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Foreword

The Journal is the central, long-term, authoritative record of what the Parliament has done. The *Minutes of Proceedings*, which are produced for each meeting of the Parliament, do that in an immediate way, while the Journal presents essentially the same material but has the benefit of hindsight to allow any errors and infelicities of presentation to be corrected. Unlike the *Official Report*, which primarily records what is said, the *Minutes of Proceedings*, and in the longer term the Journal, provide the authoritative record of what was done.

The Journal is required under Rule 16.3 of Standing Orders and contains, in addition to the *Minutes of Proceedings* themselves, notice of any Bill introduced*, notice of any instrument or draft instrument or any other document laid before the Parliament; notice of any report of a committee, and any other matter that the Parliament, on a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau, considers should be included.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Parliament

No. 1, Tuesday 16 May 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Dr Kamyab Givaki, Scottish Iranian Association, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08981—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(i) Tuesday 16 May 2023—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine Due Diligence

(ii) Wednesday 17 May 2023—

after

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Tackling Scotland's Mental Health Crisis

insert

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 10th Report, 2023 (Session 6)

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) that the Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Sudan) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

4. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that NHS Grampian was warned about, and failed to address, “significant” issues on the Baird and Anchor units almost three years before announcing delays, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care (Michael Matheson).

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Ferguson Marine Due Diligence.

6. Celebrating the Success of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme: The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-08948— That the Parliament recognises the success of the COVID-19 vaccination programme; notes that over 15 million vaccines have been administered and that tens of thousands of deaths have been prevented; agrees that vaccination has led to the World Health Organization (WHO) declaring an end to the public health emergency; recognises that COVID-19 has not gone away and offers condolences to all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic; agrees that the success of the vaccination programme has allowed people to be kept safe, while the country lives with COVID-19; encourages those who are eligible for vaccination to come forward when called, in order to protect themselves and others, and thanks the dedicated health and social care workers who continue to deliver the vaccine.

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-08948.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08948 in the name of Jenni Minto (Celebrating the Success of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme), insert at end “; notes that the UK Government's procurement strategy allowed Scotland to become one of the first countries in the world to begin vaccination, and recalls that, at the time, the Scottish Government wanted to join the EU vaccine scheme, which distributed vaccines far slower than the UK scheme.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 60, Abstentions 19).

Carol Mochan moved amendment S6M-08948.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08948 in the name of Jenni Minto (Celebrating the Success of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme), insert at end “; recognises the importance of the cooperation and pooling of resources by the four nations in the procurement and roll-out of vaccines; accepts that lessons must be learned from the COVID-19 vaccination programme, with concerning evidence of lower vaccine uptake in minority ethnic groups, those living in the most deprived areas, younger people and pregnant women; considers that the Scottish Government's support for those with long COVID and those formerly on the Highest Risk List is inadequate, and calls on the Scottish Government to meet with people with long COVID and experts to discuss the long-term funding needed to treat this condition, and ensure that the most vulnerable in society can access antiviral medicines and prophylaxis.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Committee Announcement:** Edward Mountain, on behalf of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Committee, made an announcement on the Scottish Government's Air Quality Improvement Plan and wider air quality issues.
8. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.
9. **The Clearances Again:** The Parliament debated S6M-08590 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament congratulates Donald Francis (DF) MacNeil, and Skipinnish, on securing a top ten iTunes download position for their song The Clearances Again; understands that this was achieved just 24 hours after the song's release; further understands that this song is a protest song, which seeks to raise awareness of the Scottish Government's proposed Highly Protected Marine Areas; believes that these proposals will ban inshore fishing and all marine activities and impact on the economy of the Highlands and Islands, and notes the view that the Scottish Government should heed the reported concerns and revisit this policy.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

No. 2, Wednesday 17 May 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and then Justice and Home Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

2. Access to Bus Services: Alex Rowley moved S6M-08954—That the Parliament believes that reliable, accessible and affordable public transport is a key lifeline service in Scotland; believes that public investment in passenger transport should deliver value for money, environmental and social benefits; notes the recent bus fare rises across the country that are hitting during a cost of living crisis; further notes that these come on the back of route cancellations across much of Scotland that are isolating communities; believes that local authorities must be fully supported, empowered and resourced in their role regarding local public transport, and calls on the Scottish Government to support the introduction of a cap on bus fares across Scotland and set out what action it will take to stop the cuts to bus services on routes across Scotland.

The Minister for Transport (Kevin Stewart) moved amendment S6M-08954.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08954 in the name of Alex Rowley (Access to Bus Services), leave out from “notes the recent” to end and insert “supports the vision outlined in the policy prospectus, Equality, Opportunity, Community, for a public transport system that is more accessible, available and affordable; notes the success of the concessionary bus travel schemes, which now offer free bus travel to 2.6 million people, with over two thirds of young people under 22 now holding the National Entitlement Card, making over 62 million journeys to date; agrees that bus services should serve the needs of local communities; notes the introduction of provisions under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019, which will empower local authorities with the flexible tools that they need to respond to their own transport challenges, coupled with funding that allows local authorities to develop new ways of supporting bus development; recognises the key role of bus services in decarbonising transport and therefore welcomes the recent second tranche of zero emissions bus funding, and commends all of the staff involved in sustaining bus services over the last three years.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Graham Simpson moved amendment S6M-08954.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08954 in the name of Alex Rowley (Access to Bus Services), insert at end “; further calls on the Scottish Government to set out in detail how it plans to achieve its 20% car kilometre reduction target by 2030, and calls on the Scottish Government to publish its Fair Fares Review before summer recess 2023.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament believes that reliable, accessible and affordable public transport is a key lifeline service in Scotland; believes that public investment in passenger transport should deliver value for money, environmental and social benefits; supports the vision outlined in the policy prospectus, Equality, Opportunity, Community, for a public transport system that is more accessible, available and affordable; notes the success of the concessionary bus travel schemes, which now offer free bus travel to 2.6 million people, with over two thirds of young people under 22 now holding the National Entitlement Card, making over 62 million journeys to date; agrees that bus services should serve the needs of local communities; notes the introduction of provisions under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019, which will empower local authorities with the flexible tools that they need to respond to their own transport challenges, coupled with funding that allows local authorities to develop new ways of supporting bus development; recognises the key role of bus services in decarbonising transport and therefore welcomes the recent second tranche of zero emissions bus funding, and commends all of the staff involved in sustaining bus services over the last three years.

3. Tackling Scotland's Mental Health Crisis: Jackie Baillie moved S6M-08955—That the Parliament acknowledges Mental Health Awareness Week and, in so doing, is deeply concerned by the mental health crisis in Scotland, with almost 30,000 children, young people and adults on waiting lists; notes that mental health-related calls to NHS24 were almost seven times higher in 2022 than in 2019 and that, tragically, 7,576 people have died from probable suicide in the last decade; considers that staff shortages are undermining efforts to improve care, with the Scottish Government failing to begin the recruitment of the 1,000 additional roles to support community mental health resilience; agrees that funding must be directed into frontline services and community-based services; supports the creation of a new referral system, so that no young person is rejected for treatment, the provision of a dedicated mental health worker in every GP practice and a mental health A&E department in every health board so that patients can be fast-tracked, and calls for mental health spending to be increased to at least 11% of the NHS budget.

The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport (Maree Todd) moved amendment S6M-08955.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08955 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Tackling Scotland's Mental Health Crisis), leave out from first “and” to end and insert “; understands that many people are struggling with their mental health and wellbeing, so welcomes this debate as an important opportunity to talk openly about issues such as anxiety; recognises the cumulative impact that the COVID-19 pandemic, the conflict in Ukraine, Brexit and the cost of living crisis have had on the mental wellbeing of children, young people and

adults across the country; welcomes the fact that mental health spending has doubled in cash terms from £651 million in 2006-07 to £1.3 billion in 2021-22, and that, as a result of that investment, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and psychological therapies staffing has more than doubled; acknowledges that the Scottish Government has exceeded its commitment to fund over 800 additional mental health workers in settings such as A&E departments, GP practices, police custody suites and prisons; notes the aims to increase mental health staffing further, but recognises that supporting wider community resilience is as important as enhancing NHS capacity; welcomes, therefore, the fact that, between July and December 2022, more than 45,000 children, young people and their family members across Scotland accessed community-based mental health support; acknowledges the benefit of the 3,300 grants provided to grassroots community organisations through the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for adults in the past two years, with a further £15 million of investment confirmed for 2023-24; notes that, since its launch in 2017, the Distress Brief Intervention programme has provided support to over 40,000 people; recognises that every death lost to suicide is an enormous tragedy, which leaves devastating and long-lasting impacts on families, friends and communities; supports the aims of the work being driven forward by a wide range of partners as a result of the Scottish Government and COSLA's Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan, published in 2022, and believes that these efforts will be enhanced by the publication in June 2023 of a new Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which will focus on further action required to support mental health and wellbeing.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Sue Webber moved amendment S6M-08955.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08955 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Tackling Scotland's Mental Health Crisis), insert at end “; raises the issue of increased levels of mental illness among NHS staff, with almost 75,000 staff members being absent due to anxiety, stress, depression or other mental illness between 2018 and 2022; notes that the outgoing Children and Young People's Commissioner said that the former First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, had failed children on a number of issues, including mental health, and reminds the Scottish Government that failing to solve the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) crisis today will lead to poor mental health outcomes for future generations, further compounding the issue.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament acknowledges Mental Health Awareness Week; understands that many people are struggling with their mental health and wellbeing, so welcomes this debate as an important opportunity to talk openly about issues such as anxiety; recognises the cumulative impact that the COVID-19 pandemic, the conflict in Ukraine, Brexit and the cost of living crisis have had on the mental wellbeing of children, young people and adults across the country; welcomes the fact that mental health spending has doubled in cash terms from £651 million in 2006-07 to £1.3 billion in 2021-22, and that, as a result of that investment, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and psychological therapies staffing has more than doubled; acknowledges that the Scottish Government has exceeded its commitment to fund over 800 additional mental health workers in settings such as A&E departments, GP practices, police custody suites and prisons; notes the aims to increase mental health staffing further, but recognises that supporting wider community resilience is as important as enhancing NHS capacity; welcomes, therefore, the fact that, between July and December 2022, more than 45,000 children, young people and their family members across Scotland accessed community-based mental health support; acknowledges the benefit of the 3,300 grants provided to grassroots community organisations through the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for adults in the past two years, with a further £15 million of investment confirmed for 2023-24; notes that, since its launch in 2017, the Distress Brief Intervention programme has provided support to over 40,000 people; recognises that every death lost to suicide is an enormous tragedy, which leaves devastating and long-lasting impacts on families, friends and communities; supports the aims of the work being driven forward by a wide range of partners as a result of the Scottish Government and COSLA's Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan, published in 2022, and believes that these efforts will be enhanced by the publication in June 2023 of a new Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which will focus on further action required to support mental health and wellbeing.

4. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 10th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-08946—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 10th Report, 2023 (Session 6), Complaint against Maggie Chapman MSP (SP Paper 366), and agrees to impose the sanction recommended in the report that Maggie Chapman MSP be excluded from the first meeting of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee that is held after this motion is agreed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 99, Against 11, Abstentions 1).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08986—That the Parliament —

(a) the following programme of —

Tuesday 23 May 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Connections Framework

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 24 May 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

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

Thursday 25 May 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Ministerial Statement: Medium Term Financial Strategy

followed by Rural Affairs and Islands Committee Debate: Future Agriculture Policy in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 30 May 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 31 May 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery
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 1 June 2023

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

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 22 May 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08987—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill at stage 2 be completed by 30 June 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Membership of the Committee of the Regions UK Contact Group and the Regional Chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09004—That the Parliament agrees to appoint Alasdair Allan as a full member and Neil Bibby as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions UK Contact Group and to nominate Ben Macpherson as a full member and Maurice Golden as an alternate member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09005—That the Parliament agrees that the Environmental Standards Scotland air quality investigation - Scottish Government improvement plan (SG/2023/75) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09006—That the Parliament agrees that the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 (Consequential Modifications, Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09007—That the Parliament agrees that the National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board (Gender Representation on Public Boards) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09008—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions to the General Regulatory Chamber) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09009—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition and Rules of Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09010—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09011—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09012—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

16. Committee Membership: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09013—That the Parliament agrees that Keith Brown be appointed to replace Kenneth Gibson as a member of the Finance and Public Administration Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

17. Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Sudan) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-08907—That the Parliament recommends that the Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Sudan) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

18. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 as noted above.

19. National Lyme Disease Awareness Month: The Parliament debated S6M-07769 in the name of Evelyn Tweed—That the Parliament acknowledges that May 2023 is National Lyme Disease Awareness Month; notes that Lyme disease is a bacterial infection spread to humans by infected ticks, which are tiny spider-like creatures found in woodland and moorland areas that feed on the blood of birds and mammals, including humans; understands that many people with early symptoms of Lyme disease develop a circular rash around the tick bite three to 30 days after

being bitten, often described as looking like a bull's eye on a dart board, whilst some people may develop several rashes in different parts of their body, and around one in three people will not develop a rash; further understands that some people with Lyme disease also have flu-like symptoms, including tiredness, muscle and joint pain, headaches, a high temperature, chills and neck stiffness; notes the calls encouraging anyone who has been bitten by a tick and develops a rash or flu-like symptoms to speak to their GP and tell them that they have been bitten by a tick; further notes, however, that diagnosing Lyme disease is often difficult as many of the symptoms are similar to other conditions; acknowledges that NHS Scotland advises that Lyme disease is treatable, however, that without treatment, more serious and longer-term symptoms may develop, including pain and swelling in joints, nerve problems, memory problems, difficulty concentrating and heart problems; understands that there is currently no vaccine available and that the best way to prevent Lyme disease is to adopt simple measures when in the countryside or near wildlife, including tucking trousers into socks and wearing insect repellent, and notes the calls encouraging anybody who is concerned that they have contracted Lyme disease to contact their GP and for everyone to take precautions when in the countryside.

The meeting closed at 6.34 pm

No. 3, Thursday 18 May 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Supporting Foster Carers in the Workplace with Fostering Friendly Employers Scheme: The Parliament debated S6M-08721 in the name of Rona Mackay—That the Parliament recognises Foster Care Fortnight, taking place from 15 to 28 May 2023; notes the view that more flexible and supportive workplaces are needed, to assist foster carers in employment, and, in turn, encourage more working people to foster; understands that research carried out by the Fostering Network found that 41% of foster carers combine their role with other employment in Scotland, while 60% of foster carers said that a fostering-friendly HR policy would help them to work while fostering; believes that workplaces becoming Fostering Friendly Employers (FFE) helps to provide foster carers with additional support and raises awareness of the extra demands placed on them to nurture what it sees as some of the most vulnerable people in society; understands that there are presently 4,623 children in foster care in Scotland; is grateful for the 3,716 fostering families in this country and commends their hard work and the unconditional love that they give to the children in their care; understands that 500 more fostering families are needed; further understands that being part of the Fostering Network's FFE scheme ensures that foster carers have the opportunity for paid leave for training, respite, meetings and other requirements to fulfil what it sees as their vital role; acknowledges that the theme during Foster Care Fortnight 2023 is Fostering Communities, and believes that being an FFE is a great example of how the wider fostering community can provide support, understanding and respect, which is entirely in line with The Promise.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance (Tom Arthur) made a statement and answered questions on Delivery of the Agreed Recommendations of the Barclay Review of Non-domestic Rates.

6. Securing a Sustainable Food Supply for Scotland: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-09014—That the Parliament commends farmers and crofters, seafood and aquaculture industries, food manufacturers and producers for the role that they play at the heart of rural, coastal and island communities in contributing to Scotland's £15 billion food and drink industry; notes that the hard Brexit negotiated by the UK Government has created serious, long-term harms for the food and drink sector, creating labour shortages, new barriers to trade and failing to prioritise Scottish interests in third country trade deals; understands the growing impact that the climate emergency is having on food production in Scotland and globally, and applauds the progress that

is already being made by the sector to adapt to, and mitigate, climate change; recognises the important work of the Agriculture Reform Implementation Oversight Board, and the co-development of effective models to enable producers to produce while delivering for nature and the climate; welcomes the creation of a new, dedicated Food Security Unit as a result of the work of the Short-life Food Security and Supply Taskforce, established by the Scottish Government and industry to consider short- and long-term risks to food security; is concerned at current levels of food inflation; recognises that the UK Government holds the majority of powers and levers to support consumers and the food sector and urges it to act immediately to help them during the cost of living crisis, including with energy costs, and acknowledges that Scotland will need to further adapt how and what is grown and produced to address and mitigate climate change, as well as produce more food more sustainably, to meet Scotland's commitments to be a Good Food Nation now and in the future.

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S6M-09014.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09014 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Securing a Sustainable Food Supply for Scotland), leave out from “for the role” to end and insert “, horticulturalists and the agritourism industry for the role that they play at the heart of rural, coastal and island communities in contributing to Scotland's £15 billion food and drink industry; notes the significant importance of the UK internal market in ensuring that Scottish farmers can maximise the benefits of their relationship with Scotland's closest trading partners in the rest of the UK, including access to a £30 billion agricultural market; understands the growing impact that the climate emergency is having on food production in Scotland and globally, and applauds the progress that is already being made by the sector to adapt to, and mitigate, climate change; recognises the value of the recommendations from the farmer-led climate change groups, including the important work of the Suckler Beef Climate Group, as well as the work done by the Food and Agriculture Stakeholders Taskforce (FAST), and the Agricultural Industries Confederation, in developing well-evidenced strategies to enable food producers to reduce emissions and mitigate climate change without compromising production; understands that proposals have recently been launched by the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party, which would support Scotland's rural communities to secure jobs, livelihoods, and a viable future for farmers, crofters and fishermen, placing food production at the heart of the new Agriculture Bill, whilst investing in producers to keep food prices affordable for consumers, allowing farmers to produce more top-quality food in Scotland, whilst bringing in more local jobs for processing and transport and bolstering support for technology, including genetic technology and innovation, to help improve the UK's world-leading standards on health, the environment and animal welfare; notes that Putin's invasion of Ukraine has resulted in global food inflation; recognises that the UK Government has recently announced steps to mitigate this, including a review of fairness in horticulture and egg supply chains, and welcomes the £2 million investment in boosting agricultural exports and £1 million for boosting seafood exports, in addition to the previously-announced £100 million Seafood Fund and £42.2 million for fisheries funding.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S6M-09014.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09014 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Securing a Sustainable Food Supply for Scotland), insert at end “; believes that it is unacceptable in the 21st century, in a resource rich nation, that so many people are living in food poverty and relying on food banks; notes that many of those who are living in food poverty are those who work in the food industry; urges more action on addressing low pay, zero-hours contracts and insecure work for those producing Scottish food; recognises the powers that the Scottish Government has that could be used to mitigate the cost of living crisis; believes that food production and a sustainable environment can work hand in hand for the benefit of both, and do not need to be at the expense of one or the other, and further believes that the right to food should be enshrined in Scots law, and that the Scottish Food Commission should be empowered to realise that policy urgently.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Beatrice Wishart moved amendment S6M-09014.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09014 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Securing a Sustainable Food Supply for Scotland), insert at end “; recognises the high-quality and nutritious food that the fishery and aquaculture industries provide, the importance of producing fish and shellfish sustainably, and the interdependence of rural businesses; notes with concern that these sectors, major contributors to Scotland's food industry and the livelihoods of coastal and island communities, are at risk of disruption from Brexit, unreliable ferry services and the Scottish Government's approach to Highly Protected Marine Area proposals, and calls on the Scottish Government to guarantee that any work that directly affects coastal and island communities should always be undertaken in partnership with them to ensure that livelihoods are protected.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament commends farmers and crofters, seafood and aquaculture industries, food manufacturers and producers for the role that they play at the heart of rural, coastal and island communities in contributing to Scotland's £15 billion food and drink industry; notes that the hard Brexit negotiated by the UK Government has created serious, long-term harms for the food and drink sector, creating labour shortages, new barriers to trade and failing to prioritise Scottish interests in third

country trade deals; understands the growing impact that the climate emergency is having on food production in Scotland and globally, and applauds the progress that is already being made by the sector to adapt to, and mitigate, climate change; recognises the important work of the Agriculture Reform Implementation Oversight Board, and the co-development of effective models to enable producers to produce while delivering for nature and the climate; welcomes the creation of a new, dedicated Food Security Unit as a result of the work of the Short-life Food Security and Supply Taskforce, established by the Scottish Government and industry to consider short- and long-term risks to food security; is concerned at current levels of food inflation; recognises that the UK Government holds the majority of powers and levers to support consumers and the food sector and urges it to act immediately to help them during the cost of living crisis, including with energy costs; acknowledges that Scotland will need to further adapt how and what is grown and produced to address and mitigate climate change, as well as produce more food more sustainably, to meet Scotland's commitments to be a Good Food Nation now and in the future; believes that it is unacceptable in the 21st century, in a resource rich nation, that so many people are living in food poverty and relying on food banks; notes that many of those who are living in food poverty are those who work in the food industry; urges more action on addressing low pay, zero-hours contracts and insecure work for those producing Scottish food; recognises the powers that the Scottish Government has that could be used to mitigate the cost of living crisis; believes that food production and a sustainable environment can work hand in hand for the benefit of both, and do not need to be at the expense of one or the other, and further believes that the right to food should be enshrined in Scots law, and that the Scottish Food Commission should be empowered to realise that policy urgently.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.11 pm

No. 4, Tuesday 23 May 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Time for Reflection: Pastor Joe C. Ochei, Jesus House, City of God (Pastoral Team), RCCG UK Region 1 Ecumenical Officer, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Scottish Connections Framework:** The Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-09107—That the Parliament cherishes Scotland's global diaspora, which it considers to be an extension of Scotland itself; welcomes the publication of the Scottish Connections Framework, which seeks to build a more vibrant, visible and connected Scottish community around the world; affirms a broad and inclusive definition of “diaspora”, embracing those of Scottish heritage, lived diaspora, alumni of Scottish educational institutions, and anyone who has an affinity with Scotland; recognises the importance of including historically marginalised communities, including minority ethnic Scots, women, young people and the LGBTQ community, and of facing uncomfortable chapters in Scotland's history; celebrates the efforts of Scottish community organisations around the world for maintaining and promoting Scotland's culture and language, including through marking St Andrew's Day and Burns events; applauds the Scottish Government and Scottish Development International's international network of offices for their efforts to increase Scotland's global connections, the valuable contribution of trade and investment envoys, and the 1,200-strong GlobalScot network; stresses the importance of connecting with alumni of Scotland's world-class educational institutions, and expresses its hope that the Scottish Connections Framework will encourage many more people to consider Scotland as a destination in which to work, live, study, do business, or simply visit.

Maurice Golden moved amendment S6M-09107.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09107 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scottish Connections Framework), insert at end “; recognises the importance of engaging with the Scottish diaspora within the terms of the devolved settlement, and calls on the Scottish Government to provide more details regarding the metrics upon which the delivery of the Scottish Connections Framework will be measured and how its impact will be monitored, measured and reported.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-09107.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09107 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scottish Connections Framework), insert at end “; recognises the importance of good international air links and believes that Scottish airports should be supported to develop frequent and accessible air routes to key international

destinations and economic hubs; believes that there is more that could be achieved if the Scottish and UK governments worked together to promote Scotland internationally and calls for both governments to develop a plan to better use the Scotland Office and global network of UK embassies to celebrate Scottish culture and support trade envoys; regrets that Scottish students still do not have access to a proper replacement for the Erasmus programme, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to follow the example of the Welsh Government and establish an international educational exchange programme by the end of 2023.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament cherishes Scotland’s global diaspora, which it considers to be an extension of Scotland itself; welcomes the publication of the Scottish Connections Framework, which seeks to build a more vibrant, visible and connected Scottish community around the world; affirms a broad and inclusive definition of "diaspora", embracing those of Scottish heritage, lived diaspora, alumni of Scottish educational institutions, and anyone who has an affinity with Scotland; recognises the importance of including historically marginalised communities, including minority ethnic Scots, women, young people and the LGBTQ community, and of facing uncomfortable chapters in Scotland's history; celebrates the efforts of Scottish community organisations around the world for maintaining and promoting Scotland’s culture and language, including through marking St Andrew’s Day and Burns events; applauds the Scottish Government and Scottish Development International’s international network of offices for their efforts to increase Scotland’s global connections, the valuable contribution of trade and investment envoys, and the 1,200-strong GlobalScot network; stresses the importance of connecting with alumni of Scotland’s world-class educational institutions; expresses its hope that the Scottish Connections Framework will encourage many more people to consider Scotland as a destination in which to work, live, study, do business, or simply visit; recognises the importance of engaging with the Scottish diaspora within the terms of the devolved settlement, and calls on the Scottish Government to provide more details regarding the metrics upon which the delivery of the Scottish Connections Framework will be measured and how its impact will be monitored, measured and reported.

4. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, S6M-09138—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 24 May 2023—

after

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Ending Violence in Scottish Schools

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Powers of Attorney Bill - UK Legislation

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

6. East Renfrewshire Good Causes: The Parliament debated S6M-07928 in the name of Jackson Carlaw—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the incredible and transformative work of charities in the Eastwood constituency and across Scotland; welcomes the ongoing contribution of East Renfrewshire Good Causes in providing what it considers outstanding support to vulnerable members of local communities; understands that, in the period since the charity was established and first started to offer much-needed support in August 2007 and up to September 2022, East Renfrewshire Good Causes has provided £1.6 million in goods and services and helped 5,400 individuals; acknowledges that examples of support that the charity has funded, either in full or in part, include wet floor shower adaptations for disabled pensioners, help with travel costs for cancer patients on low incomes to attend hospital for treatment, and play spaces and equipment for young people with additional support needs; considers that the set-up of the charity means that it can respond very quickly to emerging circumstances and is able to undertake essential tasks in a short timescale, such as assisting with practical home support improvements needed to allow older people to be discharged from hospital to free up beds for incoming patients; recognises that all referrals to the charity are made by frontline professionals, including teachers, housing officials and health and social care staff, from both the public and third sector; understands that the operations of East Renfrewshire Good Causes have expanded over the years and that the charity is also now active in Glasgow, South Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire and East Ayrshire; congratulates the founder and project coordinator of East Renfrewshire Good Causes, Russell MacMillan, for what it sees as the remarkable and selfless efforts that he has made for more than 15 years in driving the Eastwood-based charity forward and ensuring that vital support has been provided to people in need, and considers that East Renfrewshire Good Causes has demonstrated a strong track record of delivery and established an operating model that has the potential to be replicated in all local authority areas across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

No. 5, Wednesday 24 May 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy, and then on Finance and Parliamentary Business, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Ending Violence in Scottish Schools: Stephen Kerr moved S6M-09126— That the Parliament believes that no pupil, teacher or member of school staff should suffer physical or verbal abuse and that every child and young person has the right to an uninterrupted school day, free from violence and disruption; notes the impact that the current escalation of violence in schools has had on the teaching profession, especially in relation to retention and mental health; understands that evidence relating to violence in schools was last gathered in 2016, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to address this matter urgently by collecting data and publishing findings on a regular basis, and believes that the Scottish Government must work with parents, schools, local authorities and unions to establish a nationwide school violence working group, that will produce a national framework for reporting instances of violence and disruption within schools, update guidance on exclusions laws and policies, ensure pupil support assistants are available and issue materials that will support parents and schools, assisting them in promoting acceptable behaviour and tackling violence and disruption.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved amendment S6M-09126.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09126 in the name of Stephen Kerr (Ending Violence in Scottish Schools), leave out from “notes” to end and insert “recognises the impact that violence in schools has on teachers and school staff, especially in relation to retention and mental health; further recognises that evidence relating to violence in schools was last gathered in 2016, and that data collection is now underway, and that this will be published later in 2023 as routine publication returns to pre-pandemic arrangements; recognises that there has been a shift in school culture over the period of the COVID-19 pandemic that affects a wide range of issues, including violence but also extending to issues such as attendance, and agrees that the Scottish Government should work with young people, parents and carers, schools, local authorities and unions to host a summit on the issue of violence in schools, to identify the work that is now needed to ensure that the right national framework for accurately reporting instances of violence and disruption within schools is in place, the right guidance on exclusions laws and policies is available, and the right resources that are needed to support schools, parents and carers and young people themselves are available to assist them in promoting acceptable behaviour and tackling violence and disruption.”

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-09126.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09126 in the name of Stephen Kerr (Ending Violence in Scottish Schools), leave out from “establish” to end and insert

“urgently develop and bring forward a national strategy for tackling violence in schools that will empower teachers and schools, ensure pupil support assistants are available, develop material that will inform parents and schools, tackle the growth in accessibility and circulation of harmful online content and produce a national framework for reporting instances of violence and disruption within schools; recognises that trade unions have been raising concerns about violence and risks to teachers’ safety in Scotland for a number of years; understands that the recent escalation in violence has not started overnight and that there are various factors that contribute to the circumstances where violent incidents may occur, including class sizes, a lack of mental health support for pupils, harmful online content, inequality and cuts to youth services, and calls on the Scottish Government to deliver on the promises that have been made to Scotland’s young people and ensure that any assessment of the current situation takes into account the wider circumstances facing pupils, teachers and parents, including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the cost of living crisis and the underfunding of local services.”

After debate, amendment S6M-09126.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 18, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-09126.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament believes that no pupil, teacher or member of school staff should suffer physical or verbal abuse and that every child and young person has the right to an uninterrupted school day, free from violence and disruption; recognises the impact that violence in schools has on teachers and school staff, especially in relation to retention and mental health; further recognises that evidence relating to violence in schools was last gathered in 2016, and that data collection is now underway, and that this will be published later in 2023 as routine publication returns to pre-pandemic arrangements; recognises that there has been a shift in school culture over the period of the COVID-19 pandemic that affects a wide range of issues, including violence but also extending to issues such as attendance, and agrees that the Scottish Government should work with young people, parents and carers, schools, local authorities and unions to host a summit on the issue of violence in schools, to identify the work that is now needed to ensure that the right national framework for accurately reporting instances of violence and disruption within schools is in place, the right guidance on exclusions laws and policies is available, and the right resources that are needed to support schools, parents and carers and young people themselves are available to assist them in promoting acceptable behaviour and tackling violence and disruption.

3. Powers of Attorney Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport (Maree Todd) moved S6M-09109—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Powers of Attorney Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 15 June 2022, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09147—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 30 May 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Diet and Healthy Weight Consultations

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Hospital at Home Programme in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 31 May 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Let's Talk Education - The National Discussion

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme

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 1 June 2023

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 Debate: Trustworthy, Ethical and Inclusive Artificial Intelligence - Seizing Opportunities for Scotland's People and Businesses

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 6 June 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 June 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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

Thursday 8 June 2023

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: Education and Skills

followed by Public Audit Committee Debate: New Vessels for the Clyde and the Hebrides - Arrangements to Deliver Vessels 801 and 802

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 29 May 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09148—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 9 June 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09149—That the Parliament agrees that the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Interim Target) Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Parliamentary Recess Dates: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09150—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 10 to 18 February 2024 (inclusive), 30 March to 14 April 2024 (inclusive), 29 June to 31 August 2024 (inclusive), 12 October to 27 October 2024 (inclusive), 21 December 2024 to 5 January 2025 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Race for Life Celebrates 30-year Anniversary: The Parliament debated S6M-08731 in the name of David Torrance—That the Parliament celebrates the 30th anniversary of the founding of Race for Life; understands that Race for Life, in partnership with Standard Life, is Cancer Research UK’s biggest series of fundraising events that take place across the UK; further understands that, since its inception 30 years ago, Race for Life has raised over £940 million towards lifesaving cancer research and, in that time, over 10 million participants have taken part in

Race for Life events; notes that the Race for Life is open to everyone, no matter their fitness level, background, or gender, with all sponsorship money going towards Cancer Research UK's lifesaving work in its effort to beat all types of cancer; welcomes the multitude of local events across the UK organised each year, and wishes all participants the very best for their efforts.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm

No. 6, Thursday 25 May 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).
- 3. Justice for Fornethy House Survivors:** The Parliament debated S6M-06729 in the name of Colin Smyth—That the Parliament recognises what it considers as the inspirational women who have bravely come forward to highlight the plight of the reported hundreds of survivors of physical, mental and sexual abuse at Fornethy House Residential School, in Angus, when they attended to convalesce or for short breaks between 1960 and the 1990s; notes reports that over 200 women have revealed the appalling abuse that they suffered at Fornethy House when they were young girls; commends these women for what it sees as their determined and admirable campaign for justice; recognises the reported challenges that survivors of Fornethy House have experienced in qualifying for Scotland's Redress Scheme due to the eligibility criteria excluding those abused in short-term respite care; notes the reported difficulties that the survivors have had in obtaining personal records that were held by the owners of Fornethy House at the time, which were Glasgow Corporation and Strathclyde Regional Council; further notes the ongoing Police Scotland investigation, but regrets that, to date, none of the alleged perpetrators of the abuse have been brought to justice, and notes the view that these women deserve both justice and recognition for the appalling abuse that they suffered at Fornethy House Residential School.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Net Zero and Just Transition were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 5. Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister & Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Medium Term Financial Strategy.
- 6. Future Agriculture Policy in Scotland:** Finlay Carson, on behalf of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, moved S6M-09146—That the Parliament recognises the need for Scotland to develop its own agriculture policy and support post-EU exit; notes the Scottish Government's Vision for Agriculture, which was published in March 2022, and its intention to introduce an agriculture bill in the next parliamentary year, and welcomes the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee's evidence taking in order to fully understand the broad range of policy areas that are fundamental to a successful future agriculture policy and to ensure that the agriculture sector is a thriving part of the economy, which helps to tackle climate change, protects biodiversity and, most importantly, puts food on plates.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.58 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.59 pm.

No. 7, Tuesday 30 May 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Markus Dünzkofer, Rector, St John's Episcopal Church, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, S6M-09246—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 30 May 2023—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Diet and Healthy Weight Consultations

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Deposit Return Scheme

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) made a statement and answered questions on Diet and Healthy Weight Consultations.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity (Lorna Slater) made a statement and answered questions on Deposit Return Scheme.

6. Hospital at Home Programme in Scotland: The Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-09191—That the Parliament recognises the value of the Hospital at Home programme in ensuring that people receive the right care in the right place at the right time; highlights that it offers a safe, patient-centred alternative to an acute hospital admission across a range of specialty areas, providing a better outcome for many people, without some of the challenges associated with an acute admission; welcomes that Hospital at Home has eased pressure on acute hospitals, with over 63,000 bed days provided last year by Hospital at Home for older adults; notes research showing that Hospital at Home is a cost effective alternative to acute care and provides very good clinical outcomes, and acknowledges the excellent work done to date by Healthcare Improvement Scotland, National Education Scotland and dedicated clinical networks to support the development of Hospital at Home.

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-09191.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09191 in the name of Michael Matheson (Hospital at Home Programme in Scotland), insert at end “; emphasises that maintaining existing programmes is vital to keeping people out of hospital; highlights that some Hospital at Home initiatives are threatened by staffing shortages; asserts that these programmes are needed more than ever, as hospitals across Scotland are currently struggling with capacity, with patients being treated in corridors at peak times; notes that tackling delayed discharge is a key component of increasing capacity, and acknowledges that many delayed discharges are of older people who could be cared for within social care settings.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Paul Sweeney moved amendment S6M-09191.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09191 in the name of Michael Matheson (Hospital at Home Programme in Scotland), insert at end “; notes that one in seven people in Scotland are on NHS waiting lists, delayed discharge remains too high, and thousands of NHS vacancies are unfilled; recognises that Hospital at Home requires sustained investment to bring hospital-standard care into the home using technology, in addition to retaining and recruiting the multi-disciplinary teams that are required; considers that Hospital at Home is being hindered by the Scottish Government's failure to tackle the social care crisis, which is essential in helping people to live independently, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to deliver a long-term funding settlement for this programme, to take urgent action to deliver well-funded and locally available social care services by immediately uplifting social care pay to £12 per hour, with a plan to raise it to £15 per hour, and, as recommended in the Feeley Review, to remove non-residential care charges.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 94, Abstentions 3).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 114, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

8. Protecting Devolution and the Scottish Parliament: The Parliament debated S6M-08885 in the name of Keith Brown—That the Parliament expresses alarm at what it sees as the UK Government's escalating disrespect for the devolved settlement; highlights the report of the Parliament's Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, The Impact of Brexit on Devolution, which identified “increased tension within the devolution settlement” since the UK's departure from the EU; believes that the Sewel Convention is now regularly breached by the UK Government; underlines that legislative consent was withheld by the Scottish Parliament in relation to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020, the Environment Act 2021, the Subsidy Control Act 2022, the Elections Act 2022, the Nationality and Borders Act 2022 and the Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Act 2023; considers that the Procurement Bill,

the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill, the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill, and the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill are all proceeding without heed to the devolved legislatures; expresses profound disappointment in the use of an order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 to, it considers, veto devolved legislation; expresses alarm at what it sees as the Secretary of State for Scotland's apparent unilateral rewriting of the agreed rules regarding requests for exemptions from the market access principles contained in the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020; considers all of these actions to be part of a pattern of undemocratic behaviour of attacks on the devolution settlement and the Scottish Parliament, and believes that these actions demonstrate the vulnerability of the Scottish Parliament while constituencies like Clackmannanshire and Dunblane, and Scotland as a whole, are under what it sees as UK Government control.

9. Motion Without Notice: Keith Brown moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.12 pm

No. 8, Wednesday 31 May 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Let's Talk Education – The National Discussion: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved S6M-09213—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of All Learners in Scotland Matter: Our National Discussion on Education; acknowledges the significant levels of engagement that the National Discussion generated, with events and discussions taking place in every part of Scotland, led by schools, community groups and third sector organisations, and reaching more than 38,000 people; thanks the independent academic facilitators, Prof Carol Campbell and Prof Alma Harris, for overseeing this work; supports the guiding values of the report to ensure that all learners in Scotland experience an education system that is ambitious, inclusive and supportive; recognises the diversity of all learners and endorses the vision, which will safeguard the learning and the life chances of all children and young people in Scotland, and agrees to work with the Scottish Government and COSLA to turn this vision into a reality for Scotland's children and young people, and the educators, parents and carers who support them.

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-09213.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09213 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Let's Talk Education - The National Discussion), leave out from “, Prof” to end and insert “and all those who participated; notes the report's conclusion that 'there is an overwhelming appetite for change' and urges the Scottish Government to view this as a call for urgent steps to ensure real reform; further notes the concerns raised in the national discussion over the lack of support and respect given to teachers and pupil support assistants, as well as the issues experienced by teachers, pupils, parents and carers in relation to young people with additional support needs and the need to ensure a better approach to play-based learning and early years; believes that a new deal for teachers would address issues in professional development and teacher recruitment; further believes that debates should be held on the level to which teachers and school leaders should be able to be more autonomous in their decision making, the presumption against specialist schooling for young people with additional support needs and the age at which children start formal schooling, and acknowledges the frustration, cynicism and anger at previous unmet promises of reform and the resultant doubts expressed in the report over whether genuine reform would take place.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-09213.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09213 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Let's Talk Education - The National Discussion), insert at end “; recognises that the implementation of the existing Scottish Government commitment to increase non-contact time is necessary, and calls on the Scottish Government to reiterate this commitment and set out when it intends to fulfil it.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament welcomes the publication of *All Learners in Scotland Matter: Our National Discussion on Education*; acknowledges the significant levels of engagement that the National Discussion generated, with events and discussions taking place in every part of Scotland, led by schools, community groups and third sector organisations, and reaching more than 38,000 people; thanks the independent academic facilitators, Prof Carol Campbell and Prof Alma Harris, for overseeing this work; supports the guiding values of the report to ensure that all learners in Scotland experience an education system that is ambitious, inclusive and supportive; recognises the diversity of all learners and endorses the vision, which will safeguard the learning and the life chances of all children and young people in Scotland; agrees to work with the Scottish Government and COSLA to turn this vision into a reality for Scotland's children and young people, and the educators, parents and carers who support them; recognises that the implementation of the existing Scottish Government commitment to increase non-contact time is necessary, and calls on the Scottish Government to reiterate this commitment and set out when it intends to fulfil it.

3. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the risk of wildfire in Scotland, in light of reports that an ongoing wildfire in Cannich is estimated to become the largest by area on record and that two firefighters were injured while responding to the blaze, was answered by the Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown).

4. Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme: Jackson Carlaw, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S6M-09249—That the Parliament, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 81(2), 81(5)(b) and 83(5) of the Scotland Act 1998, determines that the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme, which was agreed to by resolution of the Parliament on 2 March 2021, be amended to—

(a) insert, in paragraph 1.2.4, after “considers appropriate.” and before “Such increases”—

“Any such uprating shall also be applied to the limit on the amount by which Members may vary their office cost and engagement provisions up or down subject to the overall agreed combined annual limit, as set out in paragraph 4.3.1 and 5.1.3.”

(b) insert, in the second sentence of paragraph 4.3.1 after “financial year,” and before “subject to—

“or by such sum as determined following the uprating of the variation limit applied under paragraph 1.2.4,”

(c) insert, in the second sentence of paragraph 5.1.3 after “financial year,” and before “subject to—

“or by such sum as determined following the uprating of the variation limit applied under paragraph 1.2.4,”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09251—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 June 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Active Travel Transformation

followed by Appointment of Board Members to Environmental Standards Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 June 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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

Thursday 8 June 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Public Audit Committee Debate: New Vessels for the Clyde and the Hebrides - Arrangements to Deliver Vessels 801 and 802

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 June 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Education, Children and Young People Committee Debate: College Regionalisation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 14 June 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Labour 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

Thursday 15 June 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Ministerial Statement: Provisional Outturn

followed by Debate on the Scottish Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 5 June 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09252—That the Parliament agrees that the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09253—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09254—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Electronic Trade Documents Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. Dewars Centre in Perth: The Parliament debated S6M-08199 in the name of Murdo Fraser—That the Parliament notes the concerns raised by Scottish Curling that the potential closure of the Dewars Centre, in Perth, would be the death knell of a legacy of curling in Perthshire dating back decades; notes the belief that, if this proposal goes ahead, it would mean that the town and county with which curling is most closely associated has made a choice to de-prioritise the success of legends such as Rhona Howie, Eve Muirhead, David Murdoch and numerous others, all of whom have a strong connection between Perth and the Dewars Centre and their Olympic and World Championships successes; further notes that the Dewars Centre has a history of supporting grassroots curling, and the potential to enable critical growth and to play a central role in tackling isolation, reducing barriers to inequality, and ensuring that inclusion and a sense of community are at the heart of sport in Perth, and notes the calls for Live Active Leisure and Perth and Kinross Council to reach a decision that would enable the Dewars Centre to be retained.

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

No. 9, Thursday 1 June 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Increasing the Participation of Women and Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths: The Parliament debated S6M-08947 in the name of Audrey Nicoll—That the Parliament believes that Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) make an important contribution to driving economic growth and delivering new approaches to the climate emergency; notes the so-called leaky pipeline, whereby women and girls account for only 25% of the STEM sector, despite maths and science subjects being equally popular among girls and boys within school age education; recognises the work underway in schools and further and higher education institutions, including Robert Gordon University, located in the Aberdeen South and North Kincardine constituency, as well as in businesses and energy-related industries, to address the under-representation of women and girls in the STEM sector; welcomes the Scottish Government's STEM strategy and the work of Equate Scotland, which aim to change cultures in organisations and academia; commends Aberdeen City Council and its partners for what it sees as their innovative work to align the school curriculum to future skills demands in offshore energy production and other growth sectors, and notes the view that all stakeholders should continue to work together to increase opportunities for girls and young women in STEM.

4. Motion Without Notice: Audrey Nicoll moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. Trustworthy, Ethical and Inclusive Artificial Intelligence - Seizing Opportunities for Scotland's People and Businesses: The Parliament debated Trustworthy, Ethical and Inclusive Artificial Intelligence - Seizing Opportunities for Scotland's People and Businesses.

7. Decision Time: There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm

No. 10, Tuesday 6 June 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Pastor Oli Higham, Rock Community Church, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Active Travel Transformation:** The Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights (Patrick Harvie) moved S6M-09328—That the Parliament believes that active travel can bring significant benefits for people's health, the economy and the cost of living, and is critical for tackling the climate emergency and delivering on the commitment to reduce car kilometres by 20%; welcomes the Scottish Government's record budget for active travel in 2023-24; recognises that this is by far the highest investment in active travel per head across the UK; welcomes the new and additional £20 million Transformation Fund going directly to delivery partners to deliver new infrastructure at pace; commends the work of local authorities, regional transport partnerships and active travel delivery partners in turning that record level of investment into changes on the ground; notes the publication of the new Cycling Framework in supporting the wider 2030 Active Travel Vision, where walking, wheeling and cycling are the most popular modes of transport for shorter everyday journeys, and looks forward to the opportunity presented by the UCI Cycling World Championships coming to Scotland in August 2023 to encourage more people to choose active travel.

Graham Simpson moved amendment S6M-09328.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09328 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Active Travel Transformation), leave out from “; recognises” to “ground” and insert “but calls on the Scottish Government to set out a detailed delivery plan that addresses how it will help local authorities that do not have the capacity to achieve the targets; calls on the Scottish Government to set out in detail how it plans to achieve a 20% reduction in car mileage by 2030”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Mercedes Villalba moved amendment S6M-09328.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09328 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Active Travel Transformation), insert at end “; recognises the importance of local authority transport and planning funding in allowing all new and existing developments to include active travel infrastructure, tackling potholes, cycle parking, and ensuring safe pavements and travel for all; believes that active travel policies should be more conscious of protected characteristics, including women, disabled people and BME people, and notes the recent report highlighting the decrease in children travelling to school in an active way.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

4. Appointment of Board Members to Environmental Standards Scotland:

The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition (Màiri McAllan) moved S6M-09329—That the Parliament notes the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's consideration of the appointment of two additional board members to the board of Environmental Standards Scotland at its meeting on 21 March 2023; welcomes the committee's recommendation that the Parliament approves the appointment of Professor Christopher Spray and Morag Sheppard as additional board members to the board of Environmental Standards Scotland, for a period not exceeding four years in accordance with schedule 1, paragraph 2(4) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021, and approves the appointments as required by schedule 1, paragraph 2(2) of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.

6. Tercentenary of Adam Smith: The Parliament debated S6M-08819 in the name of Michelle Thomson—That the Parliament celebrates the tercentenary of Adam Smith's birth; commends his work in a breadth of areas including engineering, economics, chemistry, political economy, philosophy, literature and medicine; considers that Smith's ideas were of global importance and continue to have a huge impact on society today; notes the role that Scottish universities played in exchanging the ideas across many disciplines; believes that Smith was a leading figure in the Scottish Enlightenment during the 18th century; understands that the Scottish Enlightenment was an outpouring of intellectual and scientific principles by Scottish theorists, with their work gaining global recognition in asserting the importance of human reasoning, including empirical methods of enquiry; commends the ideas of Smith and believes that their impact on a breadth of areas continues to be globally significant 300 years after his birth; recognises the works of Adam Smith and what it sees as their continued significance to date, and notes the view that it is important to continue to celebrate the life and works of influential Scottish figures.

7. Motion Without Notice: Michelle Thomson moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.04 pm.

No. 11, Wednesday 7 June 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09390—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 7 June 2023—

after

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

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Deposit Return Scheme

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and then on Justice and Home Affairs, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity (Lorna Slater) made a statement and answered questions on Deposit Return Scheme.

4. A Thriving Future for Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector and its Workers: Liam Kerr moved S6M-09339—That the Parliament recognises the vital role that oil and gas plays in Scotland's energy mix and in supporting tens of thousands of Scottish jobs, particularly in the north east; condemns Labour Party plans to ban new production from the North Sea, and the Scottish Government's stated presumption against new exploration for oil and gas in the North Sea, contained in the Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan; acknowledges that there is a climate emergency and that the Scottish Government must deliver on carbon emissions targets and achieve net zero by 2045, but further acknowledges that a just transition for workers to green jobs, so that no communities are left behind, cannot be achieved without the investment, innovation and skills from the oil and gas sector and support for the North Sea industries, and calls, therefore, for the Labour Party to reverse its opposition, and for the Scottish Government to remove its presumption from the Draft Energy Strategy.

The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy (Neil Gray) moved amendment S6M-09339.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09339 in the name of Liam Kerr (A Thriving Future for Scotland’s Oil and Gas Sector and its Workers), leave out from “vital” to end and insert “role that is played by oil and gas in the energy profile of Scotland, the tens of thousands of jobs in that sector, and the essential contribution that the sector’s skilled workforce must make to Scotland’s present and future energy security; recognises that the draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan sets out a future energy pathway for Scotland and highlights that, to realise its climate change ambitions, Scotland needs to transform the way it generates, transports and uses energy; notes that the Scottish Government has consulted on whether, in order to support the fastest possible and most effective just transition, there should be a presumption against new exploration for oil and gas, with a final decision to be made later in 2023; acknowledges that huge progress has been made in the energy transition in the last 20 years; reiterates its firm commitment to ensuring a just transition and that just transition principles are embedded in legislation; calls, therefore, on the UK Government to support the fastest possible just transition for the oil and gas sector; expresses deep disappointment that the UK Government has repeatedly refused to match the Scottish Government’s £500 million Just Transition Fund for the north east and Moray, despite benefitting to the tune of hundreds of billions of pounds at today’s prices over decades from North Sea oil and gas, and calls on the UK Government to support the deployment of carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) for the Scottish Cluster to capitalise on Scotland’s competitive advantage, including its world-leading workforce, who will drive forward the just transition and help industry to decarbonise at pace.”

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-09339.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09339 in the name of Liam Kerr (A Thriving Future for Scotland’s Oil and Gas Sector and its Workers), leave out from “condemns” to end and insert “believes that the only way to break out of 13 years of rising energy bills and energy insecurity is to decisively move to clean, cheap, homegrown power, with a full range of energy sources; agrees that oil and gas production in the North Sea will continue for decades to come and the skills of the oil and gas workforce will be crucial to delivering this energy transformation; understands that it is vital that a phased and responsible transition is delivered and that partnership with government, business and workers will be crucial to achieving this, while managing existing oil fields for the entirety of their lifespan; further understands that the Labour Party announcement of the Green Prosperity Plan would mean an annual £28 billion investment into clean energy and green technology, which would ensure the creation of hundreds of thousands of good jobs, with decent wages, in Scotland and the UK for the decades ahead, and would give people working in energy security for the future, while transforming the UK into a clean energy superpower, and calls on the Scottish Government to deliver on carbon emissions targets and achieve net zero by 2045.”

After debate, amendment S6M-09339.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 48, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-09339.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 48, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the role that is played by oil and gas in the energy profile of Scotland, the tens of thousands of jobs in that sector, and the essential contribution that the sector's skilled workforce must make to Scotland's present and future energy security; recognises that the draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan sets out a future energy pathway for Scotland and highlights that, to realise its climate change ambitions, Scotland needs to transform the way it generates, transports and uses energy; notes that the Scottish Government has consulted on whether, in order to support the fastest possible and most effective just transition, there should be a presumption against new exploration for oil and gas, with a final decision to be made later in 2023; acknowledges that huge progress has been made in the energy transition in the last 20 years; reiterates its firm commitment to ensuring a just transition and that just transition principles are embedded in legislation; calls, therefore, on the UK Government to support the fastest possible just transition for the oil and gas sector; expresses deep disappointment that the UK Government has repeatedly refused to match the Scottish Government's £500 million Just Transition Fund for the north east and Moray, despite benefitting to the tune of hundreds of billions of pounds at today's prices over decades from North Sea oil and gas, and calls on the UK Government to support the deployment of carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) for the Scottish Cluster to capitalise on Scotland's competitive advantage, including its world-leading workforce, who will drive forward the just transition and help industry to decarbonise at pace.

5. Prioritising Scottish Tourism: Liz Smith moved S6M-09340—That the Parliament believes that the tourism sector is a crucial element in the future sustainability of the Scottish economy; regrets the SNP-Scottish Green Party administration's failure to prioritise tourism, and the weaknesses in Scotland's infrastructure with the resulting detrimental effect on connectivity across rural and island areas, including failures in ferry services and the delay in progressing the dualling of both the A9 and the A96; notes the concern amongst the hospitality sector about the introduction of a visitor levy; condemns the flawed short-term lets policy and an anti-business agenda, which has resulted in additional costs and red tape for those across the tourism sector, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward an urgent blueprint to address the deep-seated concerns of the tourism sector and its related industries.

