; considers that Argyll and Bute Council has understandably commented that it is "obviously concerned" about this development, which leaves the region as the only area in Scotland without a form of growth deal in place, and urges the UK Government to deliver on its promises by joining with the Scottish Government and signing the Argyll and Bute Growth Deal without any further delay.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*, Emma Harper*, Colin Beattie*, John Mason*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Audrey Nicoll*, Kenneth Gibson*

***S6M-14857 Katy Clark: Opposition to the Invasion of Ukraine**—That the Parliament continues to oppose the illegal Russian invasion of Ukraine; calls for peace, based on the withdrawal of all Russian troops; supports sanctions on Russian exports to reduce Russia's ability to finance what it sees as its war of aggression, including on its exports of climate-damaging fossil fuels such as liquefied natural gas (LNG); believes that any Scotland-based companies involved in the transportation of Russian LNG should not receive any financial or other assistance from the Scottish Government, and urges the Scottish and UK governments to work together to ensure a uniform approach to the application of sanctions across the UK.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Audrey Nicoll*, Foyso Choudhury*

***S6M-14855 Foyso Choudhury: Edinburgh Attractions Winning at Thistle Awards** —That the Parliament congratulates Edinburgh tourist attractions and events winning at the Central and East of Scotland Thistle Awards grand final on 26 September 2024; understands that the Thistle Awards recognises the best in the tourism industry in Scotland, including celebrating responsible and sustainable practices; commends Camera Obscura and World of Illusions on winning awards for Tourism and Hospitality Employer of the Year and Climate Action, Edinburgh's Hogmanay 30th Anniversary Celebration for winning the award for Outstanding Cultural Event or Festival, and the Scotch Whisky Experience on winning Best Visitor Attraction; recognises what it sees as the immense value of the tourism industry to Edinburgh and Scotland, and wishes all winners and nominees at the Thistle Awards well.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Alexander Stewart*

***S6M-14854 Sandesh Gulhane: New Dyslexia Report Published on Dyslexia Awareness Week**—That the Parliament recognises that 30 September to 6 October 2024 marked Dyslexia Awareness Week Scotland; understands that it is estimated that one in 10 people in the UK are dyslexic; further understands that dyslexia is a learning difficulty, ranging from mild to severe, which primarily affects reading and writing skills but also the ability to process and remember information; praises the work of Dyslexia Scotland, the country's national charity, which aims to create a dyslexia-friendly Scotland that values the skills and talents of dyslexic people; recognises that, as well as raising awareness, the charity offers a range of services such as a free helpline, events across the country, resources for teachers and delivery of training; commends, in particular, the charity's recently published report, in partnership with the University of Glasgow,

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entitled *Towards a dyslexia-friendly Scotland*, which included the findings of an in-depth survey of over 1,400 participants on the experiences of people with dyslexia in Scotland and the barriers that they face, and welcomes the findings and recommendations of the report, particularly the measures identified to ensure early identification and improve long-term outcomes for children and young people. **R**

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***S6M-14853 Gillian Mackay: World Menopause Day 2024**—That the Parliament recognises that 18 October 2024 is World Menopause Day, which aims to raise awareness of the menopause and the support options available for improving health and wellbeing; recognises that the menopause is a key life transition that affects around 400,000 people in Scotland, and supports the calls for reducing stigma in the workplace.

***S6M-14851 Gillian Mackay: Kinnaird Primary School Pupils Fundraise for Strathcarron Hospice**—That the Parliament recognises that pupils at Kinnaird Primary School in Larbert organised a charity event called Blue and White for Strathcarron to raise funds for Strathcarron Hospice, and commends the hard work of the school's house captains, whose efforts raised an amazing £1,145 to support the hospice.

***S6M-14850 Liam McArthur: Orkney Women's Football Club Wins First Inter-County Match in a Decade** —That the Parliament congratulates Orkney Women's Football Club on its 4-1 victory over its Shetland rivals at Kirkwall Grammar School on 5 October 2024; notes that this is the first time that the inter-county fixture has been played in a decade; commends the Orkney goal-scorers, Abi Coltherd, Gemma Montgomery, who is also Orkney's captain, and Cailynn Williamson, who scored in her first appearance at senior level for Orkney; acknowledges the excellent standard of football played by both teams, which can look ahead to next year's Island Games, taking place in Orkney, with increasing confidence, and looks forward to seeing the continued development and popularity of girl's and women's football in Orkney and Shetland.

