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[The Presiding Officer opened the meeting at 09:00]

## General Question Time

09:00

**The Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone):** The *Official Report* is a written record of what was said in public meetings of the Scottish Parliament and in committee meetings. It is a substantially verbatim report. This means that repetitions and redundancies are omitted and obvious mistakes are corrected. Official Report staff exercise editorial judgment to convey the spoken word in written text while maintaining the flavour of the speech.

### Question 1

**1. Evelyn Tweed (Stirling) (SNP):** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support tenants and owner-occupiers affected by RAAC in the North East Scotland region. (S6O-05174)

**The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance):** The *Official Report* is a written record of what was said in public meetings of the Scottish Parliament and in committee meetings. It is a substantially verbatim report. This means that repetitions and redundancies are omitted and obvious mistakes are corrected. Official Report staff exercise editorial judgment to convey the spoken word in written text while maintaining the flavour of the speech.

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### Question 2

**2. Bob Doris (Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn) (SNP):** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the outcome of its discussions with the UK Government regarding its Railways Bill. (S6O-05185)

**The Minister for Social Care and Mental Wellbeing (Tom Arthur):** The *Official Report* is a written record of what was said in public meetings of the Scottish Parliament and in committee meetings. It is a substantially verbatim report. This means that repetitions and redundancies are omitted and obvious mistakes are corrected. Official Report staff exercise editorial judgment to convey the spoken word in written text while maintaining the flavour of the speech.

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## Portfolio Question Time

### Education and Skills

#### Portfolio Heading 1

1. **Alasdair Allan (Na h-Eileanan an Iar) (SNP):** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work it has been doing regarding people obtaining in-person GP appointments. (S6O-05175)

**The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy (Gillian Martin):** The *Official Report* is a written record of what was said in public meetings of the Scottish Parliament and in committee meetings. It is a substantially verbatim report. This means that repetitions and redundancies are omitted and obvious mistakes are corrected. Official Report staff exercise editorial judgment to convey the spoken word in written text while maintaining the flavour of the speech.

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#### Portfolio Heading 2

2. **Alexander Stewart (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con):** To ask the Scottish Government what legislative action it plans taking in the remainder of this parliamentary session to protect farmers from the threat of rural crime. (S6O-05172)

**The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray):** The *Official Report* is a written record of what was said in public meetings of the Scottish Parliament and in committee meetings. It is a substantially verbatim report. This means that repetitions and redundancies are omitted and obvious mistakes are corrected. Official Report staff exercise editorial judgment to convey the spoken word in written text while maintaining the flavour of the speech.

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## First Minister's Question Time

### FMQ Heading 1

1. **Bob Doris (Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn) (SNP):** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to women preparing for release from prison. (S6O-04940)

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2. **Stuart McMillan (Greenock and Inverclyde) (SNP):** To ask the Scottish Government, as part of its work to further the case for Scottish independence, what discussions it has had with the UK Government in relation to the Prime Minister's reported comments that he does not believe that there will be another independence referendum during his administration and that nobody is raising this with him as their first priority, in light of reports that recent polling shows support for independence at over 50%. (S6O-04840)

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

10:30

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