The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy (Neil Gray) moved amendment S6M-09340.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09340 in the name of Liz Smith (Prioritising Scottish Tourism), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "welcomes the role that Scotland's world-class tourism offering plays in creating jobs, sustaining communities and enhancing appreciation of the outstanding natural environment and cultural assets right across the country; notes that there were an estimated 3.2 million overseas visits to Scotland in 2022, which is only 7% lower than in 2019, whereas the comparable figure for the rest of the

UK remained 25% below 2019; further notes that the proposed legislation for a visitor levy will provide local authorities with the powers to raise additional revenue if they choose and that revenue will be invested in improving services, with benefit for both visitors and the wider community in their area, further strengthening Scotland's tourism offer; considers that energy costs, the need to cut VAT, the impact of high inflation and the impact of Brexit on labour shortages are the key issues facing the Scottish tourism sector; calls on the UK Government to use its reserved powers in a manner that supports rather than hampers Scottish tourism, and notes that all the signs are that 2023 will be a successful year for Scotland's tourism sector."

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-09340.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09340 in the name of Liz Smith (Prioritising Scottish Tourism), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "understands that the economic crisis and cost of living are impacting the tourism industry at a time when it is still recovering from previous shocks; notes with concern the flaws in the Scottish Government's short-term lets policy and the issues raised by businesses in the tourism sector; recognises the need for a more joined-up and proactive economic strategy, which takes into account the reality that Scottish retail, tourism and leisure businesses are operating in, including an assessment of the impact of existing Scottish Government policy decisions on the sector, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward an urgent blueprint to address the concerns of business in the tourism sector and related industries."

After debate, amendment S6M-09340.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 48, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-09340.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament welcomes the role that Scotland's world-class tourism offering plays in creating jobs, sustaining communities and enhancing appreciation of the outstanding natural environment and cultural assets right across the country; notes that there were an estimated 3.2 million overseas visits to Scotland in 2022, which is only 7% lower than in 2019, whereas the comparable figure for the rest of the UK remained 25% below 2019; further notes that the proposed legislation for a visitor levy will provide local authorities with the powers to raise additional revenue if they choose and that revenue will be invested in improving services, with benefit for both visitors and the wider community in their area, further strengthening Scotland's tourism offer; considers that energy costs, the need to cut VAT, the impact of high inflation and the impact of Brexit on labour shortages are the key issues facing the Scottish tourism sector; calls on the UK Government to use its reserved powers in a manner that supports rather than hampers Scottish tourism, and notes that all the signs are that 2023 will be a successful year for Scotland's tourism sector.

6. Business Programme: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09361—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 13 June 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan -

Annual Progress Report 2022-23

followed by Education, Children and Young People Committee Debate: College Regionalisation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 14 June 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy;

Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Labour 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

Thursday 15 June 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Ministerial Statement: Provisional Outturn

followed by Debate on the Scottish Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 20 June 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 June 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS
Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland)
Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

7.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 June 2023

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 Stage 1 Debate: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.25 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 12 June 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09362—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 31 January 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09363—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5 and 8 as noted above.

10. Transforming Local Bus Services: The Parliament debated S6M-09106 in the name of Mark Ruskell— That the Parliament considers that buses have a critical role in tackling the climate emergency, building a fairer transport system, and improving access to opportunities; believes that the roll-out of the Young Persons’ (Under 22s) Free Bus Travel scheme has inspired a new generation of bus users, with, it understands, over 62 million journeys made so far; commends the work of community groups, such as the Glenfarg Community Transport Group, for transforming bus networks where they live and providing local communities with lifeline services; recognises what it sees as the central role of communities and local authorities in strengthening public transport connections and breaking the cycle of decline in bus services, including by using powers available through the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019; understands that section 34 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 provides local transport authorities the ability to set up their own publicly-owned bus services, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s Community Bus Fund, which aims to provide start-up funding to empower local transport authorities to transform local bus services where they live.

The meeting closed at 6.49 pm.

No. 12, Thursday 8 June 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Minister.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Ensuring that Lothian Late-diagnosed Deaf Children Get the Support That They Need: The Parliament debated S6M-08219 in the name of Jeremy Balfour— That the Parliament notes the belief that every child affected by the failings identified in the 2021 audit of NHS Lothian's paediatric audiology service, carried out by the British Academy of Audiology (BAA), must get the support that they need to thrive and to overcome any additional barriers that they face due to the failings identified in the report; understands that the audit did not include children seen later than 2018, which, it considers, means that there were further years until any failings were addressed by an action plan, and that there may be many more children who were not diagnosed in a timely manner; recognises that the key stages for fluent first language development are birth to three years old; understands that the BAA report found that the average age of identification of deafness was 4.5 years for children in the NHS Lothian area, which, it understands, is far longer than comparable figures in the rest of the UK; considers that the failings identified in NHS Lothian's paediatric audiology service will mean that many of the affected children were diagnosed after this critical period and are therefore likely to experience a significant adverse impact on their language and communications development, potentially leaving such children with more complex needs that may need to be addressed through co-ordinated support from health, education, social work and other agencies; understands that the families of affected children have come together to form Families Failed by Lothian Audiology Action Group (FLAAG); further understands that the parents involved in FLAAG have identified a number of areas where their children are not getting the support that they need; understands that the families involved in FLAAG report that they have experienced a lack of access to BSL tutors, speech and language therapy and appropriately qualified professionals to support their deaf children and help remediate any damage caused by the failures of the audiology service, and notes the calls on all public and voluntary sector bodies that are supporting the late-diagnosed deaf children in the Lothians and beyond to work together to ensure that they always get the support that they need.

4. Motion without Notice: Jeremy Balfour moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-09375—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Government amendments to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill, tabled in the House of Lords on 10 May 2023, do nothing to alter the view expressed in the

Scottish Parliament in its vote on 29 November 2022 calling for the Bill to be withdrawn, or its vote on 23 February 2023 that concluded that the Scottish Parliament should withhold consent for the Bill, and considers that no amendment to this Bill can be viewed in isolation from the risks of the overall Bill, or will be sufficient in removing the dangers attached to it.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 79, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

6. New Vessels for the Clyde and the Hebrides: Arrangements to Deliver Vessels 801 and 802: Richard Leonard, on behalf of the Public Audit Committee, moved S6M-09327—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Public Audit Committee's 1st Report, 2023 (Session 6), New Vessels for the Clyde and Hebrides: Arrangements to deliver vessels 801 and 802 (SP Paper 344).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Mandatory Committee Remits: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09371—That the Parliament agrees, under Rule 6.1—

(a) that the remit of the following mandatory committee be amended—

Name of Committee: Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

Remit: To the remit set out in Temporary Rule 4 shall be added the following additional matter—

Matters falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Independence

(b) that, further to motion S6M-00394, the additional matters added to the remits of the following mandatory committees be varied as follows—

Name of Committee: Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

Remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.9 shall be added—

Matters relating to civil justice within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans.

New remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.9 shall be added—

Matters relating to civil justice falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs.

Name of Committee: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.4 shall be added—

Matters relating to local government elections, Scottish general elections, implementation of the Referendums (Scotland) Act 2020 and Freedom of Information and open government falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Parliamentary Business.

New remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.4 shall be added—

Matters falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Parliamentary Business.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Committee Remits: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09372—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the remits of committees—

Name of Committee: Criminal Justice Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to criminal justice falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans, and functions of the Lord Advocate other than as head of the systems of criminal prosecution and investigation of deaths in Scotland.

New remit: To consider and report on matters relating to criminal justice falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, and functions of the Lord Advocate other than as head of the systems of criminal prosecution and investigation of deaths in Scotland.

Name of Committee: Economy and Fair Work Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to the economy falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy with the exception of matters relating to energy; and on matters relating to just transition within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition.

Name of Committee: Education, Children and Young People Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills and matters relating to the Historical Abuse Inquiry within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills and matters relating to the Historical Abuse Inquiry and redress falling within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

Name of Committee: Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care and matters relating to drugs policy.

New Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care and matters relating to drugs and alcohol policy.

Name of Committee: Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to local government, housing and planning falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government and the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy, and matters relating to the Local Government Boundary Commission and local governance review and democratic renewal within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

New remit: To consider and report on matters relating to local government and planning falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and matters relating to housing and tenants' rights within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and matters relating to the Local Government Boundary Commission and local governance review and democratic renewal within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

Name of Committee: Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, with the exception of matters relating to rural land use, wildlife crime and animal welfare.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition, with the exception of matters relating to just transition; on matters relating to land reform, natural resources and peatland, Scottish Land Commission; Crown Estate Scotland, and Royal Botanic Garden within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; and on matters relating to energy within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy.

Name of Committee: Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands; and on matters relating to rural land use, wildlife crime and animal welfare falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, with the exception of matters relating to land reform, natural resources and peatland, Scottish Land Commission, Crown Estate Scotland, and Royal Botanic Garden.

Name of Committee: Social Justice and Social Security Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government, excluding matters relating to local government, housing and planning.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice excluding matters relating to housing and tenants' rights.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Motion without Notice: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.58pm.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

No. 13, Tuesday 13 June 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Revd Nicky Gumbel, pioneer of Alpha, led Time for Reflection.

2. **Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09497—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 13 June 2023—

after

followed by Education, Children and Young People Committee Debate: College Regionalisation

insert

followed by Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.10 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.

3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan - Annual Progress Report 2022-23.

4. **College Regionalisation:** Sue Webber, on behalf of the Education, Children and Young People Committee, moved S6M-09414—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Education, Children and Young People Committee's 2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6), College regionalisation inquiry (SP Paper 331).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister:** The First Minister (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-09508—That the Parliament agrees that Fiona Hyslop be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

The motion was agreed to.

6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

7. Women Prisoners: The Parliament debated S6M-08593 in the name of Katy Clark— That the Parliament notes reports that the women's prison, HMP Cornton Vale, is set to close and be replaced by HMP & YOI Stirling on the same site by the summer of 2023; further notes, with concern, reports that Scotland has had one of the largest female prison populations in northern Europe since 2010; understands that nearly 40% of women charged are not charged for a violent offence, with 63% of women in the sentenced population indexed under Group 1 (Violence) in the recorded crime statistics; notes the findings of the International Review of Custodial Models for Women: Key Messages for Scotland by the Scottish Government social research department in 2015, which concluded that “countries with lower rates of female prison populations tend to have different sentencing practices, including a greater use of alternatives to custody and open prisons than is currently available in Scotland”; further notes the view that Scotland’s remand rates for women are too high, including in the West Scotland region; notes that the Scottish Prison Service confirmed in January 2023 that approximately 36% of women prisoners are on remand, higher than the percentage for prisoners who are men; further notes the view that the vulnerable nature of many women prisoners, offending patterns among women and the reported high percentage of women prisoners who are mothers and high percentage of women who have suffered brain injuries as a result of repeated domestic abuse, demonstrate that fewer women should be remanded into custody, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to reverse the real terms cuts to the justice budget, to fund and develop strategies to reduce the number of women on remand, and to consult with women’s groups to develop sustainable alternatives to custody that reflect the specific circumstances of women.

The meeting closed at 5.54 pm.

No. 14, Wednesday 14 June 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy, and then on Finance and Parliamentary Business were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Taking Action on NHS Waiting Times: Jackie Baillie moved S6M-09462— That the Parliament is deeply concerned that NHS waiting lists continue to increase to record levels, with over 779,000 patients awaiting treatment; regrets that over 18,300 patients died on NHS waiting lists in 2022, whilst the number of people in Scotland paying for private treatment has increased by 73% since before the COVID-19 pandemic; notes that the Scottish Government has failed to meet its revised national targets for tackling long waits for planned care; is concerned about the delay in rolling out the network of National Treatment Centres; recognises that the NHS is facing a workforce crisis, with over 7,000 vacancies unfilled, and agency costs spiralling to £567 million in 2022-23, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to bring forward a revised NHS Recovery Plan, in consultation with key stakeholders, to reduce long waits as a matter of urgency.

The Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care (Michael Matheson) moved amendment S6M-09462.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09462 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Taking Action on NHS Waiting Times), leave out from “is deeply” to end and insert “recognises the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on both the people of Scotland directly, and on the operation of the health service; further recognises that too many people are waiting too long for treatment, and welcomes the reductions in the longest waits recently; notes that health services across the four nations are dealing with the effects of the pandemic on waiting times, and recognises that use of the independent sector by individuals is proportionately lower than that in England or Wales; supports the twin approach of investment and reform of the NHS so that delivery continues to be enhanced, backed by investment founded in progressive taxation; appreciates that the workforce is at the heart of all that the NHS does, and thanks everyone working in the NHS for their dedication, expertise and commitment; believes that the NHS must be kept true to its founding principles of being publicly owned, publicly operated, and free at the point of need, and further believes that the only way to protect the NHS from the threat posed by the UK Government is to realise independence for Scotland.”

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-09462.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09462 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Taking Action on NHS Waiting Times), after “2022-23” insert “; notes with concern that long waits are an issue throughout all aspects of the health service, with cancer waiting times at their worst ever level, A&E targets not being met in three years, and the Scottish Government failing to clear the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) backlog”.

After debate, amendment S6M-09462.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 53, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-09462.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on both the people of Scotland directly, and on the operation of the health service; further recognises that too many people are waiting too long for treatment, and welcomes the reductions in the longest waits recently; notes that health services across the four nations are dealing with the effects of the pandemic on waiting times, and recognises that use of the independent sector by individuals is proportionately lower than that in England or Wales; supports the twin approach of investment and reform of the NHS so that delivery continues to be enhanced, backed by investment founded in progressive taxation; appreciates that the workforce is at the heart of all that the NHS does, and thanks everyone working in the NHS for their dedication, expertise and commitment; believes that the NHS must be kept true to its founding principles of being publicly owned, publicly operated, and free at the point of need, and further believes that the only way to protect the NHS from the threat posed by the UK Government is to realise independence for Scotland.

3. A Resilience Fund for CalMac Disruption: Michael Marra moved S6M-09463—That the Parliament instructs the Scottish Government to establish a resilience fund for businesses adversely affected by Caledonian MacBrayne disruption and withdrawal of services, utilising funds obtained from penalties imposed on Caledonian MacBrayne for breaches of its contract with Transport Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition (Màiri McAllan) moved amendment S6M-09463.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09463 in the name of Michael Marra (A Resilience Fund for CalMac Disruption), leave out from “instructs” to end and insert “recognises the significant impact that delays and disruption to ferry services have regrettably had on Scotland’s island communities and businesses; acknowledges that some island communities have been particularly badly affected, and also acknowledges the frustration felt by island communities; believes that the Scottish Government must continue to explore all practicable options to support island communities; agrees that the Scottish Government should redouble its efforts to work with operators and CMAL to improve reliability, resilience and confidence across networks and services, and address concerns that have been raised around CalMac’s route prioritisation matrix to ensure that it is reviewed, with input from communities, and that it considers the economic impact to fragile island communities; notes that all penalty deductions from CalMac made in relation to failures on the network are used to support resilience and help reduce disruption, for example, by helping to partly fund the cost of the charter of MV Alfred, and believes that accelerating the replacement of major vessels in the ferry fleet

must be the priority in order to provide the ferry services that island communities need.”

Graham Simpson moved amendment S6M-09463.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09463 in the name of Michael Marra (A Resilience Fund for CalMac Disruption), insert at end “; notes the anger expressed by islanders at repeated disruption, which is impacting on business and day-to-day life; calls on the Scottish Government to establish the fund, which should be permanent, without delay, and welcomes the commitment by CalMac to review its route scoring matrix.”

After debate, amendment S6M-09463.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 53, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-09463.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the significant impact that delays and disruption to ferry services have regrettably had on Scotland’s island communities and businesses; acknowledges that some island communities have been particularly badly affected, and also acknowledges the frustration felt by island communities; believes that the Scottish Government must continue to explore all practicable options to support island communities; agrees that the Scottish Government should redouble its efforts to work with operators and CMAL to improve reliability, resilience and confidence across networks and services, and address concerns that have been raised around CalMac’s route prioritisation matrix to ensure that it is reviewed, with input from communities, and that it considers the economic impact to fragile island communities; notes that all penalty deductions from CalMac made in relation to failures on the network are used to support resilience and help reduce disruption, for example, by helping to partly fund the cost of the charter of MV Alfred, and believes that accelerating the replacement of major vessels in the ferry fleet must be the priority in order to provide the ferry services that island communities need.

4. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the announcement that Scottish junior doctors have voted overwhelmingly to reject the pay offer made by the Scottish Government and plan to take strike action, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care (Michael Matheson).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09501—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 June 2023
2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards Implementation

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2021

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Innovation Strategy

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 June 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

7.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 June 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: Education Reform

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.25 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 June 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.20 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 June 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs; Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.25 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 June 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 19 June 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09502—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 15 December 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09503—That the Parliament agrees that the Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Act 2011 (Application to Civil Partnerships and Consequential Provision) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09504—That the Parliament

agrees that the Police Negotiating Board for Scotland (Constitution, Arbitration and Qualifying Cases) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09505—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the *supplementary* legislative consent memorandum on the Online Safety Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09524—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09538—That the Parliament agrees that Kenneth Gibson be appointed to replace Keith Brown as a member of the Finance and Public Administration Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

13. Scotland's Liver Cancer Crisis: The Parliament debated S6M-08629 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament understands that 90% of liver disease is preventable, but that rising alcohol misuse, obesity and viral hepatitis are reportedly contributing to a liver disease and liver cancer crisis in Scotland; notes reports that liver disease burden is highest in deprived areas, such as those within the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, which, it understands, had the highest rate of alcohol-specific deaths in 2017-2021, the majority of which were caused by alcohol-related liver disease; highlights what it sees as the importance of prevention and earlier detection of liver cancer, as one of the less survivable cancers, which, it understands, has seen the highest increase in mortality rates of all cancer types in Scotland over the last decade, and commends the work of the British Liver Trust and other charities in promoting the use of intelligent liver function tests and non-invasive liver scans in primary and community care to accelerate earlier detection of liver disease and liver cancer in order to save lives and reduce long-term pressures on the NHS.

The meeting closed at 6.09 pm.

No. 15, Thursday 15 June 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. World Asthma Day, 2 May 2023: The Parliament debated S6M-08765 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament notes World Asthma Day 2023, which took place on 2 May 2023; recognises that the Global Initiative for Asthma, supported by the World Health Organization, marked the day with the theme of Asthma Care for All; understands that around 360,000 people, including 72,000 children, have an asthma diagnosis in Scotland; believes that the Scottish Government's Respiratory Care Action Plan aims to improve prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care and self-management of asthma and lung conditions, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and bronchiectasis; welcomes the campaign, led by Asthma + Lung UK Scotland, to improve asthma care in Scotland; regrets reports that only 25.4% of people with asthma, surveyed by Asthma + Lung UK Scotland, said that they received all the elements of basic asthma care; understands that six in 10 people in Scotland, who were polled by Asthma + Lung UK Scotland, said that they are concerned about air quality around schools, which, it understands, can cause asthma in children and exacerbate existing conditions; welcomes reports of the creation of the International Coalition of Respiratory Nurses (ICRN), which brings together nurses from across the globe to advance the care and treatment of patients with respiratory conditions, including asthma, and notes the view that better asthma care at all levels of health care can lead to better outcomes and lives for people living with asthma.

4. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions: Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Net Zero and Just Transition were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance (Tom Arthur) made a statement and answered questions on Provisional Outturn.

7. Debate on the Scottish Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit: The Parliament debated the Scottish Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit.

8. Decision Time: There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

No. 16, Tuesday 20 June 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Tetiana Balanova, Community Coordinator, Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (AUGB) in Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09618—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 20 June 2023—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Innovation Strategy

insert

followed by Motion of No Confidence

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 21 June 2023—

delete

7.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and insert

9.50 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy (Elena Whitham) made a statement and answered questions on Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards Implementation.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition (Mairi McAllan) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2021.

6. Scottish Innovation Strategy: The Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-09594—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of Scotland’s National Innovation Strategy; recognises its vision for Scotland to become one of the most innovative small nations in the world over the next decade as a key part of delivering a greener, fairer, wellbeing economy; recognises Scotland’s potential to become a world leader in four key areas of the economy, which are energy to address the climate emergency, health and life sciences, advanced manufacturing, and data and digital technologies; welcomes the strategy’s four programmes, which are a national network of clusters in key sectors, a renewed investment and support offer for businesses, a new framework for realising the commercial and community benefits of research, and a new programme focused on supporting businesses to become active in innovation and improve their productivity; recognises that the Scottish Government will measure and evaluate Scotland’s innovation performance and compare this to similar nations on an annual basis; welcomes the extensive engagement, consultation and joint working with industry, academia, entrepreneurs, investors and the public sector that helped develop the strategy; notes the successful examples of innovation taking place across the country; recognises the important role of enhanced employee engagement and alternative ownership models in fostering innovation, and understands the significant opportunities for Scotland, and its businesses, entrepreneurs, workers, communities and universities, to grow and scale its excellence in innovation and technology to become recognised globally as a world-leading innovation nation.

Jamie Halcro Johnston moved amendment S6M-09594.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09594 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Scottish Innovation Strategy), leave out from first “welcomes” to end and insert “recognises the importance of driving innovation in Scotland, both within the public and private sectors, but believes that the current direction of the Scottish Government is creating barriers to growth and inhibiting innovation; further recognises that high taxes on individuals and businesses risk impacting on growth; regrets the reduction in the 2023-24 budget settlement to the enterprise agencies, which will reduce their ability to support Scottish businesses; acknowledges the challenges faced in the university sector for Scottish students due to high levels of competition and the resulting impact that has on the ability to train, in the numbers required, sufficiently skilled workers to drive and support innovation; believes that leaving the United Kingdom would severely damage Scotland’s ability to succeed by creating a border across the vital UK single market, creating significant challenges for businesses to trade and operate across the United Kingdom, and would cost the Scottish economy billions of pounds, reducing the ability to foster a strong, vibrant and innovative economy, and believes that Scotland’s success lies in cooperation across the United Kingdom, economic policies which provide Scotland with a competitive advantage, proper investment in infrastructure to benefit businesses and communities, and a Scottish Government with a firm grasp on public finances to build business confidence and drive innovation.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 69, Abstentions 21).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-09594.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09594 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Scottish Innovation Strategy), insert “; recognises that ambition alone will not be enough to realise the potential of Scotland’s people, businesses and communities; believes that a genuine coordinated industrial strategy, built on investment, skills and infrastructure, will be central to driving innovation; welcomes the identification of the energy sector as a sector with high potential, and believes that the best chance of realising the potential in Scotland’s energy sector is through the Labour Party’s plan to create a new publicly-owned energy company, which will be headquartered in Scotland and will deliver lower bills, energy security and good jobs for Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 97, Abstentions 3).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Motion of No Confidence: Liam Kerr moved S6M-09607—That the Parliament has no confidence in the Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity, in light of the failure of the proposed Scottish Deposit Return Scheme.

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Ensuring a Just Transition for Rural Communities: The Parliament debated S6M-09435 in the name of Alexander Burnett— That the Parliament believes that what it sees as the Scottish Government’s failure to listen to local communities has resulted in an unjust transition to net zero taking place in rural communities across Scotland, including those in the Aberdeenshire West constituency; recognises what it sees as the vital importance of an energy strategy that uses a mix of energy sources to achieve a just transition and protect the livelihood and character of rural communities; acknowledges what it sees as the significant concerns of local communities and local authorities, which, it believes, have overwhelmingly opposed industrial sized onshore windfarm proposals, but have then been overruled by the Energy Consents Unit * *; notes the view that the Scottish Government should ensure that local community objections to renewable energy developments are a key factor in considering when approval should be granted; further notes the calls for the Scottish Government to introduce legislation for a mandatory minimum megawatt-hour community benefit contribution rate from renewable energy developments, which would increase in line with inflation; recognises the role that it believes that community benefit should play in ensuring that communities receive fair compensation as part of a real just transition in areas where renewable energy developments are being considered, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to implement the recommendations of the joint review by the UK and Scottish governments of ETSU-R-97 on all new onshore windfarm developments, in particular, the recommendation that controlling values for noise during the night should not be higher for night-time than during the day.

10 Motion without Notice: Alexander Burnett moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.38 pm.

No. 17, Wednesday 21 June 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09621—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2: 1 hour 45 minutes

Groups 3 to 5: 3 hours 15 minutes

Groups 6 to 8: 4 hours 30 minutes

Groups 9 to 11: 5 hours 30 minutes

Groups 12 to 14: 6 hours 30 minutes

Groups 14 to 16: 7 hours.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 15, 18, 21, 76, 77, 27, 30, 80, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 60, 62, 63 and 64.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

16 (For 67, Against 47, Abstentions 0)

55 (For 90, Against 20, Abstentions 0)

58 (For 93, Against 18, Abstentions 0)

59 (For 92, Against 18, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

67 (For 46, Against 66, Abstentions 0)

68 (For 51, Against 63, Abstentions 0)

17 (For 47, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
20 (For 47, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
69 (For 50, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
70 (For 49, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
71 (For 50, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
72 (For 47, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
73 (For 46, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
1 (For 45, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
5 (For 28, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
74 (For 19, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
75 (For 50, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
24 (For 28, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
25 (For 28, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
2 (For 28, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
78 (For 48, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
10 (For 27, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
11 (For 27, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
83 (For 28, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
13 (For 28, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
8 (For 28, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
85 (For 28, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
45 (For 49, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
61 (For 49, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 26, 84, 42, 86.

The following amendments were not moved: 19, 22, 23, 6, 28, 29, 79, 34, 81, 82, 12, 7, 14, 3, 44, 4, 9, 87, 88, 89, 90, 65 and 66.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09622—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 June 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Illegal Migration Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Ministerial Statement: Reconsideration of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building a New Scotland - The Constitution of an Independent Country

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Electronic Trade Documents Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 June 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs; Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Appointment of a New Scottish Information Commissioner

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.25 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 June 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Highly Protected Marine Areas

followed by Ministerial Statement: Leading Scotland's Journey to Becoming a Start-up Nation

1.45 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 5 September 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 6 September 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

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 September 2023

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: Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 26 June 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

Alexander Burnett moved amendment S6M-09 622.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09622 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out from "Scottish Government Debate: Building a New Scotland - The Constitution of an Independent Country" to "1.45 pm Decision Time" and insert—

"Ministerial Statement: Highly Protected Marine Areas

followed by Ministerial Statement: Leading Scotland's Journey to Becoming a Start-up Nation

followed by Ministerial Statement: Circularity Scotland

followed by Ministerial Statement: Agriculture Bill Update

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Electronic Trade Documents Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.20 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 June 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture;
Justice and Home Affairs; Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy
and Reconciliation) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Economic Crime and Corporate
Transparency Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Charities (Regulation and Administration)
(Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Appointment of a
New Scottish Information Commissioner

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.25 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 June 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time"

After debate the amendment was disagreed to (For 48, Against 62, Abstentions 0)

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 81, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09623—That the Parliament agrees

that the Animal By-Products and Animal Health (Miscellaneous Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09624—That the Parliament agrees that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09625—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the *supplementary* legislative consent memorandum on the Electronic Trade Documents Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 9.59 pm.