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***S6M-14849 Liam McArthur: Orkney Food and Drink Celebrated at Taste of Orkney Ceremony** —That the Parliament celebrates the recognition of Orkney's finest food and drink providers at the 2024 Taste of Orkney awards, which was organised by Orkney Food and Drink on 5 October 2024; understands that thousands of votes were cast by Orkney residents in a public vote to shortlist the candidates; notes that winners were announced at a gala dinner provided by Orkney street food company, Beiting & Brew; congratulates the Foveran Restuarant, Merkister Hotel, Sheila Fleet Kirk Gallery and Cafe, Loki Seafood Shack, Brig Larder, Wellpark Garden Centre, E Flett Butcher, Jollys of Orkney, The Orkney Dairy, Rendall's Bakery, Orkney Gin Company, and Callum's Cakes Orkney, for their respective wins across a range of categories; further celebrates what it sees as this demonstration of the outstanding standard of food and drink in Orkney, and pays tribute to the hard work of Orkney Food and Drink in facilitating this evening of celebration and recognition.

Supported by: Craig Hoy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Pam Gosal*, Douglas Ross*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Fulton MacGregor*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Tim Eagle*, Tess White*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*

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***[S6M-14847](#) Kevin Stewart: KPMG/REC Survey on Recruitment**—That the Parliament notes with concern reports of the latest KPMG/REC survey highlighting that businesses are freezing recruitment plans ahead of the Budget from the UK Government on 30 October 2024; understands that feedback from the survey indicates that this is due to uncertainty over government plans on tax, industrial strategy and employment policies; further understands that recruitment agencies responding to the survey believed that fewer people were being placed in permanent positions because unclear government policy is making clients cautious; considers that these figures demonstrate low confidence in the UK economy, and calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to engage properly with businesses to regain what it sees as much-needed stability.

Supported by: Christine Grahame*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*

***[S6M-14846](#) Sandesh Gulhane: 30 Years Since Cancer Research UK Scientists Led the Discovery of the BRCA Genes**—That the Parliament acknowledges that October 2024 marks 30 years since Cancer Research UK (CRUK) scientists were at the forefront of the discovery of the BRCA genes, which revolutionised how certain cancers can be prevented, diagnosed and treated; understands that CRUK supported Professor Tomas Lindahl's Nobel Prize-winning research on DNA damage and repair, which underpinned people's understanding of the BRCA genes; further understands that everyone has BRCA genes, but that around one in 400 people inherit a rare fault in these genes, giving them an increased risk of developing certain cancers, including breast, ovarian, prostate and pancreatic cancers; understands that cancer researchers are discovering more about how BRCA genes work, saving and improving the lives of people with faulty BRCA genes now and in the future; believes that studying the BRCA genes has deepened people's understanding of cancer biology, leading to the development of targeted therapies for several cancers; welcomes that CRUK scientists have developed a new family of drugs called PARP inhibitors, which are often used to treat people with faulty BRCA-driven cancers, and that every year, thousands of people receive these drugs as part of their treatment, and further welcomes news that CRUK scientists are now exploring how PARP inhibitors could be used to treat many more types of cancer, including the PARADIGM2 trial led by the University of Glasgow, jointly funded by the Brain Tumour Charity and CRUK, which is investigating if drugs can improve how brain tumours are treated. **R**

Supported by: Pam Gosal*, Douglas Ross*, Craig Hoy*, Bill Kidd*, Alexander Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Murdo Fraser*, Edward Mountain*, Annie Wells*, Tim Eagle*, Tess White*, Brian Whittle*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Greene*, Liam McArthur*, Audrey Nicoll*, Kevin Stewart*, Fulton MacGregor*, Kenneth Gibson*, Foysol Choudhury*

***[S6M-14839](#) Gillian Mackay: Udston Primary Wins Scotland's First OPAL Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Udston Primary School on achieving its Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Award, having rejuvenated its playground and outdoor equipment, encouraging children to learn new skills and make new friends through play; recognises that the OPAL Awards, administered by Play Scotland, is a school improvement programme targeting non-curricular play that supports sustainable cultural change within schools and transforms the quality of their playtime, and understands that the programme has had huge benefits for pupils, teachers and parents alike.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour, Kevin Stewart, Emma Roddick, Bill Kidd, Jackie Dunbar, David Torrance, Colin Beattie, Ariane Burgess*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S6M-14819](#) Marie McNair: Bearsden Woman to Walk 5,000 Miles in Memory of Wife, Angela**—That the Parliament recognises Tracey Howe for her efforts to raise funds for charity by walking the coastline of mainland Britain; understands that Tracey's wife, Angela White, sadly

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passed away in 2023 following an initial diagnosis of a brain tumour and an eventual diagnosis of the blood cancers, myeloma and amyloidosis; further understands that 60-year-old Tracey and her dog, Poppy, will set off from the Beatson Cancer Centre in Glasgow on 1 November 2024 and return 365 days later; applauds Tracey's target of raising £100,000 for five different charities, including Brainstrust, Marie Curie, the Beatson Cancer Charity, Breast Cancer Now and CoppaFeel!, and wishes Tracey and Poppy well in their long trek ahead.

Supported by: Rona Mackay*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Stuart McMillan*, Pam Gosal*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*, Alexander Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Fulton MacGregor*, Emma Harper*, Tess White*, Colin Beattie*, Audrey Nicoll*, Kevin Stewart*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-14845](#) Murdo Fraser: Music Legend Rod Stewart Honoured by Keepers of the Quaich at Blair Castle, Perthshire (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Paul Sweeney*, Craig Hoy*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*, Tim Eagle*, Tess White*

[S6M-14841](#) Michelle Thomson: Thomas Burns & Son Secures Coveted Diamond Award at the Scottish Craft Butchers Awards 2024 (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Emma Harper*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-14840](#) Michelle Thomson: Bo'ness Breastfeeding Group Celebrates One-year Anniversary (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Emma Harper*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-14838](#) Emma Roddick: Funding for Three Shetland Projects (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-14837](#) Paul Sweeney: Waverley Excursions Wins Glasgow's Favourite Business Award 2024 (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Rona Mackay*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Annabelle Ewing*, Annie Wells*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Pam Gosal*

[S6M-14835](#) Paul Sweeney: World Mental Health Day 2024 (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Fulton MacGregor*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-14833](#) Alexander Stewart: Central Safe Drive, Stay Alive's "Be Seen, Be Safe" Schools' Safety Initiative (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*, Tim Eagle*, Tess White*

[S6M-14832](#) Bill Kidd: Blawarthill Parish Church Celebrates 60 Years (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14831](#) Monica Lennon: Celebrating 30 Years of Eco-Schools in Scotland (lodged on 08 October 2024)

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New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14830](#) Pam Gosal: Celebrating Bearsden Festival 2024 Community Day (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14829](#) Beatrice Wishart: British Duo Wins Sailing Offshore Double Handed World Championships 2024 (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-14828](#) Beatrice Wishart: Shetlander Joan Leask Celebrates 50 Years of Volunteering with Brownie Guides (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14827](#) Maurice Golden: Scottish Retail Consortium Launches a Plan For Nature Campaign (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Willie Rennie*, Daniel Johnson* R, Michelle Thomson*

[S6M-14826](#) Clare Adamson: Success of St Patrick's RC Church Fayre (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Bill Kidd*, Emma Harper*, Collette Stevenson*

[S6M-14824](#) Alexander Stewart: Hospice Care Week 2024 (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Bob Doris*, Tess White*

[S6M-14823.1](#) Claire Baker: Free Bus Travel for Asylum Seekers (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14823](#) Maggie Chapman: Free Bus Travel for Asylum Seekers (lodged on 07 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14822](#) Humza Yousaf: Scottish Government Funding for Linthouse Housing Association (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14817](#) Marie McNair: Golden Friendships Wins Age Scotland's Member Group of the Year 2024 (lodged on 07 October 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Emma Harper*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14812](#) Michelle Thomson: St Andrew's Day 2024 (lodged on 07 October 2024)