No. 18, Thursday 22 June 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
2. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).
3. **Deconcentrating Land Ownership:** The Parliament debated S6M-09174 in the name of Mercedes Villalba—That the Parliament understands that, in 2013, just 432 landowners owned 50% of all Scotland's privately-owned rural land; notes that feudal tenure in Scotland was only formally abolished through the Abolition of Feudal Tenure (Scotland) Act 2000; supports the expansion to community rights to buy under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015; understands that continuing concentration of ownership remains a significant barrier to communities exercising their rights; considers that land represents a huge reserve of unearned wealth in Scotland, including in the North East Scotland region; notes the view that there is a need for stronger action to disrupt the concentration of land ownership in Scotland; further notes the view that a clearly defined, legally enforced, public interest test is needed to ensure that land holdings work for the benefit of the people of Scotland, and notes the calls for Scotland's land to be owned by, and managed for the benefit of, Scotland's communities.
4. **Presiding Officer's Statement:** The Presiding Officer made a statement expressing condolences on the death of Winnie Ewing, former MSP.
5. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
6. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Education Reform.
7. **Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise (Natalie Don) moved S6M-09610—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. **Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise (Natalie Don) moved S6M-09158—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 0, Abstentions 28).

9. Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved S6M-09599—That the Parliament agrees that the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 44, Abstentions 0).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

No. 19, Tuesday 27 June 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rabbi Aharon Lemberger, assistant Rabbi at Giffnock Newton Mearns Synagogue and Jewish Chaplain for Glasgow and the West of Scotland Universities, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Illegal Migration Bill:** The Minister for Equalities, Migration and Refugees (Emma Roddick) moved S6M-09710—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Government's Illegal Migration Bill will negatively affect all those seeking asylum in the UK; notes that clauses 23 and 27 of the Bill together will amend the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015, by placing a restriction on the powers of the Scottish Ministers and removing the entitlement for victims of human trafficking and exploitation to access Scottish Government-funded support services if they have arrived in the UK through irregular means after 7 March 2023; further notes that the Bill's provisions are likely to impact on the ability to support potential victims of human trafficking and, therefore, will impact on the delivery of the Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy and efforts to eliminate human trafficking, as victims may actively avoid identification and associated risks of removal from the UK, and acknowledges that the Scottish Government has not been permitted to lodge a Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Government's Illegal Migration Bill in the Scottish Parliament.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Reconsideration of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill.
- 5. Building a New Scotland – The Constitution of an Independent Country:** The Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-09711—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of Creating a modern constitution for an independent Scotland and the opportunity that it sets out for the people of Scotland to directly shape a new, modern and more democratic country with constitutional safeguards for human rights and based on the constitutional tradition of the sovereignty of the people.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-09711.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09711 in the name of Angus Robertson (Building a New Scotland - The Constitution of an Independent Country), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “recognises that the people of Scotland voted decisively to remain within the United Kingdom in 2014 and that any discussion on a written constitution in an independent Scotland is both academic and hypothetical; deplores the announcement by the First Minister that the Scottish National Party will use the next General Election campaign as an attempt to hold another polarising vote on breaking up the United Kingdom; agrees that another divisive independence referendum is not a priority and is

simply an attempt by the Scottish National Party to divert attention away from its poor record in government, and calls on the Scottish Government to focus its time on addressing the pressing issues that Scotland faces day to day, including growing the economy and rebuilding vital public services.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-09711.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09711 in the name of Angus Robertson (Building a New Scotland - The Constitution of an Independent Country), delete from “welcomes” to end and insert “notes the publication of Creating a modern constitution for an independent Scotland; considers that, rather than theoretical future plans, the focus of the Scottish Government should be on the priorities of people living in Scotland, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to deliver a real recovery plan for the NHS to reduce long waits, fix lifeline services for Scotland's island communities, ensure a fair local government funding settlement, and take measures to improve living standards and tackle the cost of living, with a £100 water rebate, a freeze to rail fares and a revamped mortgage rescue scheme.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 44, Against 64, Abstentions 3).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

6. Electronic Trade Documents Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-09709— That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Electronic Trade Documents Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 12 October 2022 and subsequently amended, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09746— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 28 June 2023—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill (UK Legislation)

after

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill (UK Legislation)

(b) Thursday 29 June 2023—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Leading Scotland's Journey to Becoming a Start-Up Nation

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Online Safety Bill (UK Legislation)

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5 and 6 as noted above.

9. Epilepsy Scotland Report, Epilepsy on the Mind: The Parliament debated S6M-09507 in the name of Alasdair Allan—That the Parliament recognises the findings of the Epilepsy Scotland report, Epilepsy on the Mind, on the impact of epilepsy on mental health, which was published on 16 June 2023; understands that epilepsy is a condition that it is estimated 58,000 people in Scotland, including people in Na h-Eileanan an Iar, are living with, making it one of the most common serious neurological conditions; recognises that this report, which followed a national survey undertaken by over 700 people with epilepsy in Scotland, highlights, in particular, that 54% of responses said that epilepsy has a “significant impact” on their mental health; further recognises that 46% of responses said that they have anxiety, and one in three have depression; notes the recommendation that there needs to be wider-reaching, epilepsy-specific mental health support available in Scotland, and for there to be greater societal understanding, including by employers and education establishments, of epilepsy and how it can affect a person's life; commends Epilepsy Scotland for its work in conducting the survey and creating this significant report, and considers that the report's recommendations can improve the lives of people with epilepsy.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

No. 20, Wednesday 28 June 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, then on Justice and Home Affairs, and then on Education and Skills, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved S6M-09722—That the Parliament agrees with the recommendation in the Scottish Government’s supplementary legislative consent memorandum to withhold consent for the UK Government’s Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

3. Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 1, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

The following amendment was disagreed to (by division): 3 (For 42, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

4. Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-09725—That the Parliament agrees that the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 108, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

5. Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-09723—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 22 September 2022, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Appointment of the Scottish Information Commissioner: Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Selection Panel, moved S6M-09727—That the Parliament nominates David Hamilton to His Majesty The King for appointment as the Scottish Information Commissioner under section 42 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09753—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 September 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 6 September 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

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 September 2023

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: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 12 September 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 13 September 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, 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 14 September 2023

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

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 4 September 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09754—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 26 January 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09755—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 March 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09756—That the Parliament agrees that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Committee Duration: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09720—That the Parliament agrees, further to motion S6M-00393, that the duration of the COVID-19 Recovery Committee be revised from “For the whole session of the Parliament” to “Until Friday 14 July 2023”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09757—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition and Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09758—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the *supplementary* legislative consent memorandum on the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09759—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Justice and Social Security Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09760—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the *supplementary* legislative consent memorandum on the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

16. Approval of SI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09787 —That the Parliament agrees that the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

17. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09761—That the Parliament agrees that *the following changes to committee membership will apply from close of business on Thursday 29 June 2023*—

Kate Forbes be appointed to replace Ben Macpherson as a member of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Keith Brown be appointed to replace Alasdair Allan as a member of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

John Swinney be appointed to replace Collette Stevenson as a member of the Criminal Justice Committee;

Kevin Stewart be appointed to replace Fiona Hyslop as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Ash Regan be appointed to replace Michelle Thomson as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Michelle Thomson be appointed to replace Bob Doris as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Ben Macpherson be appointed to replace Fiona Hyslop as a member of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee;

Kate Forbes be appointed to replace Christine Grahame as a member of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee;

Bob Doris be appointed to replace Gordon MacDonald as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee;

Christine Grahame be appointed to replace Emma Harper as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee; and

Ivan McKee be appointed to replace Bob Doris as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

18. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09790— That the Parliament agrees that the following changes to committee membership will apply from close of business on Thursday 29 June 2023—

Jamie Halcro Johnston be appointed to replace Douglas Lumsden as a member of the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Meghan Gallacher be appointed to replace Rachael Hamilton as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Roz McCall be appointed to replace Miles Briggs as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee;

Pam Gosal be appointed to replace Annie Wells as a member of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Maurice Golden be appointed to replace Alexander Stewart as a member of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee;

Liam Kerr be appointed to replace Stephen Kerr as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Sharon Dowey be appointed to replace Jamie Greene as a member of the Criminal Justice Committee;

Graham Simpson be appointed to replace Craig Hoy as a member of the Public Audit Committee;

Murdo Fraser be appointed to replace Jamie Halcro Johnston as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Brian Whittle be appointed to replace Graham Simpson as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Annie Wells be appointed to replace Alexander Stewart as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Stephen Kerr be appointed to replace Edward Mountain as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

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Alexander Stewart be appointed to replace Maurice Golden as a member of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee; and

Annie Wells be appointed to replace Pam Gosal as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

19. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09791— That the Parliament agrees that the following changes to committee substitutes will apply from close of business on Thursday 29 June 2023—

Graham Simpson be appointed to replace Murdo Fraser as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Murdo Fraser be appointed to replace Jamie Halcro Johnston as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Alexander Stewart be appointed to replace Maurice Golden as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Oliver Mundell be appointed to replace Sharon Dowey as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee;

Roz McCall be appointed to replace Meghan Gallacher as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Jamie Halcro Johnston be appointed to replace Edward Mountain as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee;

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Edward Mountain be appointed to replace Stephen Kerr as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Craig Hoy be appointed to replace Roz McCall as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee; and

Pam Gosal be appointed to replace Graham Simpson as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

20. Motion without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.13 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

21. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 as noted above.

22. The 50th Anniversary of the Murder of Margaret McLaughlin: The Parliament debated S6M-09600 in the name of Russell Findlay—That the Parliament recognises that 6 July 2023 will mark the 50th anniversary of the murder of Margaret McLaughlin in Carluke, Lanarkshire; notes that Margaret McLaughlin was aged 23 when she was murdered while walking from her home to Carluke train station; further notes that the murder investigation was reportedly led by Detective Chief Superintendent William Muncie; recognises that the police investigation resulted in the arrest of the Carluke resident, George Beattie, who was a teenager at the time; notes that George Beattie was convicted of Margaret McLaughlin's murder at the High Court in Glasgow in October 1973 and consequently spent around 15 years in prison; understands that George Beattie continues to deny his guilt and that his conviction has been the subject of a long-running campaign alleging it to be a miscarriage of justice; notes that the campaign was covered in the BBC documentary series, *Rough Justice*, which was produced by the journalist, Peter Hill; further notes campaigners' concerns about the integrity of the police investigation; notes that those concerns were referenced in a speech made to the House of Commons in March 1993 by Jimmy Hood, who was then an MP; understands that the criminologist, Professor David Wilson, who is originally from Carluke, wrote a book about the murder of Margaret McLaughlin; notes that the book, *Signs of Murder*, which was published in July 2020, reportedly identifies a "more likely suspect", who has since been named publicly as Les Jardine; understands that, in 2020, Margaret McLaughlin's then fiancé, Bob Alexander, spoke to the media for the first time since her murder; notes that Bob Alexander reportedly believes that George Beattie is innocent of Margaret McLaughlin's murder and that he was "fitted up" by the police; understands that George Beattie believes that there is no available route to challenge his murder conviction, and notes the view that Police Scotland and the Crown Office should be encouraged to conduct a full review of the murder of Margaret McLaughlin.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm

No. 21, Thursday 29 June 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition (Mairi McAllan) made a statement and answered questions on Highly Protected Marine Areas.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Leading Scotland's Journey to Becoming a Start-up Nation.
- 5. Online Safety Bill - UK Legislation:** The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-09765—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Online Safety Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 17 March 2022 and subsequently amended to include the new offence of encouraging or assisting serious self-harm of another person, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 6. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09821—That the Parliament agrees that Douglas Lumsden be appointed to replace Liam Kerr as a member of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 7. Substitution on Committees:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09822—That the Parliament agrees that—

Kevin Stewart be appointed to replace Ben Macpherson as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee.

Gordon MacDonald be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee.

Jim Fairlie be appointed to replace Bob Doris as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

Stuart McMillan be appointed to replace Ivan McKee as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

Evelyn Tweed be appointed to replace Emma Harper as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee.

Alasdair Allan be appointed to replace Rona Mackay as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Action Mesothelioma Day 2023: The Parliament debated S6M-09075 in the name of Marie McNair—That the Parliament recognises Action Mesothelioma Day 2023, which is on 7 July 2023; understands that mesothelioma is a rare cancer that is almost always caused by exposure to asbestos, with tiny fibres getting into the lungs and damaging them over time; notes that the cancer most commonly occurs in the lining of the lung, but can also occur in the lining of the abdomen and the lining of the heart, with symptoms including shortness of breath, chest pain, cough and tiredness; understands that there are around 2,700 new mesothelioma cases in the UK every year, including over 200 in Scotland, which is the highest number in Europe, with at least a further 2,000 cases of lung cancer that are likely to be caused by asbestos exposure; recognises that Action Mesothelioma Day is a national event to raise awareness of asbestos and mesothelioma, raise vital funds to support the research into tackling mesothelioma, and to remember and support those who have been affected by the disease; applauds the long-standing and ongoing work of Clydebank Asbestos Group, which has provided information and support to people with asbestos-related conditions for over 30 years; notes the need for continued research into mesothelioma, and hopes for a successful Action Mesothelioma Day 2023.

10. Drowning Prevention Week 2023: The Parliament debated S6M-08901 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament marks Drowning Prevention Week (DPW) 2023, which runs from 18 to 25 June; notes that the campaign, initiated by the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK), aims to reduce the number of drowning and near-drowning incidents that occur in the UK every year by promoting the skills and knowledge that people need to be safe and have fun in the water; believes that DPW, now in its 10th year, is as crucial as ever, as it promotes water safety education; understands that, on average, 50 people accidentally drown in Scotland each year, and a further 29 people take their own lives in and around the country's water ways; acknowledges that the DPW campaign encourages schools, clubs, leisure centres and communities to promote water safety education through events, lessons, games and activities, in a bid to make people more aware of the dangers of water; welcomes the provision of new educational resources from Water Safety Scotland, created by RoSPA, which include free water safety lessons for schools and practitioners and the first ever curriculum-aligned water safety resources; commends RLSS UK and partner agencies, such as Water Safety Scotland, for what it sees as their tireless campaigning to promote water safety, and wishes everyone involved in Drowning Prevention Week 2023 the very best in their efforts.

The meeting closed at 3.33 pm

No. 22, Tuesday 5 September 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Alasdair Bennett, Chief Executive, Bethany Christian Trust, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10339—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business—

(a) Tuesday 5 September 2023—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Programme for Government 2023-24

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2023-24

(b) Wednesday 6 September 2023—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Equality within the 2023-24 Programme for Government

(c) Thursday 7 September 2023—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Motion of Condolence for Winnie Ewing

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Professor Eljamel, NHS Tayside

followed by Ministerial Statement: Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Opportunity within the 2023-24 Programme for Government

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.45 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister (Humza Yousaf) made a statement on Programme for Government 2023-24.

5. Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2023-24: The Parliament debated Programme for Government 2023-24.

6. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10298—That the Parliament agrees that Evelyn Tweed be appointed to replace Christine Grahame as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10299—That the Parliament agrees that—

Christine Grahame be appointed to replace Evelyn Tweed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee; and

Miles Briggs be appointed to replace Tess White as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. NHS Borders Paediatric Ambulatory Care Unit Celebrates 20th

Anniversary: The Parliament debated S6M-09590 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament congratulates NHS Borders on the 20th anniversary of its Paediatric Ambulatory Care Unit, which is based at Borders General Hospital, in Melrose; understands that the Paediatric Ambulatory Care Unit is a fundamental part of the wider innovation of children’s healthcare at NHS Borders with a focus on keeping children at home and avoiding time in hospital where possible; notes that the Unit was set up on 20 May 2003 to allow children to receive treatment and return home rather than having to be admitted to a ward and that, over the last 20 years, thousands of children have attended the Unit to have a range of assessments, procedures, investigations and treatments, and pays credit to the paediatric nursing team on their commitment, quality of care and innovation in developing the service, and contributing to a better experience for children and families who have been able to avoid being admitted to hospital thanks to the Paediatric Ambulatory Care Unit.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

No. 23, Wednesday 6 September 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy, and then on Finance and Parliamentary Business, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Equality within the 2023-24 Programme for Government: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-10343—That the Parliament notes the actions set out in the Programme for Government 2023-24 to build stronger communities, improve social justice, reduce inequalities, including in health and social care, and tackle child poverty; welcomes the investment of £5.3 billion in Scottish Government benefits in 2023-24, supporting over 1.2 million people, including £405 million for the Scottish Child Payment, which is currently helping to improve the lives of over 316,000 children; further welcomes the continued use of the Scottish Government’s fixed budget and limited powers to tackle inequality and poverty and protect people, as far as possible, from the harm inflicted by UK Government cuts and austerity, as well as the ongoing cost of living crisis; notes the continued action to tackle child poverty in key areas including parental employability, early learning and childcare, mental health, transport, and affordable housing; welcomes that 90,000 fewer children will live in relative and absolute poverty in 2023 as a result of Scottish Government policies; notes that reprehensible UK Government welfare policies, including the two-child limit and benefit cap, inflict hardship on families on the lowest incomes, with the two-child limit affecting 80,000 children in Scotland and removing £341.3 million from families in Scotland since 2017, and commends successful pay deals with NHS staff and unions that have ensured there have been no strikes in Scotland, thereby protecting patients and helping the workforce to deal with the ongoing cost of living crisis, and ensuring that people can access the social care support that they need, while recognising the valuable contribution of Scotland’s social care workforce.

Meghan Gallacher moved amendment S6M-10343.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10343 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Equality within the 2023-24 Programme for Government), leave out from “to build” to end and insert “; welcomes the announcement to improve miscarriage care, so that women do not wait until a third miscarriage to receive support; further welcomes the Scottish Government’s intention to bring childcare policy in line with UK Government proposals of providing funded childcare from the age of nine months but calls, however, on the Scottish Government to do more to resolve outstanding concerns, including recruitment, retention and support for private, voluntary and third sector organisations; notes that the Scottish Government has failed to close the attainment gap and roll out free school meals by 2022 as originally promised in 2021, tackle violence in classrooms, or bring forward a new meaningful deal for teachers; further notes that the percentage of children in poverty is equal to that in 2007, and expresses concern over the record-breaking number of children in temporary accommodation; calls on the Scottish Government to declare a homelessness emergency and to find a new approach to children being placed in temporary

accommodation; is dismayed that the Scottish Government has missed its deadline for transferring all benefits to Social Security Scotland and that certain benefits could be transferred as late as 2026; welcomes the UK Government's £94 billion to help households navigate the global cost of living crisis, throughout 2022-23 and 2023-24, and the UK Government's uprate to benefits by 10.1%; notes that, during the Scottish National Party's time in government, health inequalities have worsened, with record numbers on NHS waiting lists, high A&E waiting times, unacceptable drug and alcohol death rates and a mental health crisis, and agrees that a health and wellbeing strategy must be at the forefront of the Scottish Government's plan to tackle inequality."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

Paul O'Kane moved amendment S6M-10343.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10343 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Equality within the 2023-24 Programme for Government), leave out from "to build" to end and insert ", and that no real action has been set out which will reduce child poverty or mitigate the cost of living crisis for thousands of families that are struggling to make ends meet; further notes that the last UK Labour administration lifted 2 million children and pensioners out of poverty, of which 200,000 were children in Scotland, while the last decade of the Scottish National Party (SNP) administration has seen 40,000 more children, and 30,000 more pensioners slide into poverty; notes with concern that almost 9,000 children are languishing in temporary accommodation without a home to call their own because of this SNP administration's inability to get a handle on the scale of the housing crisis facing Scotland; welcomes the UK Labour Party's commitment to a new deal for working people within the first 100 days of a UK Labour administration, which will lift children in Scotland out of poverty by delivering a real living wage and improved working conditions, and a fundamental reform of unfair and punitive Universal Credit provisions; condemns the SNP administration's continued failure to resolve pay disputes with education staff across local authorities in Scotland; regrets that health inequalities are exacerbated by the inertia of this SNP administration; condemns the abandonment of over 820,000 patients stuck on NHS waiting lists for tests and treatment; accepts that this SNP administration has failed to meet its targets for tackling long waits with over 77,000 patients languishing for over a year; is deeply concerned that cancer treatment targets are repeatedly missed; regrets that the mental health crisis continues unabated with almost 2,000 patients waiting for over a year for treatment, and delayed discharge remains shockingly high, costing over £193 million alone in 2022-23; acknowledges that this is largely because of the SNP administration's failure to fix the growing crisis in social care; calls upon the SNP administration to address this crisis by immediately removing non-residential care charges and set out a workable plan for achieving a £15 an hour minimum wage for hard-working social care workers; recognises that Scotland's NHS is facing a workforce crisis, with over 7,000 vacancies unfilled, and welcomes the fact that a Scottish Labour administration would transform the NHS to meet the needs of future generations."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 102, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10340—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 September 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Drug Deaths

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Fiscal Framework Review

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 13 September 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

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

Thursday 14 September 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Reconsideration of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating the Resilience of Scotland's Food and Drink Sector

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 September 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 20 September 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Labour 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

Thursday 21 September 2023

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: Education and Skills

followed by Criminal Justice Committee Debate: Tackling Online Child Abuse, Grooming and Exploitation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 11 September 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10300—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 15 December 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Office of the Clerk: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10301—That the Parliament agrees that between 1 February 2024 and 31 January 2025, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 29 March and 1 April, 6 May, 24 May, 27 May, 13 September, 29 November, 24 December (pm), 25 and 26 December 2024, and 1 and 2 January 2025.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10341—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10342—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (UK Legislation), that Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Save Our Pools Campaign: The Parliament debated S6M-10199 in the name of Liz Smith—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of swimming as an essential basic skill, particularly among children, the obvious health

and fitness benefits for the population at large, and its importance in reducing the life expectancy gaps between different communities; notes what it sees as the need to prevent accidents in Scotland's vast array of popular rivers and lochs and to enhance the wider social benefits that swimming pools provide as community hubs enjoyed by people of all ages; acknowledges what it considers the huge part that swimming pools play in attracting and developing talent at the highest levels of Scottish and British sport, most notably swimmers such as Duncan Scott, who was trained and brought up in the Mid Scotland and Fife region and who became the most successful British Olympian at a single Olympic Games, in Tokyo, and one of the most decorated Team GB medallists of all time; expresses, therefore, its profound concerns at the reported number of swimming pool closures that are planned across Scotland, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to urgently act to reverse what it sees as this unwelcome trend, as called for by Scottish Swimming in its campaign, #SaveOurPools.

10. Motion Without Notice: Liz Smith moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.12 pm.

No. 24, Thursday 7 September 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Statement from the Presiding Officer. Contributions were made by party leaders on the Anniversary of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth The Second.

3. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

4. Investing in Alcohol Services to Reduce Alcohol Related Harm in Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-10032 in the name of Carol Mochan—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the urgent need for action to address the highest number of deaths from alcohol in over a decade, with a reported 22% increase in alcohol-specific deaths in the last two years following the COVID-19 pandemic; believes that this increase is likely due to changing drinking habits, alongside reduced access to services; considers that the risk of alcohol harm is already greater for the most disadvantaged in society, with people in Scotland's most deprived communities reportedly over five times as likely to die and six times as likely to be admitted to hospital because of alcohol than people in the wealthiest communities; believes that, while deaths are the most extreme form of alcohol harm, these are likely to be accompanied by increases in other harms, such as alcohol-related diseases, accidents, violence, unemployment, family and relationship breakdown, domestic abuse, child neglect and foetal alcohol spectrum disorder; notes the belief that a plan is needed to address what it sees as this public health emergency, and further notes the campaign by 36 charities and health bodies, including the Directors of Public Health in Scotland and the East Ayrshire, Dumfries and Galloway, Scottish Borders and South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnerships in the South Scotland region, which calls for urgent action as well as increased and sustained investment in alcohol services and recovery support, alongside a renewed commitment to preventative policies recommended by the World Health Organization on pricing, availability and marketing.

5. Motion of Condolence for Winnie Ewing: The First Minister (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-10350—That the Parliament expresses its deep sadness at the death of Winnie Ewing; offers its sympathy and condolences to her family and friends; recognises the historic place she will hold in Scottish political life having served in three Parliaments as a result of her victory in the 1967 Hamilton by-election, her election as an MEP, and as an MSP, where she presided over the reconvening of the Scottish Parliament; further recognises the high esteem in which she was held by colleagues from all parties, and appreciates her contribution as a principled public servant dedicated to the people of Scotland.

6. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Net Zero and Just Transition were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

7. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Professor Eljamel, NHS Tayside.

8. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete.