New Support: Christine Grahame*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Fulton MacGregor*, Emma Harper*, Colin Beattie*, John Mason*, Audrey Nicoll*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Ben Macpherson*

[S6M-14806](#) Marie McNair: World COPD Day (lodged on 04 October 2024)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, David Torrance*

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[S6M-14804](#) Christine Grahame: Borders Railway Extension (lodged on 07 October 2024)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14803](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Glasgow Comedy Show Highlights Mental Health Issues (lodged on 07 October 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-14781](#) Alexander Burnett: Birse Community Trust Wins Inspiring Aberdeenshire 2024 Cultural Award (lodged on 03 October 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-14777](#) Colin Beattie: Congratulating St Leonard's Episcopal Church on Receiving £20,000 from the Asda Foundation (lodged on 03 October 2024)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Emma Harper*, Miles Briggs*, Audrey Nicoll*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*

[S6M-14776](#) Colin Beattie: Stewart Brewing Triumph at the Scottish Beer Awards 2024 (lodged on 03 October 2024)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Emma Harper*, Miles Briggs*, Audrey Nicoll*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Foyso Choudhury*

[S6M-14774](#) Clare Adamson: Newmains Community Trust Centre Receives Funding (lodged on 03 October 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14773](#) Clare Adamson: Macmillian Coffee Morning Motherwell South Parish (lodged on 03 October 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14769](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Charity Raises over £16,000 for Breast Cancer Now (lodged on 03 October 2024)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

[S6M-14741](#) Michelle Thomson: Project Theatre's Successful Sister Act Jr Production (lodged on 02 October 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-14713](#) Clare Adamson: Clyde Valley High School Recognised for Tackling and Preventing Bullying (lodged on 03 October 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14702](#) Meghan Gallacher: North Lanarkshire Home Care Staff Raise Money for Multiple Sclerosis Support Group (lodged on 30 September 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tim Eagle*, Tess White*

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[S6M-14701](#) Meghan Gallacher: North Lanarkshire in Bloom Competition a Big Community Success (lodged on 01 October 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tim Eagle*, Tess White*

[S6M-14700](#) Meghan Gallacher: Royal Regiment of Scotland Awarded the Freedom of North Lanarkshire (lodged on 01 October 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tim Eagle*, Tess White*

[S6M-14424](#) Maurice Golden: International Importance of Scotland's Seabird Population (lodged on 10 September 2024)

New Support: Mark Ruskell*, Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-13937](#) Jackson Carlaw: 40th Anniversary of the Brighton Bomb Blast (lodged on 01 August 2024)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

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Written Questions

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

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

Government initiated questions lodged on 09 October 2024

[S6W-30527](#) Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress of its Heat in Buildings Strategy.

[S6W-30557](#) Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what progress it is making towards delivering its Fisheries Management Plans.

Written questions lodged on 09 October 2024

[S6W-30514](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government, in each of the last five years, how many students who received funding to undertake paramedic courses in Scotland subsequently found employment in order to complete their one-year newly qualified paramedic programme in (a) Scotland and (b) England or Wales.

[S6W-30515](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports of damage to the seabed in a Marine Protected Area close to Rum, what its planned timeline is for implementing restrictions on forms of fishing that cause harm in Scotland's inshore Marine Protected Areas.

[S6W-30516](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding any impact on its energy policy and strategy, what its position is on the reported calls on the UK Government by Scottish Renewables and other trade bodies to rule out zonal pricing under the Review of Electricity Market Arrangements (REMA), and to instead commit to a Reformed National Market (RNM) programme.

[S6W-30517](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government whether its review of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 has concluded, and when it will be published.

[S6W-30518](#) Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-30045 by Fiona Hyslop on 4 October 2024, what the (a) value and (b) length of the contract is with (i) naValue GmbH and (ii) Addleshaw Goddard.

[S6W-30519](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether any decision to reduce ScotRail ticket office hours would be compatible with its Accessible Travel Framework. **R**

[S6W-30520](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government whether its permission has been sought by ScotRail to proceed with reducing ticket office opening hours at ScotRail stations. **R**

[S6W-30521](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with ScotRail regarding any changes to ticket office opening hours. **R**

[S6W-30522](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the data used during the 2021 ScotRail ticket office consultation is still valid and accurate. **R**

[S6W-30523](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made regarding the potential impact in Scotland of the wholesale objection by Transport Focus to plans by train operating companies to close the majority of their ticket offices in 2023. **R**

[S6W-30524](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has ruled out reducing any ScotRail ticket office opening hours in line with the proposed changes that were consulted on in 2021. **R**

[S6W-30525](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the equalities impact assessment for the proposed reductions in ScotRail ticket office opening hours

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that were consulted on in 2021.

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[S6W-30526 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the redevelopment of the Institute of Neurological Sciences in Glasgow.

[S6W-30528 Ash Regan](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the report, *Prostitution and violence against women and girls - Report of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences, Reem Alsalem*, whether it will commit to supporting the Nordic Model in the current parliamentary session, in order to tackle violence against women and girls and any commercial sexual exploitation of prostitution.

[S6W-30529 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much it plans to allocate towards third sector organisations dealing with domestic abuse in the next funding round, broken down by organisation.

[S6W-30530 Roz McCall](#): To ask the Scottish Government what support has been made available to (a) NHS boards, (b) health and social care partnerships and (c) other bodies involved in delivering rehabilitation services, to ensure the successful implementation of the strategy set out in the document, *Rehabilitation and Recovery: A Once for Scotland Person-Centred Approach to Rehabilitation in a Post-COVID Era*.

[S6W-30531 Roz McCall](#): To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on the implementation of the strategy set out in the document, *Rehabilitation and Recovery: A Once for Scotland Person-Centred Approach to Rehabilitation in a Post-COVID Era*, since its publication in June 2022.

[S6W-30532 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has examined the reasons for the steady decrease in the funds held for colleges in arm's-length foundations over the last decade, from £99 million in 2014 when they were first established to an estimated £9 million by the end of 2024.

[S6W-30533 Oliver Mundell](#): To ask the Scottish Government what recent action it has taken to reduce the number of non-smokers, particularly young people, taking up vaping.

[S6W-30534 Tim Eagle](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-30086 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 1 October 2024, whether it will provide details of the reasons why Funeral Support Payment applications were rejected in each year since 2021.

[S6W-30535 Tim Eagle](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29982 by Jenni Minto on 1 October 2024, whether it will provide details of how it is progressing with rolling out the Family Nurse Partnership programme in (a) island NHS boards and (b) the rest of the NHS Highland area.

[S6W-30536 Kenneth Gibson](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to (a) raise awareness of the concept of "digital legacies" and (b) encourage people to make provision for their digital accounts and assets after they pass away.

[S6W-30537 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the effectiveness of the Chief Entrepreneur.

[S6W-30538 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to recruit a new Chief Entrepreneur.

[S6W-30539 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has made any contract extension for the Chief Entrepreneur.

[S6W-30541 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to address any ongoing stigma around accessing support for individuals experiencing drug and/or alcohol addiction.

[S6W-30545 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with all local authorities, including Glasgow City Council, to ensure that drug and alcohol support services remain accessible in the evenings.

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[S6W-30546 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to build a high-temperature incineration plant in Scotland for the incineration of clinical waste.

[S6W-30547 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to ensure that clinical waste disposal programmes align with the (a) sustainability strategy and (b) net zero targets.

[S6W-30558 Oliver Mundell:](#) To ask the Scottish Government for what reason Scottish Forestry is reportedly not processing grant applications for grey squirrel control, and whether it will provide an update on its position on the value of this scheme.