9. Opportunity within the 2023-24 Programme for Government: The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy (Neil Gray) moved S6M-10347—That the Parliament recognises the actions set out in the Programme for Government 2023-24 to build a fair, green and growing wellbeing economy, while addressing the twin climate and nature emergencies; agrees that a fair work agenda and a real living wage support all of society, particularly during a cost of living crisis, and commends the proposed rise for workers in social care and childcare to £12 an hour; believes that tackling the global climate emergency is the defining challenge of current times and that the necessity of climate leadership could not be more stark, and commends the Scottish Government's investment of £2.2 billion in 2023-24 to deliver a just transition to net zero and restore nature, which brings co-benefits in improved health outcomes, more accessible places, and empowered communities; acknowledges that the implementation of the recommendations of the New Deal for Business Group, close working with small businesses, and a £15 million package to support enterprise and entrepreneurship will create new opportunities to start, scale and sustain businesses; agrees that this support, along with the Scottish Government's Green Industrial and Energy strategies, will ensure that businesses maximise the opportunities of a just transition to net zero; recognises the work of the Just Transition Fund, enabling pioneering work in a range of sectors, as well as the Scottish Government's investment in nature restoration, and looks forward to initiatives to establish a new national park, as well as the publication of Scotland's Biodiversity Strategy; welcomes the commitment to establish a sector deal with the onshore wind industry, including halving the average determination time for section 36 applications to 12 months where there is no public inquiry, and acknowledges that both the Climate Change and Just Transition plans will secure a climate resilient and biodiverse future in a way that maximises community benefit and is fair and just for everyone.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S6M-10347.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10347 in the name of Neil Gray (Opportunity within the 2023-24 Programme for Government), leave out from first "recognises" to end and insert "notes that the Scottish economy contracted in the second quarter of 2022 in contrast to the wider UK economy, which grew in the same period, and that, since 2014, Scottish GDP per capita has grown on average at around one-half of the UK rate; further notes that this failure to grow the economy has real consequences for jobs, businesses and the public finances; acknowledges the language around economic growth in the Programme for Government 2023-24 and the limited measures to support growth and net zero, but regrets that these fall far short of what is required to deliver growth that at least matches the UK average, and calls on the Scottish Government to deliver a package of policies that will meaningfully promote

growth, including a competitive tax regime, an approach to regulation that recognises the cost to business, a national workforce plan, investment in innovation and entrepreneurship, and a commitment to improve infrastructure and connectivity, including a timetable for the dualling of the A96, and the A9 between Perth and Inverness."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-10347.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10347 in the name of Neil Gray (Opportunity within the 2023-24 Programme for Government), leave out from "while addressing" to end and insert "but regrets that after 16 years of a Scottish National Party administration, and despite the jobs and incomes at stake, a Green Industrial Strategy remains a pledge not a reality; agrees that a fair work agenda and a real living wage support all of society, particularly during a cost of living crisis; welcomes the proposed pay rise for care workers to £12 an hour, but believes that this must increase to £15 an hour during the current parliamentary session; believes that tackling the global climate emergency is the defining challenge of current times and that the necessity of climate leadership could not be more stark; calls on the Scottish Government to put a detailed plan for skills development at the heart of the just transition to net zero and efforts to restore nature; further calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that growth in both the onshore and offshore wind sectors leads to growth in Scottish supply chains, jobs and incomes; welcomes the commitment by the UK Labour Party to establish a publicly-owned energy company with its headquarters in Scotland, to reduce energy bills, create good local jobs and deliver 100% clear power for the UK by 2030, and further welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to reform land ownership, but urges it to be more radical to change the land ownership profile of Scotland, including ensuring that the community right to buy works for urban and rural communities."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 99, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 33, Abstentions 19).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

No. 25, Tuesday 12 September 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Barry Hughes, Minister, St Mark's Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy (Elena Whitham) made a statement and answered questions on Drug Deaths.
- 4. Celebrating the Resilience of Scotland's Food and Drink Sector:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-10406—That the Parliament recognises the value of Scotland's food and drink sector and the significant contribution that it makes to the national economy, as well as to local economies and communities; welcomes the plan, published by Scotland Food and Drink, to create stability, sustainability, resilience and innovation in order to support the sector to succeed and prosper over the next 10 years; further welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to invest £5 million to support delivery of this plan; acknowledges the challenges caused by Brexit, the Russian invasion of Ukraine and climate change, and the need for the sector to respond and adapt, and believes that the hard Brexit negotiated by the UK Government has created serious, long-term harms, including labour shortages and new barriers to trade, especially for Scottish food and drink exporters, while driving up inflation in food and supply chain costs.

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S6M-10406.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10406 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Celebrating the Resilience of Scotland's Food and Drink Sector), leave out from “acknowledges” to end and insert “recognises both the challenges and the opportunities resulting from the United Kingdom leaving the European Union; acknowledges the challenges caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and climate change, and the need for the sector to respond and adapt, and believes that allowing Scotland's food producers to adopt gene-editing technology would boost the sector's resilience, provide greater security against climate change disease and drought, and enhance crop yields, nutritional value and reliability.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 84, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S6M-10406.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10406 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Celebrating the Resilience of Scotland's Food and Drink Sector), insert at end “; recognises the plan set out by the Labour Party to stabilise the economy after the turmoil of the UK Conservative administration, reset the relationship with Europe, improve trading relationships and use the power of the Scotland Office to promote Scotland's excellent food and drink around the world; believes that it

is unacceptable that so many people living in food poverty in Scotland are those who work in the food industry; considers that more action is needed to address low pay, zero-hours contracts and insecure work in Scotland's food and drink sector, and therefore welcomes the proposals in the Labour Party's New Deal for Working People; asserts that food production and a sustainable environment can work hand in hand for the benefit of both, and believes that the right to food should be enshrined in Scots law.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

6. Tackling Child Poverty: The Parliament debated S6M-10068 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament strongly supports all measures to tackle child poverty; understands that 32% of children in Glasgow were estimated to live in relative poverty in 2022, compared with the wider Scottish rate of 24%; condemns what it sees as harmful UK Government policies such as the benefit cap and two-child limit, which it understands have forced as many as 20,000 children in Scotland into poverty; acknowledges that Glasgow city is reportedly the Scottish local authority worst hit by the two-child limit with, it understands, 3,990 recipients, or 54% of the households in receipt of Universal Credit or Child Tax Credits, not receiving financial support for at least one child in April 2023; considers that the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn constituency is among the areas most seriously affected as, it understands, it contains the highest proportion of deprived postcodes in Scotland, according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation; believes that the two-child limit causes disproportionate harm to low-income families and women survivors of domestic abuse or sexual assault, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to increase representations to the UK Government to reverse the benefit cap and the two-child limit, which it considers undermine the work done to lift children out of poverty, and to introduce its own equivalent of the Scottish Child Payment in support of low-income families.

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm.

No. 26, Wednesday 13 September 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Pausing the Short-term Lets Licensing Scheme: Murdo Fraser moved S6M-10411—That the Parliament notes the widespread concern in the tourist sector at the introduction of the licensing scheme for short-term lets, which is effective from 1 October 2023; understands that this will apply not just to stand-alone self-catering units, but also to home sharing, B&Bs, guest houses and home swaps; is concerned that the unintended consequences of the scheme will have a seriously negative impact on Scotland’s tourism offer, and calls on the Scottish Government to pause the introduction of the scheme for 12 months to allow for modifications based on a detailed, evidence-based review of its impact.

The Minister for Housing (Paul McLennan) moved amendment S6M-10411.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10411 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Pausing the Short-term Lets Licensing Scheme), leave out from “notes” to end and insert “recognises the success of Scotland’s growing tourism sector and that well-managed, short-term lets are a significant part of that economy; welcomes the reassurance and safeguards for visitors, hosts and communities that the short-term lets licensing scheme provides; acknowledges the work that local authorities have done to date in processing applications, and also those hosts who have submitted applications so far; highlights the six-month extension to the application deadline, giving nearly two years for hosts to comply with licensing conditions and a year to prepare and submit an application; notes the ongoing Scottish Government engagement with local authorities and the short-term lets sector across Scotland; calls on all MSPs to focus on supporting and encouraging any outstanding applications to be submitted to local authorities before 1 October 2023; confirms the Scottish Government’s ongoing work to listen to and engage with the sector, and reaffirms the Scottish Government’s commitment to an implementation review update in early 2024.”

Mark Griffin moved amendment S6M-10411.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10411 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Pausing the Short-term Lets Licensing Scheme), insert at end “, and consideration of changes, which, as a minimum, must include the removal from the licensing scheme of any accommodation that owners use as their primary residence, B&B accommodation, house swaps, purpose-built accommodation and room lets, and agrees that the forthcoming Housing Bill should be used to deliver a system of regulation that works for both local communities and the sector, and a registration scheme.”

After debate, amendment S6M-10411.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 51, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-10411.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the success of Scotland’s growing tourism sector and that well-managed, short-term lets are a significant part of that economy; welcomes the reassurance and safeguards for visitors, hosts and communities that the short-term lets licensing scheme provides; acknowledges the work that local authorities have done to date in processing applications, and also those hosts who have submitted applications so far; highlights the six-month extension to the application deadline, giving nearly two years for hosts to comply with licensing conditions and a year to prepare and submit an application; notes the ongoing Scottish Government engagement with local authorities and the short-term lets sector across Scotland; calls on all MSPs to focus on supporting and encouraging any outstanding applications to be submitted to local authorities before 1 October 2023; confirms the Scottish Government’s ongoing work to listen to and engage with the sector, and reaffirms the Scottish Government’s commitment to an implementation review update in early 2024.

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10420—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 19 September 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Drug Law Reform

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 20 September 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Labour 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

Thursday 21 September 2023

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: Education and Skills

followed by Criminal Justice Committee Debate: Tackling Online Child Abuse, Grooming and Exploitation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 26 September 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 27 September 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 28 September 2023

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: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 18 September 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10421—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 24 November 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 2 as noted above.

6. Opening of Scotland's First Bairns' Hoose: The Parliament debated S6M-10262 in the name of Rona Mackay—That the Parliament expresses its delight at the establishment of the first Bairns' Hoose in Scotland, providing children in north Strathclyde who are the victims or witnesses of abuse or violence with access to protection, care and recovery services under one roof, and improving the way that they are dealt with within the Scottish justice system; understands that the first Bairns' Hoose will support children, young people and members of their family from East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire; commends the charity, Children 1st, which has led the way in ensuring the development of Scotland's first Bairns' Hoose, supported by the partners, Victim Support Scotland, the University of Edinburgh, Children England and the Postcode Dream Fund, which is made possible by the players of People's Postcode Lottery; believes that Bairns' Hoose is based on an alternative model first developed in Iceland, called Barnahus; notes that the space has been designed in collaboration with children and young people for children and young people, and includes calming wall colours, soft and comfortable furnishings, and a safe and secure garden, which will offer breathing

space for those who need it; further notes the inclusion of high-quality technical facilities, including space to record evidence and deliver live links to court within a nurturing environment, and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to ensuring that all children who have experienced harm as a result of abuse or violence will have access to a Bairns' Hoose.

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm.

No. 27, Thursday 14 September 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Environmental Impact of Single-use Vapes: The Parliament debated Environmental Impact of Single-use Vapes in the name of Gillian Mackay—That the Parliament notes reported concerns regarding the environmental impact of single-use vapes, including in the Central Scotland region; recognises that, in the year ending January 2023, there were reportedly an estimated 543,000 vapers in Scotland, of which, 9% were under 16 and 14% were under 18 years of age; understands that most under-18 e-cigarette users prefer single-use vapes; welcomes the publication of a review that the Scottish Government commissioned Zero Waste Scotland to carry out into the environmental impact of single-use e-cigarettes; understands that, according to Zero Waste Scotland, the total emissions associated with disposable vapes in 2022 were estimated to have been up to 4,292 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e), or the equivalent of around 2,100 cars on Scotland's roads; further understands that, in the 52 weeks to early April 2023, the number of disposable vapes consumed in Scotland was estimated to be between 21 and 26 million units; understands that the weight of packaging and materials discarded as a result of single-use e-cigarette consumption in Scotland is currently between 800 and 1,000 tonnes per year; applauds the work of campaigners and organisations such as Laura Young and ASH Scotland to raise awareness of this issue; considers that the environmental and health impacts of vaping products are rising, and notes the view that action to tackle this is required from retailers, manufacturers and the Scottish Government.

4. Motion without Notice: Gillian Mackay moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

6. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (Reconsideration): The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-10429—That the Parliament agrees to reconsider the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. The Role of Football in Scottish Society and Communities: The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport (Maree Todd) moved S6M-10439—That

the Parliament acknowledges that football contributes significantly to the cultural, social, economic and sporting fabric of Scotland, including through the work of the Scottish FA, which celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2023; recognises the important role that football clubs play in their communities, supporting a wide range of Scottish Government priorities; welcomes in particular the growth of inclusive opportunities in football in Scotland; notes that the Traffic Commissioners for Great Britain have withdrawn the consultation on proposed new guidelines for fans travelling to football matches in Scotland on public hire vehicles, and calls for any future consultation on and development of Scottish guidelines to be fully informed through the involvement of the Scottish Government, football clubs, authorities and, especially, fans and supporters' groups to best meet Scottish needs and interests.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

No. 28, Tuesday 19 September 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Eder Ferraz Goncalves, Pastor, Perth Baptist Church, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 3. Drug Law Reform:** The Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy (Elena Whitham) moved S6M-10490—That the Parliament believes that every life lost through drugs is a tragedy and recognises that behind each statistic is a grieving family and community; agrees that the scale of the drug deaths emergency in Scotland requires the Scottish Government to use every lever at its disposal to save and improve lives using the best available evidence; further agrees that the principles of the Scottish Government's national mission should be rooted in a human rights informed, public health approach, not a criminal justice one; believes that the support for people with substance dependency should be in parity with other health conditions, removing unnecessary stigma and discrimination; supports the calls for an urgent review of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 to fully align the law with the public health response outlined in the Scottish Government paper, A Caring, Compassionate and Human Rights Informed Drug Policy for Scotland, of which decriminalising drugs for personal use is one part, and agrees that the Scottish Government should work constructively with the UK Government to either amend the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 or devolve the powers to Scotland to draft its own drugs legislation that better reflects international best practice.

Sue Webber moved amendment S6M-10490.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10490 in the name of Elena Whitham (Drug Law Reform), leave out from "be rooted" to end and insert "take both a public health and a criminal justice approach to target the serious organised crime gangs that target Scotland's most vulnerable communities; believes that the support for people with substance dependency should be in parity with other health conditions, removing unnecessary stigma and discrimination; notes the Lord Advocate's statement, which confirms her willingness to produce a prosecution policy statement enabling a drug consumption room facility to be set up without requiring any change to existing law; acknowledges that drug law is identical across the UK, yet drug-related deaths in Scotland are 2.7 times higher than the UK average; opposes the decriminalisation of drugs, which would make it more difficult to tackle the criminal gangs that profit from this trade and cause misery for communities across Scotland, and supports tackling the problem of substance dependency by implementing the proposed Right to Recovery Bill, which would enshrine a right in law that those who need treatment are able to get it."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 66, Abstentions 17).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-10490.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10490 in the name of Elena Whitham (Drug Law Reform), leave out from "supports" to end and insert "notes that, under the Scottish National Party administration, funding for Alcohol and Drug Partnerships fell by over £46 million in real terms between 2014-15 and 2019-20; welcomes the statement by the Lord Advocate, which will allow a pilot safer drug consumption room in Glasgow to go ahead, but regrets that it has taken almost seven years since the initial proposal for this progress to be made; regrets that more than 4,000 lives have been lost due to drugs since a public health emergency was declared in 2019; is concerned that, 14 months on from the recommendations of the Drug Deaths Taskforce, no formal application has been made to establish drug checking services in Scotland and medication assisted treatment standards are yet to be fully implemented, and calls on the Scottish Government to desist with finding constitutional disagreements and focus on using devolved powers and resources to improve rehabilitation services and tackle the root causes of addiction."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 21, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 45, Abstentions 0).

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

5. Consultation on Proposed Council Tax Rises: The Parliament debated S6M-10348 in the name of Willie Rennie—That the Parliament notes the Scottish Government's Fairer Council Tax consultation on the raising of council tax rates for those in properties in valuation bands E to H, which closes on 20 September 2023; understands that, should these rises go ahead, 715,312 houses in places like North East Fife and across the rest of Scotland will be affected; further understands that this will mean more than a quarter of homes in Scotland will be impacted by this proposed rise on top of any yearly increase that is decided by local authorities; considers that this proposal may cause concern to many people living in band E to H properties, who, during a cost of living crisis, it believes are already faced with expensive energy bills, high levels of inflation and rising mortgage rates; notes the belief that these proposals do not go as far as previous commitments by the Scottish Government to scrap Council Tax in its entirety, and further notes the calls for MSPs to commit to scrutinising any proposals that result from the consultation fully and robustly.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.

No. 29, Wednesday 20 September 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and then on Justice and Home Affairs, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Protecting Scotland's Nature: Rhoda Grant moved S6M-10498—That the Parliament reaffirms its recognition of the climate emergency and the need to achieve a net zero future; recognises that Scotland has the potential for more carbon sequestration capacity by restoring peatlands and extending tree cover; regrets that the available budgets for woodland planting and peatland restoration are underspent by significant margins, and that targets are not being met; notes that the Scottish Government has promoted the use of private green finance to fill a purported £20 billion gap in funding for nature in Scotland, but that this figure, published by the Green Finance Institute, has been called into question and is now recognised by NatureScot as an overestimate; regrets that there was a lack of due diligence carried out by the Scottish Government; agrees that investment in the climate transition is crucial, but believes that Scotland's natural environment should not be allowed to be used for greenwashing by private corporations, and calls on the Scottish Government to carry out a full and transparent consultation on the policy options and finance mechanisms available to advance Scotland's capacity to sequester carbon.

The Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity (Lorna Slater) moved amendment S6M-10498.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10498 in the name of Rhoda Grant (Protecting Scotland's Nature), leave out from first "regrets" to end and insert "affirms its commitment to the Global Biodiversity Framework, which commits countries to "closing the biodiversity finance gap" and, in Target 19, calls for countries to "Substantially and progressively increase the level of financial resources from all sources"; commends the increase in public investment in nature through the Nature Restoration Fund and Peatland ACTION; recognises the vital role of the Forestry Grant Scheme in supporting woodland creation and sustainable forest management; agrees that investment in the climate transition is crucial, and that Scotland's natural environment should not be allowed to be used for greenwashing by private corporations; recognises that tackling the climate and nature crises requires all parts of society to act; welcomes, therefore, the Scottish Government's Interim Principles for Responsible Investment, which are designed to support a values-led, high-integrity market that ensures that communities benefit, and to support diverse and productive land ownership, as well as the recent publication of a consultation on Scotland's Biodiversity Strategy and an underpinning delivery plan, which will be *followed by* an investment plan; further welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to progress a Land Reform Bill and an Agriculture Bill; notes the valuable contribution made by the Scottish Land Commission in its report, Natural Capital and Land Reform, and looks forward to the Scottish Government's response to its recommendations, and calls on all parties to work constructively to restore Scotland's natural environment."

Jamie Halcro Johnston moved amendment S6M-10498.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10498 in the name of Rhoda Grant (Protecting Scotland’s Nature), insert at end “; regrets that, despite the pivotal role played by farmers, crofters and land managers in reducing emissions, capturing carbon, promoting biodiversity and restoring habitats through hard work, innovation and investment, they continue to be left in the dark over future support and await clarity regarding the proposed Agriculture Bill; agrees that investment is crucial to meet Scotland’s net zero goals; recognises the UK Government’s £1 billion in Track 2 funding for the carbon capture and storage project, to protect jobs and develop green skills, and acknowledges NatureScot’s Teaching, learning and play in the outdoors report, which highlights how outdoor education and play stimulate children’s connection to nature.”

After debate, amendment S6M-10498.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 50, Abstentions 0). Amendment 10498.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament reaffirms its recognition of the climate emergency and the need to achieve a net zero future; recognises that Scotland has the potential for more carbon sequestration capacity by restoring peatlands and extending tree cover; affirms its commitment to the Global Biodiversity Framework, which commits countries to “closing the biodiversity finance gap” and, in Target 19, calls for countries to “Substantially and progressively increase the level of financial resources from all sources”; commends the increase in public investment in nature through the Nature Restoration Fund and Peatland ACTION; recognises the vital role of the Forestry Grant Scheme in supporting woodland creation and sustainable forest management; agrees that investment in the climate transition is crucial, and that Scotland’s natural environment should not be allowed to be used for greenwashing by private corporations; recognises that tackling the climate and nature crises requires all parts of society to act; welcomes, therefore, the Scottish Government’s Interim Principles for Responsible Investment, which are designed to support a values-led, high-integrity market that ensures that communities benefit, and to support diverse and productive land ownership, as well as the recent publication of a consultation on Scotland’s Biodiversity Strategy and an underpinning delivery plan, which will be *followed by* an investment plan; further welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to progress a Land Reform Bill and an Agriculture Bill; notes the valuable contribution made by the Scottish Land Commission in its report, Natural Capital and Land Reform, and looks forward to the Scottish Government’s response to its recommendations, and calls on all parties to work constructively to restore Scotland’s natural environment.

3. Protecting Specialist Neonatal Services in Lanarkshire: Jackie Baillie moved S6M-10497—That the Parliament is concerned by the Scottish Government’s

decision to downgrade the award-winning neonatal services in University Hospital Wishaw, which will result in newborn babies who require specialist care being transferred to one of three specialist intensive care neonatal units across Scotland; recognises that many families across Lanarkshire have had their newborn babies cared for in this Neonatal Intensive Care unit, and that they are deeply upset by this decision to withdraw critical services and expertise from local communities, and calls on the Scottish Government to reverse its decision.

The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved amendment S6M-10497.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10497 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Protecting Specialist Neonatal Services in Lanarkshire), leave out from “is concerned” to end and insert “believes that it is vital that the smallest and sickest babies born in Scotland receive the best and safest care possible to improve their life chances; notes evidence from expert clinicians that care for babies at highest risk is safest in units that treat a higher number of patients; agrees that parents would expect the Scottish Government to act on such evidence in the very best interests of their babies; welcomes the new model of neonatal intensive care, as recommended by The Best Start report, which was led by expert NHS clinicians and service user representatives, that delivers this change; notes that local neonatal units will continue to offer care to the vast majority of babies who need it, and that no neonatal units will close as part of the new model; further notes that all families who have a baby in neonatal care can access the Young Patients Family Fund, which provides support for costs of travel, food and accommodation; acknowledges the commitment of all neonatal staff across Scotland, and congratulates the Wishaw neonatal team on being named UK neonatal team of the year in 2023.”

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-10497.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10497 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Protecting Specialist Neonatal Services in Lanarkshire), insert at end “, and understands that declining maternity services is not being experienced exclusively in Lanarkshire, with Dr Gray's Hospital in Elgin still waiting for its consultant-led maternity services to be restored, five years after they were temporarily downgraded, and with maternity services at Caithness having been permanently downgraded, leading to expectant mothers being forced to travel vast distances just to give birth.”

After debate, amendment 10497.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 50, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment 10497.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament believes that it is vital that the smallest and sickest babies born in Scotland receive the best and safest care possible to improve their life chances;

notes evidence from expert clinicians that care for babies at highest risk is safest in units that treat a higher number of patients; agrees that parents would expect the Scottish Government to act on such evidence in the very best interests of their babies; welcomes the new model of neonatal intensive care, as recommended by The Best Start report, which was led by expert NHS clinicians and service user representatives, that delivers this change; notes that local neonatal units will continue to offer care to the vast majority of babies who need it, and that no neonatal units will close as part of the new model; further notes that all families who have a baby in neonatal care can access the Young Patients Family Fund, which provides support for costs of travel, food and accommodation; acknowledges the commitment of all neonatal staff across Scotland, and congratulates the Wishaw neonatal team on being named UK neonatal team of the year in 2023.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10522—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 September 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Climate Emergency - Ambition and Action

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 27 September 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 28 September 2023

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: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Ministerial Statement: Vision for Scotland's Future Energy System

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 October 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 October 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, 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 5 October 2023

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

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 25 September 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10523—That the Parliament agrees that the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Amendment of Expiry Date) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 27, Abstentions 3).

6. Membership of the Committee of the Regions UK Contact Group and the Regional Chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10524—That the Parliament agrees to nominate Kate Forbes as a full member of the Committee of the Regions UK Contact Group, and to nominate Keith Brown as a full member and Alexander Stewart as an alternate member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. Maternity Services in Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-10307 in the name of Meghan Gallacher—That the Parliament notes with regret the recent reported decisions taken by the Scottish Government to downgrade or remove what it considers to be vital maternity services in Scotland, following the publication of the Five-year Forward Plan for Maternity and Neonatal Services options appraisal report; understands that the neonatal ward at University Hospital Wishaw will be downgraded from level 3 to 2, and that newborn babies requiring specialised care will be transferred to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow, Simpsons Centre for Reproductive Health at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, or Aberdeen Maternity Unit; notes reports that NHS Lanarkshire has expressed disappointment that the neonatal unit at Wishaw General, which, alongside other hospitals such as Ninewells in Dundee and Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy, would not form part of the

specialist intensive care neonatal units; considers that this decision is particularly disappointing given that Wishaw General's Neonatal Multidisciplinary Team was named UK neonatal team of the year in 2023; recognises the upset and worry that these decisions have reportedly had on expectant mothers as, should their newborn baby require additional care, they would need to travel up to 100 miles away from their families and support network; notes the petition raised by a local Lanarkshire woman, which has now received nearly 12,000 supporting signatures; considers that this is just the latest maternity service to be downgraded, with consultant-led maternity clinics at Dr Gray's and Caithness General Hospital being closed, which, it believes, is putting expectant mothers in rural communities at significant risk while making dangerous journeys to Inverness or Aberdeen to give birth, and notes the calls urging the Scottish Government to rethink its reported conclusion to downgrade or close what are considered to be vital maternity clinics, to support the petition, and to reassure expectant mothers and their families that they will not have to make long journeys should their babies require specialist care.

The meeting closed at 6.17 pm.

No. 30, Thursday 21 September 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. World Rivers Day 2023: The Parliament debated S6M-10364 in the name of Jackie Dunbar—That the Parliament marks World Rivers Day 2023, which takes place on 24 September and is a celebration of the world's waterways; commends the organisations, communities and land managers implementing landscape scale initiatives that improve stewardship of rivers; appreciates what it sees as the value of catchment scale initiatives and networks in connecting projects and communities together to maximise the benefits; considers that nature-based solutions, when successfully implemented, can lead to healthy, dynamic, resilient river systems, delivering multiple benefits to interconnected species such as sea trout, Atlantic salmon and freshwater pearl mussels, among others; recognises what it considers the seriousness with which the Scottish Government is treating Scotland's declining salmon stocks; further recognises the Wild Salmon Strategy and its objectives and priority themes; understands the interconnectivity within the ecosystem, where pressures such as water temperature, extreme flow events, nutrient enrichment and pollution can be substantial and cumulative; acknowledges Scottish Water's improving urban waters route map, which is backed by £500 million of investment; understands that SEPA's recent results show that 66% of Scotland's water bodies are in good condition or better, compared with just 16% elsewhere in the UK, and considers that implementing nature-based solutions can mitigate such pressures, delivering multiple benefits by boosting biodiversity, reducing diffuse pollution and reducing river temperatures in the Aberdeen Donside constituency in Scotland, and in the rest of the UK.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Tackling Online Child Abuse, Grooming and Exploitation: The Parliament debated Tackling Online Child Abuse, Grooming and Exploitation.

6. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what impact the Prime Minister's announcement on delaying a range of net zero targets will have on Scotland's target to become net zero by 2045, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition (Màiri McAllan).