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New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New accompanying documents printed on 9 October 2024

Social Security (Amendment) Scotland Bill (As amended at Stage 2)—A supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum has been printed. (SP Bill 35A-DPM) (Government Bill)

New Subordinate Legislation

Withdrawal of instrument

The following draft instrument laid before Parliament on 1 October 2024 was withdrawn on 9 October 2024—

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#)

Laid under paragraph 11 of schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

Members' Bills Proposals

Proposals for Member's Bills

A member seeking to introduce a Member's Bill must first lodge a draft proposal, together with a consultation document (or a statement of reasons why consultation is not considered necessary). Subsequently, the member may lodge a final proposal, in broadly similar terms to the draft, accompanied by a summary of consultation responses (or the statement of reasons). The member secures the right to introduce a Bill to give effect to the proposal if the final proposal secures, within one month, the support of at least 18 other members from at least half the political parties or groups represented in the Parliamentary Bureau, and provided no statement is made that the Scottish Government is planning equivalent legislation.

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at Proposals for Members' Bills/Session 6 Proposals:

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Final Proposals for Member's Bills

Meghan Gallacher: Proposed Desecration of War Memorials (Prevention) (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to create a specific offence of desecrating a war memorial. (lodged 1 October 2024)

The proposal was accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which is accessible online via the website page referred to above. The summary, and individual responses, may also be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe).

Supported by: **Jeremy Balfour, Annie Wells, Edward Mountain, Stephen Kerr, Sue Webber, Roz McCall, Liz Smith, Tim Eagle, Brian Whittle, Craig Hoy, Alexander Burnett, Murdo Fraser, Fulton MacGregor, Graham Simpson, Finlay Carson, Alexander Stewart, Pam Gosal, Sharon Dowey**

Colin Smyth: Proposed Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to establish an independent commissioner to promote and safeguard the rights and interests of older people. (lodged 25 September 2024)

The proposal was accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which is accessible online via the website page referred to above. The summary, and individual responses, may also be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe).

Supported by: **Martin Whitfield, Foysoyl Choudhury, Monica Lennon, Neil Bibby, Jackie Baillie, Rhoda Grant, Carol Mochan, Mark Griffin**

Daniel Johnson: Proposed Restraint and Seclusion (Prevention in Schools) (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to ensure restraint and seclusion of children and young people in schools is only used as a last resort where there is an immediate risk of harm and using appropriate methods by

providing for statutory guidance for use in schools, which includes detail on: recording; reporting and monitoring; and professional learning. (lodged 17 September 2024)

The proposal was accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which is accessible online via the website page referred to above. The summary, and individual responses, may also be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe).

Supported by: Monica Lennon, Rhoda Grant, Neil Bibby, Martin Whitfield, Jackie Baillie, Foyso Choudhury, Sarah Boyack, Colin Smyth, Carol Mochan, Oliver Mundell, Katy Clark, Michael Marra, Mark Griffin, Willie Rennie

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 1 October 2024

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 1 October 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2024)

Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 10 October 2024

Stage 1 Report – Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee (11th Report, 2024)

Stage 2 (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee), 29 October 2024

Stage 2 amendments cannot be lodged until the Stage 1 debate is complete

Stage 2 amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 23 October with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 5 November 2024

Stage 3 amendments cannot be lodged until Stage 2 proceedings are complete

Stage 3 amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 1 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Introduced, 24 September 2024

Lead committee – Criminal Justice

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 17 September 2024

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 25 June 2024

Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 9 October 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (59th Report, 2024)

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 8 October 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (50th Report, 2024)

Report – Social Justice and Social Security Committee (10th Report, 2024)

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 19 September 2024

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

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 25 June 2024

Stage 1 (evidence (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)), 17 September 2024

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee), 26 November 2024

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

Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 2 October 2024

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

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

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Stage 1 completed, 22 February 2024

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

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 September 2024

Lead committee – Health, Social Care and Sport

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

Introduced, 20 June 2024

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee), 7 November 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 1 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 17 September 2024

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Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 26 September 2024

*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 23 April 2024

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Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 2 completed, 18 September 2024

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Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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Great British Energy Bill LCM-S6-48

Lodged on 8 August 2024

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15

Lodged on 7 February 2022

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill LCM-S6-47

Lodged on 1 August 2024

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (12th Report, 2024)

Product Regulation and Metrology Bill LCM-S6-50

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 1 October 2024

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 28 October 2024

[Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes \(Amendment\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#) (3 September 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 29 October 2024

[Rural Development \(Continuation of Operation\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (4 September 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 4 November 2024

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Specification of Devolved Tax\) \(Building Safety\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (10 September 2024) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval by 6 November 2024

[Public Procurement \(International Trade Agreements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (12 September 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to approval by 13 November 2024

[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Extension of Temporary Justice Measures\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (19 September 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 14 November 2024

[Upper Tribunal for Scotland Bus Registration Appeals \(Composition\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (20 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

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[Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions of the Transport Tribunal\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (20 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 17 November 2024

[Town and Country Planning \(Amendment of National Planning Framework\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (23 September 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Masterplan Consent Area Scheme \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (23 September 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to approval by 19 November 2024

[Winter Heating Assistance \(Pension Age\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (25 September 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 25 November 2024

[Funeral Expense Assistance \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (1 October 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 26 November 2024

[Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (2 October 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 27 November 2024

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (3 October 2024) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 11 October 2024

Lead committee report due by 7 October 2024

[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/216\)](#) (29 August 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Charges for Residues Surveillance Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/218\)](#) (29 August 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission \(Permitted Disclosure of Information\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/220\)](#) (30 August 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/225\)](#) (30 August 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[Academic Awards and Distinctions \(SRUC\) \(Scotland\) Order of Council 2024 \(SSI 2024/219\)](#) (2 September 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 30 October 2024
Lead committee report due by 28 October 2024

[Local Services Franchises \(Traffic Commissioner Notices and Panels\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/229\)](#) (5 September 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/230\)](#) (5 September 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[National Health Service \(Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/ 233\)](#) (5 September 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 3 November 2024
Lead committee report due by 28 October 2024

[Sheriff Court Fees Order 2024 \(2024/235\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

[Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/236\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

[High Court of Justiciary Fees Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/237\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

[Court of Session etc. Fees Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/238\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

[Justice of the Peace Court Fees \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/239\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

[Adults with Incapacity \(Public Guardian's Fees\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/240\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 6 November 2024
Lead committee report due by 4 November 2024

[Social Security \(Genuine and Sufficient Link to the United Kingdom\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/241\)](#) (12 September 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Bus Services Improvement Partnerships \(Multi-operator Travel Cards\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/243\)](#) (12 September 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 13 November 2024

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Lead committee report due by 11 November 2024

[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Early Expiry of Provisions\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/246\)](#) (19 September 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 14 November 2024

Lead committee report due by 11 November 2024

[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/247\)](#) (20 September 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Public Service Vehicles \(Registration of Local Services\) \(Bus Services Improvement Partnerships Service Standards Decisions\) \(Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/248\)](#) (20 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Bus Registration Appeals Rules of Procedure\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/249\)](#) (20 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 17 November 2024

Lead committee report due by 11 November 2024

[Town and Country Planning \(Amendment of Local Development Plan\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/250\)](#) (23 September 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Town and Country Planning \(Masterplan Consent Areas\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/253\)](#) (23 September 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 24 November 2024

Lead committee report due by 18 November 2024

[Wildlife Management \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/268\)](#) (30 September 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment 27 November 2024

Lead committee report due by 25 November 2024

[Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(West Dunbartonshire Council\) Designation Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/270\)](#) (3 October 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Parking Attendants \(Wearing of Uniforms\) \(West Dunbartonshire Council\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/271\)](#) (3 October 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/272\)](#) (3 October 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 28 November 2024

Lead committee report due by 25 November 2024

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[Title Conditions \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Rural Housing Bodies\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/273\)](#) (4 October 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Property Factors \(Registration\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/274\)](#) (4 October 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Agency Arrangements\) \(Specification\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/989\)](#) (4 October 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 9 October 2024—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 12th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 657)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 60th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 8 October 2024 (SP Paper 658)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 6th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee on 8 October 2024 (SP Paper 659)

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 9 October 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 (SG/2024/124) laid under Section 14 (8) of the Energy Act 2004 and Section 26 (11) of the Energy Act 2004

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