7. Decision Time: There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm.

No. 31, Tuesday 26 September 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Helen Border, Chairperson, Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

3. Climate Emergency: Ambition and Action: The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition (Màiri McAllan) moved S6M-10597—That the Parliament reaffirms its commitment to tackling the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss; welcomes the action taken by people, communities, workers, businesses and local and national government to take Scotland half way to net zero, but recognises that the hardest part of the journey lies ahead; acknowledges the necessity of ambition, leadership and consistency on that journey and that, given the limits of devolution, all nations of the UK must work in partnership to complete the journey; deeply regrets, therefore, the unilateral reversal of policies set out by the UK Government on 20 September 2023; urges the UK Government to listen to overwhelming feedback and rethink what is an unforgivable betrayal of current and future generations, and calls for a new, mutually respectful four-nations partnership in meeting one of the most significant challenges facing people and the planet in this century.

Douglas Lumsden moved amendment S6M-10597.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10597 in the name of Màiri McAllan (Climate Emergency: Ambition and Action), leave out from “ambition” to end and insert “practical consideration, international co-operation, fairness to consumers and consistent achievement of targets to realistically fulfil net zero and biodiversity ambitions; recognises that policies aimed at reaching net zero goals must be affordable and should not impose expensive costs on households and businesses; welcomes, therefore, the new net zero policy announcements from the UK Government, which provide extensive household upgrade support with more scope for consumer freedom, bring the UK petrol and diesel car sales timelines in line with the European Union's and demonstrate a commitment to realistic achievement of ambitious environmental goals without alienating households, and deeply regrets the Scottish Government's hostility to these announcements, which only makes tackling climate change and biodiversity loss a more divisive issue.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-10597.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10597 in the name of Màiri McAllan (Climate Emergency: Ambition and Action), insert at end “; acknowledges that setting ambitious targets is only part of the job, and that action must be taken to meet those targets; believes that the Scottish Government is not utilising all

the powers that it already has to the benefit of tackling the climate crisis, and regrets, therefore, the Scottish Government repeatedly missing its own targets and underspending in its climate and net zero budgets.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Beatrice Wishart moved amendment S6M-10597.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10597 in the name of Màiri McAllan (Climate Emergency: Ambition and Action), insert at end “; believes that the Scottish Government must launch an emergency national insulation programme to reduce emissions and help households with the cost of living crisis; agrees that, just as collaboration with the UK Government and other devolved governments is required, far greater partnership is also essential between the Scottish Government and local authorities, in light of the Climate Change Committee reporting in December 2022 regarding a lack of a coordinated approach, local powers and funding, and believes that continued systematic underfunding of local authorities will hold back their efforts to reduce emissions.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

4. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10621—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 27 September 2023—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

6. Devolution of Employment Law: The Parliament debated S6M-10491 in the name of Keith Brown—That the Parliament considers that anti-trade union legislation, such as the Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2022, and the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023, poses a significant risk to workers’ rights, including in the Clackmannanshire and Dunblane constituency; believes that a progressive approach to industrial relations along with greater, not fewer, protections for workers is at the

heart of a fairer and stronger economy; further believes that trade unions are key social partners in delivering economic and social aspiration, and that they are vital for ensuring that the voices of workers are heard; welcomes that the TUC has recently backed a motion calling for the devolution of employment law to Scotland and a repeal of all current anti-trade union legislation; considers that devolution of employment law is supported by the majority of current MSPs; notes the calls on the UK Government not to further erode what it sees as the hard-won rights of workers; further notes its commitment to working in partnership to entrench and build on these rights, and notes the calls for employment law to be devolved to the Scottish Parliament immediately.

7. Motion without Notice: Keith Brown moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.29 pm.

No. 32, Wednesday 27 September 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy, and then on Finance and Parliamentary Business, were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10622—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 40 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour 20 minutes

Groups 7 to 9: 2 hours

Groups 10 and 11: 2 hours 15 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 3, 13, 4, 5, 1, 2 and 8.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 9 (For 48, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 10 (For 47, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 11 (For 48, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 3A (For 49, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 12 (For 48, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 14 (For 48, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 15 (For 49, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 6 (For 49, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 7 (For 46, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
- 16 (For 49, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 17 (For 50, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 18 (For 50, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 19 (For 49, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 20 (For 50, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 23 (For 48, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 22 was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

Amendment 21 was not moved.

4. Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill: The Minister for Public Health and Women’s Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-10594—That the Parliament agrees that the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 114, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10623—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 October 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland’s Prison Population

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Protection of Scottish Parliament Powers

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 4 October 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Reversal of the UK Government’s Two-child Benefit Cap

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Energy Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 5 October 2023

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 Debate: Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 October 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 October 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Labour 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

Thursday 26 October 2023

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: Education and Skills

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Public Participation Inquiry

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 2 October 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 1 Extension: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10624—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 1 December 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Consideration of SSI: Alexander Burnett, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10625—That the Parliament agrees that nothing further be done under the Deer (Close Seasons) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/184).

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 70, Abstentions 16).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10626—That the Parliament agrees that the Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10627—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Green Freeports Relief) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 105, Against 7, Abstentions 0).

10. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 6.12 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

12. Rural Visa Pilot Scheme: The Parliament debated S6M-10392 in the name of Kate Forbes—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital importance of seasonal and migrant workers to Scotland’s £15 billion food and drink industry and the wider rural economy; appreciates the need for businesses to have access to the workforce that they require to carry out what it sees as their invaluable work in providing world-class produce; recognises the view expressed by NFU Scotland that, “The labour shortages encountered across the whole chain in 2021 – on farm, haulage, processing and packing – coupled with the Government’s late delivery of the seasonal worker pilot scheme led to significant crop losses and millions of pounds of wastage”; understands that employers in the UK have found it difficult to source domestic labour to take up seasonal employment on farms, and that, in 2020, despite the widely publicised Pick for Britain campaign, UK residents made up only 11% of this workforce, and domestic recruitment in 2021 was at 5% for Scotland; notes previous reports that the East of Scotland Growers, the UK’s biggest brassica producer, incurred losses of 3.5 million heads of broccoli and 1.5 million heads of cauliflower due to labour shortages; further notes that Seafood Scotland has stated that, within seafood processing, there was a considerable reliance on a predominantly Eastern European workforce; understands that these workers comprised 52% of the rural workforce across Scotland, 69% in the north east, and up to 92% in certain processing facilities; notes the recent reports of businesses in Fort William, Portree and elsewhere in Highlands struggling to find staff; welcomes what it sees as the invaluable contribution that seasonal and migrant workers make to Scotland’s society and economy, and notes the calls for the UK Government to urgently review its position on the Scottish Government’s proposal for a Rural Visa Pilot Scheme, and for an urgent reassessment of immigration policy to increase access to the labour that it considers Scotland needs for its economy and communities to prosper.

The meeting closed at 7.12 pm.

No. 33, Thursday 28 September 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 a.m.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).
- 3. See Beyond - See the Lives - Scotland:** The Parliament debated S6M-10164 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament notes the campaign, See Beyond - See the Lives - Scotland, developed by the University of Stirling, Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs, Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP) and the Salvation Army; understands that the campaign aims to reduce the stigma that surrounds deaths due to alcohol and drugs; further understands that, behind every death, there are families, friends and communities who are experiencing devastating loss; recognises the importance of challenging the judgement and stereotypes that people often bring to the topic of substance use, and to people who have problems with alcohol or drugs and their families; commends the campaign pledge committing to be respectful and compassionate towards those affected by substance use, to use non-judgemental language when talking about substance use problems, and to reach out to those they know who have been affected to try to reduce the isolation and stigma that can be faced by those who have been bereaved in this way, and notes the calls on people across Scotland, including in the Lothian region, to sign the campaign pledge at seebeyondscotland.com.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Energy and the Environment (Gillian Martin) made a statement and answered questions on Vision for Scotland's Future Energy System.
- 6. Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown) moved S6M-10595—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 7. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

No. 34, Tuesday 3 October 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Tina Kemp, Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Prison Population.
- 4. Protection of Scottish Parliament Powers:** The Minister for Independence (Jamie Hepburn) moved S6M-10703—That the Parliament notes that both the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh Parliament refused to give consent to the Internal Market Act because of concerns over its potential to undermine democratic decisions of the devolved legislatures; agrees that those fears have been realised to the detriment of the people of Scotland, and that the devolution settlement has been fundamentally rolled back by the Act, and calls for the repeal of the Internal Market Act and for the UK Government to stop taking back control to the UK Parliament of policy decisions that should be made in Scotland.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-10703.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10703 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Protection of Scottish Parliament Powers), leave out from “notes” to end and insert “recognises that the UK Government is investing directly in Scotland and is working with local authorities and other partners to enable people across Scotland to benefit from this investment; urges the Scottish National Party administration in cooperation with the Scottish Green Party to work collaboratively and constructively with the UK Government, as demonstrated by positive joint working on programmes, such as growing the Scottish economy through the City and Growth Deals and Green Freeports, and believes that the Scottish Parliament should focus its time on addressing the issues that matter most to people in Scotland in their day-to-day lives.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-10703.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10703 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Protection of Scottish Parliament Powers), insert at end “; agrees that the people of Scotland are best served by both the UK and Scottish governments working together cooperatively, and calls on the UK Government to develop a more consensual means of preserving common standards and safeguards across the UK that does not undermine devolution in any part of the UK.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes that both the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh Parliament refused to give consent to the Internal Market Act because of concerns over its potential to undermine democratic decisions of the devolved legislatures; agrees that those fears have been realised to the detriment of the people of Scotland, and that the devolution settlement has been fundamentally rolled back by the Act; calls for the repeal of the Internal Market Act and for the UK Government to stop taking back control to the UK Parliament of policy decisions that should be made in Scotland; agrees that the people of Scotland are best served by both the UK and Scottish governments working together cooperatively, and calls on the UK Government to develop a more consensual means of preserving common standards and safeguards across the UK that does not undermine devolution in any part of the UK.

5. Committee Announcement: Claire Baker, on behalf of the Economy and Fair Work Committee, made an announcement on its inquiry into a just transition for the North East and Moray.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

7. Our Kids Won't Wait Campaign: The Parliament debated S6M-10476 in the name of Claire Baker—That the Parliament recognises the #OurKidsWontWait campaign to improve funding for disabled children in Scotland, and the importance of organisations such as The Yard that provide vital support for children with disabilities and their parents; understands that demand for the wide range of services offered by organisations such as The Yard is growing but that funding for The Yard, in real terms, has declined over the last seven years; believes that more could be done to help these organisations grow and expand services so that more children with disabilities and their families can get the support that they need; commends the efforts of four-year-old Eilish Cowan, who was born with a rare genetic condition, and her family in their campaign work with The Yard to improve funding for services for disabled children in the Mid Scotland and Fife region and across Scotland, and understands that the Scottish Government's decision to roll forward the Children, Young People and Families Early Intervention Fund grant has a major impact on the ability of charities such as The Yard to meet demand to help some of Scotland's most vulnerable children.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.

No. 35, Wednesday 4 October 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands and then NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Reversal of the UK Government's Two-child Benefit Cap: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-10716—That the Parliament calls on the UK Government to scrap the punitive two-child limit, which limits the amount of Universal Credit and Child Tax Credit a family can receive and undermines action to reduce child poverty in Scotland.

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-10716.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10716 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Reversal of the UK Government's Two-child Benefit Cap), leave out from "calls" to end and insert "notes that the UK Government has a duty to manage public finances carefully for future generations; considers that the UK Government has sought to curb increasing welfare spending by reducing benefits to those on higher incomes; acknowledges exemptions to the two-child policy in respect of Universal Credit and Child Tax Credit, such as for families with children with disabilities; welcomes the UK Government's £94 billion in support to help families navigate the global cost of living crisis, and commits to focusing on debating issues that are within devolved responsibilities, such as the roll-out of benefits through Social Security Scotland, the closing of the poverty-related attainment gap, the roll-out of free school meals, the inability of local authorities to adequately fund childcare provisions and the disturbing number of children in temporary accommodation."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

Paul O'Kane moved amendment S6M-10716.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10716 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Reversal of the UK Government's Two-child Benefit Cap), insert at end "; notes that an estimated two thirds of children in poverty live in working households, 10% of all employees in Scotland are stuck in low pay, and that 72% of that group are women, and welcomes, therefore, the proposal for a New Deal for Working People, which has been endorsed by the TUC and includes plans to ban zero-hours contracts, outlaw fire and rehire practices, and raise the minimum wage in order to tackle insecure work and to make sure that work pays as a key route to ending poverty."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 75, Against 28, Abstentions 3).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 78, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament calls on the UK Government to scrap the punitive two-child limit, which limits the amount of Universal Credit and Child Tax Credit a family can receive and undermines action to reduce child poverty in Scotland; notes that an estimated two thirds of children in poverty live in working households, 10% of all employees in Scotland are stuck in low pay, and that 72% of that group are women, and welcomes, therefore, the proposal for a New Deal for Working People, which has been endorsed by the TUC and includes plans to ban zero-hours contracts, outlaw fire and rehire practices, and raise the minimum wage in order to tackle insecure work and to make sure that work pays as a key route to ending poverty.

3. Energy Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Energy and the Environment (Gillian Martin) moved S6M-10709—That the Parliament agrees that all relevant provisions of the Energy Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 6 July 2022 and subsequently amended, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10729—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 October 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Planning for Winter 2023-24 and Ongoing Resilience Across Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Transvaginal Mesh

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 October 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Labour 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

Thursday 26 October 2023

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: Education and Skills

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Public Participation Inquiry

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 31 October 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 November 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

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

Thursday 2 November 2023

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: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 23 October 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10730—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 19 January 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 1 Extension: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10731—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 23 February 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10732—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, the Criminal Justice Committee and the Social

Justice and Social Security Committee can meet jointly, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 1.00 pm and 2.15 pm on 2 November 2023.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10733—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.22 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 7 and 8 as noted above.

11. Stoma Care in Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-10345 in the name of Edward Mountain—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the importance of stoma formation in healthcare, and congratulates all those involved in supporting people with them, including in the Highlands and Islands region; notes the dedication shown by those who work in this field in ensuring that the best care is provided in what is considered a life-changing event, and notes calls for all organisations to play their part in ensuring that those with stomas are able to lead normal and full lives.

The meeting closed at 6.11 pm.

No. 36, Thursday 5 October 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Welcoming the Impact of Climate Cafés: The Parliament debated S6M-10435 in the name of John Swinney— That the Parliament welcomes the growing number of community-led Climate Cafés emerging across Scotland and around the world; values the role of a Climate Café in creating what it sees as a welcoming, inclusive, safe space within a community that is open to everyone to chat and act on climate; believes that Climate Cafés benefit from being creative, intergenerational spaces, creating space for connections right across a community and leadership from children and young people; considers that local chat and climate action sparked by Climate Cafés has already had significant positive impacts, including, it understands, initiating engaging projects to reduce waste and energy costs, music events, fashion shows, swap shops, films, as well as international engagement, dialogue with local authorities and lots of collaboration across communities; understands that the home of the original Climate Café Dunkeld & Birnam, which was founded in 2015, hosts the Hub to support Climate Cafés to start up and to connect with other Climate Cafés to share ideas, support and learning; values the Climate Cafés across rural and urban Scotland, as more emerge in the Highlands, while established in Aberdeen, with vibrant new Climate Cafés in Inverness and Dundee, and notes that more communities, schools, workplaces and campuses are encouraged to consider establishing pop-up Climate Café spaces to chat and act on climate.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community: The Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S6M-10743—That the Parliament recognises the importance of Scotland's veterans and Armed Forces community, and greatly values the significant contribution that they continue to make to society; further recognises that the contribution of veterans continues and grows as they move back into the communities that they served, with their experiences enriching society and providing a valuable and positive base for employers; supports the Scottish Government's veterans strategy action plan, which has a clear vision to ensure the best possible outcomes for veterans and their families; notes the progress made in delivering the plan, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work with partners across the public, private and third sectors to ensure that the veterans and Armed Forces community receives the best possible support and access to services.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Substitution on Committees: Gillian Mackay, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10767—That the Parliament agrees that Ross Greer be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Motion Without Notice: Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.54 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.55 pm.

No. 37, Tuesday 24 October 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Father Krzysztof Garwolinski, Parish Priest of St Patrick's Shieldmuir and St Thomas' Wishaw, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business

(George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10948—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) to the following revision to the programme of business for—

(i) Tuesday 24 October 2023—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Gaza and Israel

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(ii) Wednesday 25 October 2023—

after

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

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Response to Storm Babet

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

(iii) Thursday 26 October 2023—

after

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate:
Embedding Public Participation in the Work of the Parliament

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Economic Crime and Corporate
Transparency Bill - UK Legislation

(b) that the Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Israel, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Lebanon) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be considered by the Parliament;

(c) for the purposes of consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. First Minister's Statement: The First Minister (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Gaza and Israel.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition (Màiri McAllan) made a statement and answered questions on Planning for Winter 2023-24 and Ongoing Resilience Across Health and Social Care.

6. Transvaginal Mesh: The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-10915—That the Parliament welcomes the report of the independent Transvaginal Mesh Case Record Review; acknowledges the severe and painful complications endured by women after the implantation of transvaginal mesh and regrets that their trauma may have been exacerbated by initial service responses that doubted their lived experiences; notes the continuing improvement in support, informed by the views of affected women, offered by the specialist mesh surgical service at the New Victoria Hospital in Glasgow in particular and NHS Scotland in general, in ways well aligned with the recommendations of Professor Britton's review; further notes the Chief Medical Officer's request of NHS boards to sustain good practice in the seeking and recording of patients' informed consent and to be assured locally that affected women are able to access the national mesh removal referral pathway, and supports the Scottish Government's continuing commitment to offering women a choice of surgeon, if mesh removal surgery is considered appropriate, and to reimbursing women who had previously arranged qualifying mesh removal surgery privately.

Tess White moved amendment S6M-10915.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10915 in the name of Jenni Minto (Transvaginal Mesh), leave out from first “notes” to end and insert “recognises that waiting times for mesh-injured women accessing the specialist mesh surgical service are significant and that urgent action is required by the Scottish Government and NHS National Services Scotland to reduce long waits; notes with concern that affected women must be seen by a local urogynaecologist within their NHS board before being referred to specialist services and that a GP referral is not available; further notes that the referral pathway is lengthy and complex, especially relating to independent providers and post-operative care; urges the Scottish Government to implement the full recommendations of Professor Britton's review to improve the support and outcomes available for women affected by surgical mesh, including the implementation of a new

register for patients; requires the Scottish Government to report back to the Scottish Parliament on progress towards the implementation of the review's recommendations, including on how the management of women's healthcare and the communication of treatment implications are being addressed by NHS boards; seeks assurances that there will be a patient role in shaping how services supporting mesh-injured women are provided, and calls for clarity around the reimbursement arrangements for women who have arranged qualifying mesh removal surgery privately.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-10915.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10915 in the name of Jenni Minto (Transvaginal Mesh), insert at end “; is concerned by the long waits for a first appointment at the Complex Mesh Surgical Service, whilst some women have reported a lack of clarity around accessing the full range of support available for mesh-related injuries; regrets that not all of the recommendations of the reviews by Professor Britton have been implemented; agrees that a realistic medicine approach is essential going forward, where patients are empowered and supported to be in control of their healthcare, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out how it will eradicate long waits for appointments and ensure that women affected by transvaginal mesh are informed and able to easily access the range of support available, which should be person-centred and trauma-informed ongoing care, and to publish both a strategy for increased surgical training and capacity building in alternative procedures to mesh, and data on waiting times for alternative procedures.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 1, Abstentions 49).

7. Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill - UK Legislation: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved S6M-10916— That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions in Part 3 - Chapter 1, Part 6, Part 12 and Schedules 14-15 and 25 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 11 May 2022 and subsequently amended, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Committee Announcement: Kaukab Stewart, on behalf of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Committee, made an announcement on the Committee's inquiry into the human rights of asylum seekers in Scotland.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

10. Challenge Poverty Week 2023: The Parliament debated S6M-10526 in the name of Collette Stevenson—That the Parliament recognises Challenge Poverty Week 2023, which is coordinated by the Poverty Alliance, Scotland’s anti-poverty network, and which runs from 2 to 8 October; notes that activities, events and actions will take place across Scotland to highlight the realities of, and solutions to, poverty, as well as increasing public support for tackling poverty; understands that the week emphasises the importance of a number of key policy asks, to help to unlock people from the grip of poverty, including the role of communities, access to food and adequate incomes; believes that over one million people in Scotland, including 250,000 children, are living in the grip of poverty and that the ongoing cost of living crisis continues to pull even more into hardship; notes the view that governments, politicians, civil society and communities all have a role to play in solving poverty; understands that particular groups of people, including low-paid women, lone parents, disabled people and people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds are disproportionately experiencing poverty; notes the view that poverty in Scotland can be solved by utilising all levers to boost incomes and reduce the impact of the cost of living crisis; further notes the view that people in Scotland support action to end poverty and believe in compassion and social justice; celebrates the work undertaken by organisations and communities across Scotland to stem what it sees as the rising tide of poverty, and notes the view that people across Scotland, including all MSPs, should attend and support events and activities in their areas to mark Challenge Poverty Week 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.12 pm.

No. 38, Wednesday 25 October 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and then Justice and Home Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Response to Storm Babet.

3. Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future: Daniel Johnson moved S6M-10922—That the Parliament notes the findings of the independent review of the skills delivery landscape, particularly that skills delivery has lacked clear leadership and direction, and substantial structural change is required to ensure that the skills system is fit for the future; regrets that Modern Apprenticeship starts are lower than in 2015-16 at a time when 70% of businesses are reporting skills shortages; is concerned that the proportion of people in employment who participated in job-related training is lower than it was in 2007; notes that net zero targets will require a step change in workforce skills but that the Scottish Government has only allocated 15% of its Just Transition Fund; considers that it is 21 months on from Audit Scotland's conclusion that urgent action was needed on skills from the Scottish Government and that it is therefore disappointing that no reforms are yet planned; believes that Scotland urgently needs a vision for a flexible and responsive skills delivery system that is fit for the future, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to set out its response to the review of the skills delivery landscape before the end of 2023 and to bring forward legislation on skills reform, as referenced in its Programme for Government, within the parliamentary year.

The Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved amendment S6M-10922.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10922 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future), leave out from “particularly” to end and insert “which it accepts set out a clear case for change; agrees that the skills landscape must fit the needs of the people of Scotland to ensure that everyone can fulfil their potential; understands that the Scottish Government will set out a full response to the independent review in the wider context of reform of the education and skills system, as set out in the Programme for Government 2023-24; agrees that it is right that the Scottish Government engages fully with stakeholders before setting out its full response, including education institutions, industry and trade unions; recognises that the Scottish Government's ambitions for a just transition will be supported by the delivery of the Green Industrial Strategy; acknowledges that funding is being provided to support up to 25,500 new Modern Apprenticeship starts in 2023-24; welcomes the many areas of success in the skills landscape at present, such as the proportion of school leavers in a positive destination nine months after the end of the school year standing at its highest level since comparable data was first gathered; recognises that effective utilisation of the skills system will

be vital in ensuring that Scotland has the workforce skills to meet its ambitious net zero targets and the wider needs of the future economy; welcomes the Scottish Government's £500 million Just Transition Fund and the £75 million allocated in the Fund's first two years, which includes £11.2 million on a package of skills-focused interventions; acknowledges that this is a 10-year fund, and that the Scottish Government is acting to support workers now, and in the future, with the skills needed to deliver Scotland's just transition towards net zero; expresses deep disappointment that the UK Government has repeatedly refused to match the Scottish Government's Just Transition Fund, and calls, therefore, on all parties in the Scottish Parliament to work to secure a matching commitment from the UK Government."

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S6M-10922.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10922 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future), after "skills shortages" insert "; supports the principle of parity of esteem for different learning routes, but regrets that there is considerable unmet demand for apprenticeship places due to the shortage of public funding available; believes that this should be addressed in the Scottish Government's forthcoming Budget for 2024-25".

After debate, amendment S6M-10922.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 52, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-10922.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 30, Abstentions 22).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes the findings of the independent review of the skills delivery landscape, which it accepts set out a clear case for change; agrees that the skills landscape must fit the needs of the people of Scotland to ensure that everyone can fulfil their potential; understands that the Scottish Government will set out a full response to the independent review in the wider context of reform of the education and skills system, as set out in the Programme for Government 2023-24; agrees that it is right that the Scottish Government engages fully with stakeholders before setting out its full response, including education institutions, industry and trade unions; recognises that the Scottish Government's ambitions for a just transition will be supported by the delivery of the Green Industrial Strategy; acknowledges that funding is being provided to support up to 25,500 new Modern Apprenticeship starts in 2023-24; welcomes the many areas of success in the skills landscape at present, such as the proportion of school leavers in a positive destination nine months after the end of the school year standing at its highest level since comparable data was first gathered; recognises that effective utilisation of the skills system will be vital in ensuring that Scotland has the workforce skills to meet its ambitious net zero targets and the wider needs of the future economy; welcomes the Scottish Government's £500 million Just Transition Fund and the £75 million allocated in the Fund's first two years, which includes £11.2 million on a package of skills-focused interventions; acknowledges that this is a 10-year fund, and that the Scottish Government is acting to support workers now, and in the future, with the skills needed to deliver Scotland's

just transition towards net zero; expresses deep disappointment that the UK Government has repeatedly refused to match the Scottish Government's Just Transition Fund, and calls, therefore, on all parties in the Scottish Parliament to work to secure a matching commitment from the UK Government.

4. Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector: Neil Bibby moved S6M-10917— That the Parliament values greatly the enormous contribution of the arts and culture sector to Scotland's national life and economy, noting that the creative industry is estimated to be worth nearly £4.5 billion and 80,000 jobs; recognises what many in the sector have described as a "perfect storm" of crisis in the sector, resulting from years of underfunding as well as the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis; condemns the Scottish Government's decision to break its promise to the sector not to cut Creative Scotland's budget by 10%, and notes the furious reaction in response; notes the commitment from the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture that Creative Scotland's funding will be restored in 2024-25, but recognises with concern that Creative Scotland has stated that up to a third of its regularly funded organisations are at serious risk of insolvency in the short term, and over half are financially weak, which will require redundancies or other cost savings, and therefore considers that there is an urgent need for funding now; further notes the announcement made by the First Minister on 17 October 2023 to more than double arts and culture funding over the next five years, but believes that, in the current context, financial certainty for the sector is crucial; calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to reverse the 10% budget cut to Creative Scotland with immediate effect; further calls on the Scottish Government to set out full details for its proposed increase in the arts and culture budget, including timescales for funding increases, and believes that it is essential that this is clarified ahead of the publication of a refreshed Scottish Government Culture Strategy.

The Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved amendment S6M-10917.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10917 in the name of Neil Bibby (Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector), leave out from first "recognises" to end and insert "understands that, in common with other sectors, arts and culture organisations are experiencing significant pressure due to increases in the cost of living as a consequence of Brexit, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the actions of the UK Government; welcomes that Creative Scotland has confirmed that it has used its reserves to ensure that funding for regularly funded organisations has been maintained in 2023-24; notes that, over the last five years, the Scottish Government has provided over £33 million to Creative Scotland to compensate for a shortfall in National Lottery funding; supports the Scottish Government's plan to more than double arts and culture funding by £100 million over the next five years; endorses the Scottish Government's aim of working with the culture sector to implement the refreshed culture strategy action plan, and believes that the UK Government should match this stated ambition and at least double its investment in arts and culture over the same period."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

Alexander Stewart moved amendment S6M-10917.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-10917 in the name of Neil Bibby (Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector), insert at end “; notes warnings that, if the £6.6 million cut is not restored next year, 2,000 jobs and 26,000 artist opportunities could be at risk, and calls on the Scottish Government to implement a more proactive approach to protecting the arts, music and culture sector in Scotland through, for example, the introduction of an Arts Bill, which would introduce a more sustainable long-term funding model to provide multi-year certainty around existing budgets.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 65, Abstentions 19).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament values greatly the enormous contribution of the arts and culture sector to Scotland’s national life and economy, noting that the creative industry is estimated to be worth nearly £4.5 billion and 80,000 jobs; understands that, in common with other sectors, arts and culture organisations are experiencing significant pressure due to increases in the cost of living as a consequence of Brexit, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the actions of the UK Government; welcomes that Creative Scotland has confirmed that it has used its reserves to ensure that funding for regularly funded organisations has been maintained in 2023-24; notes that, over the last five years, the Scottish Government has provided over £33 million to Creative Scotland to compensate for a shortfall in National Lottery funding; supports the Scottish Government’s plan to more than double arts and culture funding by £100 million over the next five years; endorses the Scottish Government’s aim of working with the culture sector to implement the refreshed culture strategy action plan, and believes that the UK Government should match this stated ambition and at least double its investment in arts and culture over the same period.

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10950—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 31 October 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Rural and Islands Housing Action Plan

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 November 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

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

Thursday 2 November 2023

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: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Edinburgh Tram Inquiry Report

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Early Childhood Development

Transformational Change Programme

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 November 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 November 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, 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 9 November 2023

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

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 30 October 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10951—That the Parliament agrees that the Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10952—That the Parliament agrees that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10953—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10954—That the Parliament agrees that the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10960—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-10913—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Israel, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Lebanon) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

13. Climate Justice and Support for a Global Loss and Damage Fund: The Parliament debated S6M-10793 in the name of Maggie Chapman—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the severe impact that human-caused climate change is having on the planet; believes that communities across Scotland, including in the North East Scotland region, as well as globally, are already being negatively affected by the climate emergency; considers that, disproportionately, those most acutely affected by these impacts are those who have contributed the least to the climate crisis; believes that this is a fundamental and grave injustice, compounded by histories of colonialism and oppression; welcomes the decision at the 27th UN

climate conference (COP27) to establish an international solidarity fund for climate-related loss and damage; recognises and welcomes that Scotland reportedly played a key role in breaking a 30-year logjam on loss and damage after COP26 in Glasgow; notes and welcomes the reported support of parliamentarians across the world for the loss and damage pledge, including supporters in the Scottish Parliament, and notes the calls on the UK Government, as a party to the 28th UN climate conference (COP28), to support the operationalisation of the fund, to ensure that the money attributed is new and additional to the climate finance commitments already made, and not taken from existing official development assistance budgets, and to commit to providing loss and damage finance in the form of grants, not loans.

The meeting closed at 6.42 pm.

No. 39, Thursday 26 October 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Free Bus Travel for People Seeking Asylum: The Parliament debated S6M-10188 in the name of Paul Sweeney—That the Parliament notes the calls to extend the current provision of concessionary bus travel in Scotland, including in the Glasgow region, to include people seeking asylum; acknowledges the efforts of third sector organisations that are working in the asylum sector in leading the free bus travel campaign, which was launched in December 2021, such as VOICES Network and Maryhill Integration Network; notes that free bus travel for people seeking asylum has been publicly supported by all faith leaders in the Scottish Religious Leaders Forum and also recommended by the Poverty Alliance and Mental Health Foundation; understands that people seeking asylum do not have the right to work and rely on a financial allowance, which amounts to approximately £6 per day; appreciates that asylum and immigration are reserved matters for the UK Government, but considers that there are interventions that can be made within devolved competence to improve the lives of people in Scotland who are in receipt of asylum support; notes the commitment in the Programme for Government 2022-23 to consider how best to provide free bus travel to people seeking asylum, and further notes the calls encouraging the Scottish Government to set out how it plans to deliver on this commitment as soon as possible.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Embedding Public Participation in the Work of the Parliament: Jackson Carlaw, on behalf of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, moved S6M-10765—That the Parliament notes the conclusions of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee's 2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6), Embedding Public Participation in the Work of the Parliament (SP Paper 427), including its responses to the recommendations of the Citizens' Panel on participation; agrees with the Committee's recommendation that the Parliament establish two further citizens' panels (or people's panels) in the current parliamentary session with a view to making the use of such panels a regular feature of committee scrutiny from Session 7 onwards; endorses the Committee's recommended principles for the future use of deliberative democracy and its recommendations for panel size, composition and participant selection, and acknowledges the work already being done by Parliament staff to develop and improve engagement methods.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill - UK Legislation: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved

S6M-10958—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 22 September 2022, and subsequently amended in relation to the Register of Overseas Entities, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

No. 40, Tuesday 31 October 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Micheal Matovu, Commercial Director, Radiant and Brighter, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 3. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved 6M-11042—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 31 October 2023

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Rural and Islands Housing Action Plan
insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Provision of Information to the COVID-19 Inquiries

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.10 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 2 November 2023

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Early Childhood Development Transformational Change Programme

insert

followed by Appointments of the Chair and Commissioners of the Poverty and Inequality Commission

The motion was agreed to.

- 4. Rural and Islands Housing Action Plan:** The Minister for Housing (Paul McLennan) moved S6M-11027—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Rural and Islands Housing Action Plan that will support the Scottish Government's ambition to deliver 110,000 affordable homes, of which 10% will be in rural and island areas and help attract people to, and retain people in, these communities; recognises that the action plan complements a range of other vital work being taken forward to support sustainable economic growth and to deliver for rural and island communities; considers that it marks an important step in tackling challenges to deliver and retain more homes of all tenures and puts in place the systems and support for the delivery of the right homes in the right place, and believes that achieving delivery of ambitions will require the Scottish Government to work collaboratively with a wide range of partners, including local authorities,

registered social landlords, community organisations and Scottish Government agencies, to deliver committed and coordinated action that will support thriving rural and island communities.

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S6M-11027.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11027 in the name of Paul McLennan (Rural and Islands Housing Action Plan), leave out from “of which” to “marks” and insert “but regrets that only 10% of these homes will be delivered in rural and island areas to help attract people to, and retain people in, these communities, which comprise 17% of Scotland's population; recognises that depopulation has been a longstanding problem for Scotland's rural and island communities, due to a consistent lack of government action; notes that the current rural development programmes, despite being extended, have not been fully utilised; recognises that the plan must deliver on its objectives and promote rural and island areas as good places to live and work; acknowledges that the plan is”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Mark Griffin moved amendment S6M-11027.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11027 in the name of Paul McLennan (Rural and Islands Housing Action Plan), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “notes the publication of the Rural and Islands Housing Action Plan, which aims to support the Scottish Government's ambition to deliver 110,000 affordable homes, of which 10% will be in rural and island areas; believes that an interim target should be set for 5,500 houses to be completed in rural areas by 2026; is concerned that, without sufficient economic support from the Scottish Government, the strategy will not provide the infrastructure needed to allow local authorities, registered social landlords, community organisations and Scottish Government agencies to successfully attract people to, and retain people in, these communities; considers that the depopulation of rural areas should not be seen as the status quo, and notes the Scottish Labour Party's commitment to put economic prosperity at the front and centre of ensuring that Gaelic-speaking communities can survive and thrive; notes that this rural housing crisis is, in some part, due to local people being priced out of the area by the acquisition of second homes; calls on the Scottish Government to take further action to ensure that houses in rural areas are affordable and good quality, and that existing homes are a vital part of the housing stock; agrees that the Scottish Government should give local authorities powers to introduce an escalating council tax surcharge on empty homes in the next Budget, to be launched in 2024-25, as was supported by the responses to the Scottish Government's recent consultation on Council Tax for Second and Empty Homes, and calls on the Scottish Government to take decisive action to tackle fuel poverty and damp, poor quality housing in rural areas, to improve transport infrastructure, and to support the economic lifeblood of small rural communities by delivering skilled workforces, supporting small businesses and ensuring a just transition that delivers community energy benefits.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22, Against 96, Abstentions 3).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

5. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy-First Minister (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Government's Provision of Information to the COVID-19 Inquiries.

6. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11043—That the Parliament agrees that—

Ivan McKee be appointed to replace Stephanie Callaghan as a member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Stephanie Callaghan be appointed to replace Ivan McKee as a member of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee; and

John Mason be appointed to replace James Dornan as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11044—That the Parliament agrees that—

Emma Harper be appointed to replace Christine Grahame as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee; and

James Dornan be appointed to replace Stephanie Callaghan as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Fire Service Cuts: The Parliament debated S6M-09705 in the name of Katy Clark—That the Parliament notes, with concern, reports that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) has ordered the temporary withdrawal of fire appliances at 10 stations across Scotland, including Greenock Community Fire Station in the West Scotland region; understands that the Fire Brigades Union has expressed deep concern that this reduction will risk the safety of both firefighters and the wider public; further understands that the SFRS is expected to receive a flat cash budget settlement from the Scottish Government over the next four years, and that the service claims it must make £36 million in cuts as a result; believes that this follows a decade of cuts, the reported loss of 1,100 firefighter jobs, and, it understands, a 14% increase in average response times per incident; notes SFRS Chief Officer Ross Haggart's comments that there is also a £630 million backlog in the service's capital

investment; further notes reported freedom of information (FOI) findings that 75% of buildings in Scotland's fire estate are assessed as being of "bad" or "poor" suitability, and that around 45% are assessed as being in either "bad" or "poor" condition; believes that the combination of withdrawn appliances and what it sees as a dilapidated fire estate puts firefighters, who are exposed to health risks from encountering dangerous fire contaminants in their job, at further risk; further believes that firefighters work hard to ensure the safety of people in Scotland's communities; notes the view that firefighters deserve to be well-equipped, well-resourced, well-protected and well-paid to do the job that they do, and further notes calls for the Scottish Government to come forward with emergency funding for both day-to-day spend and capital budgets, in order to prevent further cuts to staff and equipment, and to modernise the fire estate.

10. Motion without Notice: Katy Clark moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.29 pm.

No. 41, Wednesday 1 November 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy and then Finance and Parliamentary Business were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Supporting Communities to Mitigate Flooding Impacts and Increase Resilience: Maurice Golden moved S6M-11036—That the Parliament recognises the severe impact of Storm Babet on communities across Scotland, and is greatly saddened by the resulting loss of life and widespread damage to property and infrastructure; further recognises the serious incidents of flooding across many communities, particularly in the north east across Aberdeenshire, Angus, Dundee and Perth and Kinross, which saw hundreds of people evacuated from their homes; notes the damage that the floods have caused to farming communities, particularly with regard to the loss of crops and livestock; commends the efforts of emergency services, local authorities and others to preserve life, support the most vulnerable and restore services as quickly as possible; expresses concern at reports of limited supplies of anti-flood measures in some areas, and believes that there is a need to review how local government resources are coordinated to support areas most in need; is concerned by the potential for more frequent and more intense extreme weather events fuelled by climate change; acknowledges the need to consider what further adaptation and mitigation options are available to minimise impacts from future extreme weather events, and calls on the Scottish Government to establish a multi-agency taskforce to develop a strategic plan for minimising the impact of flooding and to ensure that affected communities continue to be supported during the clean-up and repair efforts.

The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition (Màiri McAllan) moved amendment S6M-11036.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11036 in the name of Maurice Golden (Supporting Communities to Mitigate Flooding Impacts and Increase Resilience), leave out from “calls on” to end and insert “notes that the Scottish Government will continue to engage with and support the already well established and effective local mechanisms bringing together key partners to support communities to recover from such events, and will establish a ministerial taskforce to supplement the activities of local mechanisms, as well as continue to engage on and develop a National Flood Resilience Strategy for Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-11036.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11036 in the name of Maurice Golden (Supporting Communities to Mitigate Flooding Impacts and Increase Resilience), insert at end “; regrets the Scottish Government's failure to report

on progress on flood risk management plans, as required by section 52 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009, for the last two years; notes with concern the warnings from the Fire Brigades Union that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will struggle to respond to the increased number of extreme weather events due to Scottish Government funding cuts, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out how it will ensure that communities facing extreme weather will not be impacted by this loss of capacity.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 113, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the severe impact of Storm Babet on communities across Scotland, and is greatly saddened by the resulting loss of life and widespread damage to property and infrastructure; further recognises the serious incidents of flooding across many communities, particularly in the north east across Aberdeenshire, Angus, Dundee and Perth and Kinross, which saw hundreds of people evacuated from their homes; notes the damage that the floods have caused to farming communities, particularly with regard to the loss of crops and livestock; commends the efforts of emergency services, local authorities and others to preserve life, support the most vulnerable and restore services as quickly as possible; expresses concern at reports of limited supplies of anti-flood measures in some areas, and believes that there is a need to review how local government resources are coordinated to support areas most in need; is concerned by the potential for more frequent and more intense extreme weather events fuelled by climate change; acknowledges the need to consider what further adaptation and mitigation options are available to minimise impacts from future extreme weather events; notes that the Scottish Government will continue to engage with and support the already well established and effective local mechanisms bringing together key partners to support communities to recover from such events, and will establish a ministerial taskforce to supplement the activities of local mechanisms, as well as continue to engage on and develop a National Flood Resilience Strategy for Scotland.

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11045—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 7 November 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Vision for Scotland's Mental Health

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Education and Skills Reform

followed by Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 November 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Approach to 2023 Coastal State Fisheries Negotiations: Securing Principled, Sustainable Outcomes

followed by Scottish Government Debate: CashBack for Communities

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 9 November 2023

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 Debate: Fair Work in a Wellbeing Economy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 14 November 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 November 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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

Thursday 16 November 2023

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: Education and Skills

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: Culture in Communities: The Challenges and Opportunities in Delivering a Place-based Approach

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 6 November 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11046—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 21 June 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11047—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 24 November 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11048—That the Parliament agrees that the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.09 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 6 as noted above.

9. Scottish Games Week 2023: The Parliament debated S6M-10453 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament marks the second annual Scottish Games Week, which will take place from 30 October to 3 November 2023; understands that Scottish Games Week, organised by the Scottish Games Network, with the Scottish Government's Scottish Tech Ecosystem Review (STER) fund, will focus on videogames and position the games sector as, it believes, a crucial part of Scotland's digital future; notes that Scottish Games Week was launched in 2022 as the first-of-its-kind celebration of what it sees as Scotland's booming games industry, and that the 2023 initiative will showcase what it sees as Scotland's innovative and diverse games ecosystem to act as a catalyst for a more connected and collaborative digital society in Scotland, the UK and internationally; understands that Scottish Games Week will bring together game developers, publishers, educators and policymakers, as well as the broader games ecosystem and media, offering the opportunity to attend in-person or online events to put games created in Scotland in front of a global audience; considers that Scotland has played a pioneering role in the evolution of the games sector since the late 1980s, and continues to produce some of the world's most popular games; understands that Scotland-based games development companies invest £141 million in salaries and overheads, employ 6,400

people, contribute £129 million in tax revenue and are worth around £350 million to the Scottish economy; believes that there is extraordinary potential for growth in the games sector, eclipsing that of traditional entertainment media, and the diverse applications that games technology can have in areas such as education, healthcare, social inclusion, culture, and environmental policy; further believes that Scotland can cement its place as a world leader in gaming by looking to countries such as Finland, where the games sector generates over £2.4 billion for the Finnish economy thanks to a focus on startups, investment and new business; welcomes the return of the Scottish Games Awards, which recognise, reward and highlight what it sees as the incredible creativity, technical expertise and business acumen that the pioneering and rapidly evolving games sector in Scotland has, and wishes everyone involved in Scottish Games Week 2023 the very best with the initiative.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

No. 42, Thursday 2 November 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Nuclear-weapon-free Europe: The Parliament debated S6M-10712 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament welcomes what it sees as the continuing progress being made towards implementing the aims of the United Nations Agenda for Disarmament, as outlined in the 2018 document, *Securing Our Common Future*, and in particular towards the establishment of more nuclear-weapon-free zones (NWFZs), which were reportedly described by the UN Secretary-General as “landmark instruments that represent an excellent example of the synergy between regional and global efforts towards a world free of nuclear weapons”; recognises the work of the Secretary-General and the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs in their efforts with UN member states to strengthen and consolidate NWFZs, including, it understands, by facilitating enhanced cooperation and consultation between existing zones, encouraging nuclear weapon states to adhere to the relevant protocols to the treaties establishing such zones, and supporting the further establishment of such zones, including in the Middle East; understands that the process of establishing NWFZs is a complex, difficult endeavour, but, despite this, considers that examples such as the ongoing progress in exploring the establishment of a NWFZ through the work of the Middle East Treaty Organisation (METO) and others demonstrates that anything is possible; applauds the work of METO and everyone working for a nuclear-weapon-free world, including the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) and the Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND); understands that, through the endeavours of such organisations, including those operating in Glasgow, it is estimated that 39% of the world’s population, 56% of the Earth’s land area and 60% of its countries are currently within NWFZs; notes the expression of regret that the establishment of a NWFZ across the European continent has not yet been possible, and further notes the belief that the time to comprehensively explore the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free Europe is now, in order to see what is possible and how it is possible, and to make it possible.

4. Motion Without Notice: Bill Kidd moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition (Màiri McAllan) made a statement and answered questions on The Edinburgh Tram Inquiry Report.

7. Early Childhood Development Transformational Change programme: The Minister for Public Health and Women’s Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-11053— That the Parliament recognises the need for an Early Child Development Transformational Change programme to build on the excellent and world-leading practice already delivered in Scotland, and to further act on the unique and critical period of child development from pre-pregnancy to age three, when experiences and the environment shape the foundations for life and population health, including physical and mental health and wellbeing, life expectancy, educational attainment and participation in the economy and community; is committed to focussing collective efforts on giving all babies and children in Scotland the best possible start by making sure that the Scottish Government applies the latest evidence and continues to invest in and improve its existing policies, to ensure that it is “getting it right for every child”; considers that it can build on the targeted investments that it has already made in support of families pre-birth to three and that joint working can create a culture, environment, economy and society that prioritises and enhances early child development, to realise its ambition of creating a more healthy, fair and equal society; notes the negative impact that the UK Government austerity measures and policies such as the two-child benefit cap continue to have on child development, and welcomes Scottish Government interventions, including the Baby Box and the Scottish Child Payment, to give children the best possible start in life.

Roz McCall moved amendment S6M-11053.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11053 in the name of Jenni Minto (Early Childhood Development Transformational Change Programme), leave out from “the need” to end and insert “that work must be done to act on the unique and critical period of child development from pre-pregnancy to age three, when experiences and the environment shape the foundations for life and population health, including physical and mental health and wellbeing, life expectancy, educational attainment and participation in the economy and community; is committed to focussing collective efforts on giving all babies and children in Scotland the best possible start; regrets, however, that it cannot welcome an Early Child Development Transformational Change programme without the detail of what this programme entails; believes that there must be a new Early Years Framework, which was last updated in 2009; notes that, under the Scottish National Party administration, Scotland does not have an excellent and world-leading practice; understands that the Scottish Government has downgraded neonatal services across Scotland and is failing to support children and families pre-birth; acknowledges that the childminding workforce has declined by a third since 2016 and that an Audit Scotland report concluded that the early years and childcare sector is fragile due to budget pressures and risks around workforce sustainability; recognises the mental health crisis among children and young people, which can lead to significant problems later in life; is concerned that the Scottish Government failed to meet its target to clear Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) waiting lists, and calls on the Scottish Government to meet its target for 90% of children and

young people to start treatment within 18 weeks, which it has never done before.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

Martin Whitfield spoke to amendment S6M-11053.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11053 in the name of Jenni Minto (Early Childhood Development Transformational Change Programme), insert at end “; believes that the Scottish Government is not yet routinely collecting the right evidence to do this; is concerned that flexible provision in the early years sector is not routinely available and that the private, voluntary and independent (PVI) sector is struggling; notes the negative impact that many of the UK and Scottish governments’ decisions continue to have on child development, and believes that it is crucial to create a culture, environment, economy and society that prioritise and enhance early child development and spread opportunity for all.”

The amendment was not moved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

8. Appointments of the Chair and Commissioners of the Poverty and Inequality Commission: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-11054—That the Parliament notes the Social Justice and Social Security Committee’s consideration and recommendation of three short-term appointments to the Poverty and Inequality Commission at its meeting on 5 October 2023, and, in accordance with the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017, approves the appointments by the Scottish Ministers of Professor Stephen Sinclair as Chair of the Poverty and Inequality Commission, for the period from 12 November 2023 to 30 June 2024, and Tressa Burke and Professor Suzanne Fitzpatrick as Commissioners to the Poverty and Inequality Commission, for the period from 11 November 2023 to 30 June 2024.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.55 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7 and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

No. 43, Tuesday 7 November 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Rev Norma Moore, Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport (Maree Todd) made a statement and answered questions on Vision for Scotland's Mental Health.
4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Education and Skills Reform.
5. **A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland:** Edward Mountain, on behalf of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, moved S6M-11075— That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's 11th Report, 2023 (Session 6), A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland (SP Paper 417).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.
7. **Welcoming the Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy:** The Parliament debated S6M-07793 in the name of Finlay Carson— That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, The Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy, by Scottish Land and Estates; believes that this report, for which the research was carried out by BiGGAR Economics Ltd and Scottish Land and Estates, is an innovative example of a whole sector measuring its outputs against Scotland's National Performance Framework's National Outcomes rather than just through traditional economic metrics; considers that the report describes and quantifies how rural estates drive local economic development through agriculture, forestry, tourism, sporting, recreation and renewable energy generation, act as stewards of the natural environment, protect and enhance biodiversity, support the transition to net zero, provide homes and create sustainable new communities, provide a gateway to nature, and function as anchors of communities and support community-led projects; further considers that the report also identifies areas in which there is scope for estates to increase their contributions across the National Outcomes, and provides an improvement framework to complement the research; recognises Scotland's rural estates as, it considers, key delivery partners of the Scottish Government across a wide range of policy areas, including improving outcomes for people, jobs, and nature across the country, including in the Galloway and West Dumfries constituency, and commends the sector for what it sees as its commitment to this innovative work.

8. Motion Without Notice: Finlay Carson moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.33 pm.

No. 44, Wednesday 8 November 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Approach to 2023 Coastal State Fisheries Negotiations: Securing Principled, Sustainable Outcomes.

3. CashBack for Communities: The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown) moved S6M-11127—That the Parliament commends the CashBack for Communities programme, which is now in its 15th year and sixth phase; understands that the programme is unique to Scotland and reinvests money recovered under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002; acknowledges that the aims of the programme are diversion from antisocial behaviour, provision of positive activity, support for wellbeing, and building confidence and skills for young people; notes that, since its inception, the programme has committed £130 million to supporting around 1.3 million young people; understands that, over the next three years, phase six of the programme is expected to reach around 34,000 young people; welcomes and thanks the CashBack for Communities-funded partner organisations for their dedication, passion and hard work; recognises the opportunities and benefits that the programme brings to children, young people, families and communities, and applauds the achievements of the many thousands of CashBack for Communities participants.

Russell Findlay moved amendment S6M-11127.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11127 in the name of Siobhian Brown (CashBack for Communities), insert at end “; recognises that the money recovered from the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 does not match the vast wealth accumulated by criminals in Scotland; acknowledges that the activities of organised crime groups, including drug dealing, have a devastating impact on communities, resulting in a high number of deaths; calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to review the effectiveness of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, which was fully enacted in March 2004, with a view to increasing the amount of money that can be recovered, and urges the Scottish Government to update its Serious Organised Crime strategy to ensure that tackling damaging, high-level criminality remains a key priority of the justice system.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 63, Abstentions 1).

Katy Clark moved amendment S6M-11127.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11127 in the name of Siobhian Brown (CashBack for Communities), insert at end “, and recognises the importance of access to restorative justice practices, not only as a measure to prevent

antisocial behaviour, but also as a tool for young people who are already involved in the criminal justice system.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament commends the CashBack for Communities programme, which is now in its 15th year and sixth phase; understands that the programme is unique to Scotland and reinvests money recovered under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002; acknowledges that the aims of the programme are diversion from antisocial behaviour, provision of positive activity, support for wellbeing, and building confidence and skills for young people; notes that, since its inception, the programme has committed £130 million to supporting around 1.3 million young people; understands that, over the next three years, phase six of the programme is expected to reach around 34,000 young people; welcomes and thanks the CashBack for Communities-funded partner organisations for their dedication, passion and hard work; recognises the opportunities and benefits that the programme brings to children, young people, families and communities; applauds the achievements of the many thousands of CashBack for Communities participants, and recognises the importance of access to restorative justice practices, not only as a measure to prevent antisocial behaviour, but also as a tool for young people who are already involved in the criminal justice system.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11143—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 14 November 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building a New Scotland: Migration to Scotland after Independence

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 November 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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

Thursday 16 November 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service Contract

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: Culture in Communities: The Challenges and Opportunities in Delivering a Place-based Approach

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 November 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Female Participation in Sport and Physical Activity

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 November 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Labour 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

Thursday 23 November 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 13 November 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

Russell Findlay moved amendment S6M-11143.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11143 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out—

“*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Building a New Scotland: Migration to Scotland after Independence”

and insert—

“*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Reversing the Decline in the Number of Officers in Police Scotland”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 29, Against 81, Abstentions 1).

Martin Whitfield moved amendment S6M-11143.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11143 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out—

“*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Building a New Scotland: Migration to Scotland after Independence”

and insert—

“*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Homeless Crisis in Cities and Rural Areas”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 49, Against 63, Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 64, Against 30, Abstentions 19).

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11144—That the Parliament

agrees that consideration of the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 3 May 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 1 Extension: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11145—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 23 February 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11146—That the Parliament agrees that the Disability Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11147—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11148—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Justice and Social Security Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11149—That the Parliament agrees that the following changes to committee membership will apply from close of business on Thursday 9 November 2023—

Evelyn Tweed be appointed as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Bob Doris be appointed as a member of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee; and

Ruth Maguire be appointed to replace Evelyn Tweed as a member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Office of the Clerk: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11150—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 December 2023.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

13. Contribution of the Scottish Convenience Store Sector: The Parliament debated S6M-10747 in the name of Gordon MacDonald—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital importance of the Scottish convenience sector; understands that there are 5,171 convenience stores in Scotland, providing over 49,000 local jobs, which includes 95% of staff employed on a permanent contract and 42% choosing to walk to work; commends the sector for the key services that local shops provide for communities the length and breadth of the country, such as those in the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency, including, it understands, 83% offering mobile phone top-ups, 76% offering bill payment services, 47% offering free-to-use ATMs, and 27% with Post Offices; welcomes the fact that many Scottish stores also now offer online and home delivery options for customers; notes that the vast majority of shops are open seven days a week, and, in some cases, are open 24 hours a day; understands that colleagues in the UK convenience sector worked a combined total of 12.1 million hours per week between 2022 and 2023; further understands that Scottish convenience retailers have invested £62 million in their stores over the last year, and that, at a UK level, the convenience sector contributed over £10.6 billion in gross value added (GVA) and over £9.1 billion in taxes over the same period, and congratulates the Scottish Grocers' Federation on promoting responsible community retailing among its membership, the sector generally on what it sees as its ability to thrive, and convenience stores on continuing to be, it believes, important local community assets.

The meeting closed at 6.04 pm.

No. 45, Thursday 9 November 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).
- 3. Increase in Youth Antisocial Behaviour:** The Parliament debated S6M-10788 in the name of Daniel Johnson—That the Parliament acknowledges the reported concerning increase in youth antisocial behaviour, both in Scotland generally and locally in the Edinburgh Southern constituency; shares its concern with the reported experiences of local businesses in the Edinburgh Southern constituency and, in particular, local retail and entertainment venues around the New Market Road area, where, it understands, a supermarket chain's experience of antisocial behaviour is among the highest nationally; notes the reported impact that such an increase in youth antisocial behaviour is having on both the public's and retail workers' safety; praises the work done by the police to tackle this issue in light of the reported increasing workforce pressures that the force is facing, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to do all that it can to address this issue.
- 4. Motion Without Notice:** Daniel Johnson moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

- 5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 6. Fair Work in a Wellbeing Economy:** The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy (Neil Gray) moved S6M-11161—That the Parliament agrees that the position of the UK Government on trade union legislation, industrial relations and employment law works against the ambitions to make Scotland a fair work nation; recognises that the current approach of the UK Government contributes to lower productivity and higher inequality than is the case in countries comparable to Scotland, and calls, therefore, for the devolution of employment powers to the Scottish Parliament, as supported by the Scottish Trades Union Congress.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S6M-11161.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11161 in the name of Neil Gray (Fair Work in a Wellbeing Economy), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “acknowledges that the Scottish Government's own economic record is characterised by sluggish growth and a lack of competitiveness; notes that progress in fair work and economic prosperity can only be achieved through a collaborative approach with the UK Government, rather than by advocating for

further devolution of employment powers, which is not supported by the business community, and urges the Scottish Government to change tack and focus on effective, pro-market policies and measures to improve Scotland's economic situation and job prospects, as outlined in the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party's paper, Grasping the Thistle.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-11161.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11161 in the name of Neil Gray (Fair Work in a Wellbeing Economy), leave out “, and calls, therefore, for” and insert “; endorses the Labour Party's New Deal for Working People, which has been described by the Trades Union Congress as the biggest expansion of workers' rights in decades and would ban zero-hours contracts, outlaw fire and rehire practices, deliver a genuine living wage, and enhance rights through parental leave and sick pay from day one; recognises that delivering the New Deal for Working People would immediately improve workers' rights in Scotland and across the UK, and believes, therefore, that it should be prioritised by the UK Government, in order to create a UK-wide floor, before it explores how these rights can be entrenched through”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 101, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm.

No. 46, Tuesday 14 November 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Dr Muhammad Adrees, President of the Muslim Council of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Ferguson Marine.
- 4. Building A New Scotland: Migration to Scotland after Independence:** The Minister for Independence (Jamie Hepburn) moved S6M-11237—That the Parliament notes that Scotland's population growth has relied on migration into Scotland; welcomes the fact that there are currently more people choosing to move to Scotland from the rest of the UK than those moving in the opposite direction; recognises the benefits of EU freedom of movement, which was lost as a result of Brexit; agrees that a decline in the working population would damage Scotland's public services and economy; deplores the UK Government's hostile rhetoric towards migrants, and welcomes the proposals in the Scottish Government paper, Migration to Scotland after independence, for a humane migration system tailored to Scotland's needs.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-11237.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11237 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Building a New Scotland: Migration to Scotland after Independence), leave out from “notes” to end and insert “regrets that Scotland has consistently taken below its population share of migrants, compared to the rest of the UK; acknowledges that Scotland is the highest taxed nation in the UK; agrees that a decline in the working population would harm Scotland's public services and economy, and recognises that the Scottish Government must work with the UK Government to address these long-term population challenges.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

Paul O'Kane moved amendment S6M-11237.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11237 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Building a New Scotland: Migration to Scotland after Independence), leave out from first “welcomes” to end and insert “deplores the UK Conservative administration's hostile rhetoric towards migrants; notes the Scottish Government paper, Migration to Scotland after independence; agrees that a decline in the working population would damage Scotland's public services and economy; expresses its concern that recent UK and Scottish governments have left Scotland lacking the skills that it needs for the future;

welcomes, therefore, the commitment from the UK Labour Party to build an immigration system that works for all the nations and regions of the United Kingdom, and agrees that, as well as ensuring that skills bodies in Scotland and elsewhere in the UK are frequently consulted, in order to inform the immigration system, there is more that the Scottish Government should be doing now to plan for the skills needs in the Scottish economy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 90, Abstentions 2).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

6. Children’s Grief Awareness Week 2023: The Parliament debated S6M-11114 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament notes that 16 to 23 November 2023 is Children’s Grief Awareness Week; understands that more than half of children in Scotland have experienced bereavement of a close family member by the age of eight, according to a study by the Children and Young People’s Centre for Justice (CYCJ) and the University of Strathclyde, which was published in 2020, before the impact of COVID-19 was taken into account; further understands that 62% of children in Scotland have lost a close family member by the age of 10 according to the Childhood Bereavement Network; acknowledges that the theme for 2023 is The Shape of Your Support, with the focus being on the people around a bereaved child or young person, beyond their friends or family, who can be there to support them through their grief; further acknowledges that the key question that is being asked is “Who else can you ask for help or support beyond your friends and family?”; welcomes what it sees as the great work being undertaken in Inverclyde by the Inverclyde Bereavement Network and former Clydeview Academy pupil, Ben Kane, who set up a support group in the school for children who are dealing with bereavement and has held talks with Inverclyde Council about expanding the service to all Inverclyde schools; recognises the work of Child Bereavement UK and its national development coordinator for Scotland in supporting young people when they are dealing with grief, and believes that the efforts of all organisations working in the sector are making a meaningful impact to Scotland’s young people during what it considers to be such a difficult period in their lives.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

No. 47, Wednesday 15 November 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and then Justice and Home Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Independent Investigation into the First Minister and Deputy First Minister: Douglas Ross moved S6M-11247—That the Parliament agrees that the First Minister and Deputy First Minister should refer themselves to the independent adviser on the Scottish Ministerial Code for a potential breach of paragraph 1.3(c) of that code, which requires ministers to give “accurate and truthful information to the Parliament”, on account of their statements misleading the Parliament on 31 October 2023 and 2 November 2023, relating to the date of requests for information from the UK COVID-19 Inquiry.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved amendment S6M-11247.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11247 in the name of Douglas Ross (Independent Investigation into the First Minister and Deputy First Minister), leave out from “refer themselves” to end and insert “continue to ensure that the Scottish Government responds fully to requests for information from the UK COVID-19 Inquiry and from the Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry; recognises that information has been provided to the Parliament in the contributions from the Deputy First Minister and First Minister on 31 October 2023 and 2 November 2023, and through written answers; notes that the Scottish Government has taken action to transfer messages to the UK COVID-19 Inquiry in compliance with its requests, and further notes that the Scottish Government has offered an apology to families that have lost loved ones to, or been impacted by, COVID-19 for any distress that has been caused.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 53, Abstentions 1).

Anas Sarwar moved amendment S6M-11247.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11247 in the name of Douglas Ross (Independent Investigation into the First Minister and Deputy First Minister), insert at end “; considers that there should be binding sanctions for ministers who breach the Scottish Ministerial Code, and calls on the Scottish Government to provide a date by which the requested legal advice will be made available, unredacted, to the UK COVID-19 Inquiry, and to set out to the Scottish Parliament how many emails from personal and party email addresses have been shared with the UK COVID-19 Inquiry as part of its response to the Inquiry's request for evidence.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 54, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament agrees that the First Minister and Deputy First Minister should continue to ensure that the Scottish Government responds fully to requests for information from the UK COVID-19 Inquiry and from the Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry; recognises that information has been provided to the Parliament in the contributions from the Deputy First Minister and First Minister on 31 October 2023 and 2 November 2023, and through written answers; notes that the Scottish Government has taken action to transfer messages to the UK COVID-19 Inquiry in compliance with its requests, and further notes that the Scottish Government has offered an apology to families that have lost loved ones to, or been impacted by, COVID-19 for any distress that has been caused.

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11260—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 21 November 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Autumn Statement: Scottish Government Priorities

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Situation in the Middle East

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 November 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Labour 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

Thursday 23 November 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 November 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Female Participation in Sport and Physical Activity

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 November 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, 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 30 November 2023

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 Stage 1 Debate: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 20 November 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11262—That the Parliament agrees that the Mental Health (National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service: Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

5. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11264—That the Parliament agrees that the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11261—That the Parliament agrees that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11263—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11265—That the Parliament agrees that the following changes to committee substitutes will apply from close of business on Thursday 16 November 2023—

Jackie Dunbar be appointed to replace John Mason as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Audrey Nicoll be appointed to replace Gordon MacDonald as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Gordon MacDonald be appointed to replace Ruth Maguire as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee; and

Jim Fairlie be appointed to replace Audrey Nicoll as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Parliamentary Recess Dates: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11266—That the Parliament agrees, further to motion S6M-09150 and under Rule 2.3.1, that the parliamentary recess dates of 29 June to 31 August 2024 (inclusive) be replaced with 29 June to 1 September 2024 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 as noted above.

11. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month: The Parliament debated S6M-10584 in the name of Willie Coffey—That the Parliament marks Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, which takes place in November, and World Pancreatic Cancer Day, which takes place on 16 November 2023; understands that pancreatic cancer is the deadliest common cancer in Scotland and the UK, with more than half of people who are diagnosed dying within three months; further understands that survival rates have barely changed in 50 years; considers that data on the experience of patients with this disease is incredibly scarce and poor, leading to concerns of patients' voices being lost in the system; believes that support and information for patients with pancreatic cancer is often neither readily available nor forthcoming; applauds the work of the range of pancreatic cancer charities that do provide information and support for patients and their families; notes the view that more needs to be done to ensure that all patients get immediate and easy access to such support as soon as

they are diagnosed, given that, it understands, currently only 12% of people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in Scotland are using such support channels; commends all the charities and activist organisations and their dedicated supporters for their tireless efforts to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer, and wishes everyone involved with Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month every success in their endeavours.

The meeting closed at 6.19 pm.

No. 48, Thursday 16 November 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Dying in the Margins: The Parliament debated S6M-10827 in the name of Paul O'Kane—That the Parliament welcomes the University of Glasgow and Marie Curie research project, Dying in the Margins, as well as The Cost of Dying photography exhibition taken from the project; understands that the project ran from 2019 to 2023, and was funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and UK Research and Innovation (UKRI); further understands that the project shed light on what it sees as the profound effect that people's socio-economic circumstances can have on their end of life experience; understands that, as part of the project, participants who were living with a terminal illness were photographed by Margaret Mitchell to create images conveying aspects of their end of life experience, and were given a camera to document their end of life experience themselves; considers that the project highlights the important challenges that are faced by people with a terminal illness who are living with poverty, and what it sees as structural disadvantage, including, but not limited to, unsuitable housing, energy costs and lack of income support; commends the bravery of the project's participants, their families and carers, who documented their lives at, it considers, the most challenging time, to inform the public conversation around improving the end of life care for those living with poverty, including those in the West Scotland region, and what it sees as structural disadvantage; recognises the expertise of those who worked on the project, including University of Glasgow researchers, Dr Naomi Richards and Dr Sam Quinn, University of Auckland researcher, Professor Merryn Gott, and Marie Curie Head of Research and Innovation, Dr Emma Carduff; notes that the photography exhibition will be displayed in the Scottish Parliament on the week commencing 13 November 2023, and further notes the encouragement for MSPs to visit it and consider how they can tackle some of the issues that it raises.

4. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11310—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 16 November 2023—

delete

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

and insert

followed by Personal Statement: Michael Matheson

followed by Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

Alexander Burnett moved amendment S6M-11310.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11310 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), insert at end—

“(b) that the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the Personal Statement: Michael Matheson, Rule 13.1.4 of Standing Orders is suspended.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

(a) That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 16 November 2023—

delete

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

and insert

followed by Personal Statement: Michael Matheson

followed by Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

(b) that the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the Personal Statement: Michael Matheson, Rule 13.1.4 of Standing Orders is suspended.

5. Personal Statement: Michael Matheson made a personal statement and answered questions.

6. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

7. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Transport (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service Contract.

8. Culture in Communities: The Challenges and Opportunities in Delivering a Place-based Approach: Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, moved S6M-11153—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee’s 4th Report, 2023 (Session 6), Culture in Communities: The challenges and opportunities in delivering a place-based approach (SP Paper 431).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11305—That the Parliament agrees that Colin Smyth be appointed to replace Mercedes Villalba as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 8 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.12 pm.

No. 49, Tuesday 21 November 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Dame Evelyn Glennie, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Autumn Statement: Scottish Government Priorities.
- 4. The Situation in the Middle East:** The First Minister (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-11342—That the Parliament unequivocally condemns in the strongest possible terms Hamas's barbaric and unjustifiable terrorist attacks against Israeli citizens on 7 October 2023, and demands the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages; agrees that all human life is equal, abhors the loss of innocent lives, and affirms the right of all Israelis and Palestinians to live in peace and security; further agrees that the killing of innocent civilians in Gaza, including women and children who have been besieged by Israeli forces, must stop; associates itself with the United Nations Secretary-General's statements that there must be an immediate humanitarian ceasefire to allow civilians to escape harm, for hostages to be released, for humanitarian aid to reach those in need, and affirming that international humanitarian law, including the Geneva Conventions, must be upheld; reiterates its solidarity with Scotland's Jewish, Muslim and Palestinian communities and condemns antisemitism, Islamophobia or any other form of hatred; welcomes the Scottish Government's contribution of £750,000 towards the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East's flash appeal for Gaza, and the humanitarian assistance announced by the UK Government; reaffirms that a credible, lasting and sustainable peace can only be based on the two-state solution through reinvigorated diplomatic and political efforts in the Middle East Peace Process, and agrees with many in the international community that all parties must agree to an immediate ceasefire.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-11342.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11342 in the name of Humza Yousaf (The Situation in the Middle East), leave out from “further agrees” to end and insert “believes in Israel's right to defend itself against terror; supports calls for humanitarian pauses to deliver aid to Gaza safely and in a sustained way; welcomes the UK Government's increased aid contribution of £30 million to Gaza as well as the Scottish Government's aid contribution of £750,000; reiterates its solidarity with Scotland's Jewish, Muslim, Israeli and Palestinian communities and condemns antisemitism, Islamophobia or any other form of hatred, and reaffirms that a credible, lasting and sustainable peace can only be based on the two-state solution through reinvigorated diplomatic and political efforts in the Middle East Peace Process.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

Anas Sarwar moved amendment S6M-11342.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11342 in the name of Humza Yousaf (The Situation in the Middle East), insert at end “; recognises that, in order for any ceasefire to work, it requires all sides to comply; is horrified by the Hamas statement that it would repeat the 7 October attacks and continue rocket fire; regrets that Benjamin Netanyahu has stated that he will not even consider a ceasefire; calls, therefore, on the international community to use every form of diplomacy to try and create the conditions on the ground to make a ceasefire a reality; further calls on the International Criminal Court to investigate the conduct of all parties in this conflict, and reaffirms the commitment to a lasting peace and a two-state solution with the end of illegal occupation, siege and settlements.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton spoke to amendment S6M-11342.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11342 in the name of Humza Yousaf (The Situation in the Middle East), insert at end “; believes that Hamas cannot be allowed to continue in charge of Gaza; further believes that it is increasingly clear that there will be no military solution that eliminates Hamas and that movement towards a political solution is needed, and urges the UK Government to lead calls for an immediate bilateral ceasefire to provide space to facilitate the delivery of aid, facilitate the release of hostages and commence intensive diplomacy in pursuit of a political solution, with Hamas removed from Gaza, two states and lasting peace.”

The amendment was not moved.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament unequivocally condemns in the strongest possible terms Hamas’s barbaric and unjustifiable terrorist attacks against Israeli citizens on 7 October 2023, and demands the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages; agrees that all human life is equal, abhors the loss of innocent lives, and affirms the right of all Israelis and Palestinians to live in peace and security; further agrees that the killing of innocent civilians in Gaza, including women and children who have been besieged by Israeli forces, must stop; associates itself with the United Nations Secretary-General’s statements that there must be an immediate humanitarian ceasefire to allow civilians to escape harm, for hostages to be released, for humanitarian aid to reach those in need, and affirming that international humanitarian law, including the Geneva Conventions, must be upheld; reiterates its solidarity with Scotland’s Jewish, Muslim and Palestinian communities and condemns antisemitism, Islamophobia or any other form of hatred; welcomes the Scottish Government’s contribution of £750,000 towards the United Nations Relief

and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East's flash appeal for Gaza, and the humanitarian assistance announced by the UK Government; reaffirms that a credible, lasting and sustainable peace can only be based on the two-state solution through reinvigorated diplomatic and political efforts in the Middle East Peace Process; agrees with many in the international community that all parties must agree to an immediate ceasefire; recognises that, in order for any ceasefire to work, it requires all sides to comply; is horrified by the Hamas statement that it would repeat the 7 October attacks and continue rocket fire; regrets that Benjamin Netanyahu has stated that he will not even consider a ceasefire; calls, therefore, on the international community to use every form of diplomacy to try and create the conditions on the ground to make a ceasefire a reality; further calls on the International Criminal Court to investigate the conduct of all parties in this conflict, and reaffirms the commitment to a lasting peace and a two-state solution with the end of illegal occupation, siege and settlements.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

No. 50, Wednesday 22 November 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy, and then on Finance and Parliamentary Business, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Scotland's Housing Emergency: Mark Griffin moved S6M-11351—That the Parliament agrees that Scotland is experiencing a housing emergency.

The Minister for Housing (Paul McLennan) moved amendment S6M-11351.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11351 in the name of Mark Griffin (Scotland's Housing Emergency), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "recognises that Scotland is facing significant pressures with homelessness and temporary accommodation, and therefore agrees that the Scottish Government should build on its track record of delivering 123,985 affordable homes since 2007 by delivering 110,000 affordable homes by 2032; considers that it should continue to work on the recommendations of the Temporary Accommodation Task and Finish Group and recently published Rural and Islands Housing Action Plan; further considers that it should continue to develop its proposals for a Housing Bill in 2023, with stronger tenants' rights and powers to prevent homelessness; acknowledges Scottish Government support for local authorities in developing targeted plans to address local housing needs; regrets the disastrous UK Government "mini-budget" of 2022, which has left the housing market struggling against inflationary pressures, as well as the devastating impact of Brexit on construction costs and workforce challenges, and calls on the UK Government to immediately uprate Local Housing Allowance, end the spare room subsidy, more commonly known as the bedroom tax, and reverse the planned real-terms reduction to Scotland's capital budget."

Graham Simpson moved amendment S6M-11351.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11351 in the name of Mark Griffin (Scotland's Housing Emergency), insert at end ", and calls on the Scottish Government to tackle the issues that have caused the current crisis in its forthcoming Housing Bill."

After debate, amendment S6M-11351.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 51, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-11351.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises that Scotland is facing significant pressures with homelessness and temporary accommodation, and therefore agrees that the Scottish Government should build on its track record of delivering 123,985 affordable

homes since 2007 by delivering 110,000 affordable homes by 2032; considers that it should continue to work on the recommendations of the Temporary Accommodation Task and Finish Group and recently published Rural and Islands Housing Action Plan; further considers that it should continue to develop its proposals for a Housing Bill in 2023, with stronger tenants' rights and powers to prevent homelessness; acknowledges Scottish Government support for local authorities in developing targeted plans to address local housing needs; regrets the disastrous UK Government "mini-budget" of 2022, which has left the housing market struggling against inflationary pressures, as well as the devastating impact of Brexit on construction costs and workforce challenges, and calls on the UK Government to immediately uprate Local Housing Allowance, end the spare room subsidy, more commonly known as the bedroom tax, and reverse the planned real-terms reduction to Scotland's capital budget.

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11374—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 November 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Heat in Buildings Consultation

followed by Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Female Participation in Sport and Physical Activity

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 November 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Ministerial Statement: Relationships and Behaviour Policy in Schools

followed by Scottish Government Debate: 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence

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 30 November 2023

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 Stage 1 Debate: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 December 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 6 December 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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 December 2023

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: Education and Skills

followed by Reconsideration Stage Proceedings: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 November 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-11374.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11374 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), after "the following programme of business—" insert—

"Thursday 23 November 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

1.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.45 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Ministerial Statement: Grangemouth Oil Refinery

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 52, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to.

4. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11375—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11376—That the Parliament agrees that the Heat Networks (Supply Targets) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 3, Abstentions 25).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11377—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11378—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Public Administration Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11379—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Finance and Public Administration Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 11.40 am and 12 noon on 7 December 2023.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. Calderwood Lodge Primary School 60-year Celebration: The Parliament debated S6M-11017 in the name of Jackson Carlaw—That the Parliament congratulates Calderwood Lodge Primary, the only Jewish school in Scotland, on reaching its 60th anniversary year; understands that the school was originally established by the Jewish community in a detached house, Calderwood Lodge, in the Newlands area of Glasgow, with an extension built as the school roll increased, and that it was initially run by the Glasgow Board of Jewish Education and subsequently taken over by Strathclyde Region, then Glasgow City Council, and finally East Renfrewshire Council; acknowledges that, in recognition of this milestone, the school is hosting a 60-year celebration event for current and past pupils, families and members of the wider community, with the day to include festivities and activities for children; understands that, in August 2017, Calderwood Lodge officially relocated from the school's previous site in Newlands to a new building in Newton Mearns to become one half of the first Jewish-Catholic joint campus to be established anywhere in the world, alongside St Clare's Primary; recognises that the joint campus was a £17 million development in East Renfrewshire, with the two primary schools sharing a central amphitheatre, sports pitches and an obstacle course that is located outdoors; notes that the Chief Rabbi, Sir Ephraim Mirvis, will be in attendance at the 60-year celebration event, and believes that Calderwood Lodge is an asset to East Renfrewshire and to Scottish education, that it is viewed with great pride by the Jewish community, and that the Jewish-Catholic joint primary school campus in Newton Mearns is a powerful example of two different faith groups working closely together whilst at the same time maintaining and adhering to their own religious identities.

The meeting closed at 6.27 pm.

No. 51, Thursday 23 November 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Keeping the Promise Oversight Board Report: The Parliament debated S6M-11227 in the name of Martin Whitfield—That the Parliament notes that on 16 March 2021 the Scottish Parliament committed to delivering what it considers a “revolution in children’s rights”, by unanimously passing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill; acknowledges The Promise Oversight Board Report Two, which was published in June 2023; notes that the report examines three thematic areas, including education, brothers and sisters and homelessness; further notes the Oversight Board’s concern that Keeping the Promise is not being fully considered and implemented across all relevant policy areas; notes the findings of the report, which highlight the challenging financial landscape facing local authorities and the fears that resources focus more on supporting existing services, rather than upscaling to meet the aims of The Promise; further notes the request in the report for greater evidence that funding is not being used to simply mitigate cuts, and for a strategic investment plan to deliver the required change so that at least 5% of all community-based health and social care spend will be on preventative whole-family support measures by 2030; notes the view that all care experienced children and young people must have a range of individual in-school relationships that they can trust and rely on, with school staff being trauma-informed and using nurture practices, and school moves avoided; further notes the view, according to the report, that there must be more data transparency on informal exclusions, as well as on the use of limited timetables and attendance data specifically for care experienced young people, and that reduced timetables must be reviewed regularly and must not become another form of exclusion, with care experienced young people being supported in attending and attaining all subjects, at all levels; notes the belief that, where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters, where it is safe to do so, so that they belong to a loving home; understands that care experienced people have more than double the chance of experiencing homelessness, usually before their 30th birthday; notes the view that more must be done so that there are housing pathways for care experienced young people, including restarting the prevention pathway for care leavers; further notes that, according to the report, “care experienced” is not defined in statute and that this is expected to be rectified in the Scottish Government’s forthcoming The Promise Bill; notes the view that it is important to recognise all types of care experience and to understand what it means for the individual person and their family so that their experiences are not discounted, and further notes the belief that Keeping the Promise is non-negotiable and that any delay would not keep the promise made to children, families and the care experienced community, including in the South Scotland region.

4. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions: Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Portfolio: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition were answered by Ministers.

6. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to support those affected by the decision of Petroineos to close its refinery, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy (Neil Gray).

7. Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill: Pam Duncan-Glancy moved S6M-11381—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

8. Stage 2 Extension: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11416—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be extended to 9 February 2024.

The motion was disagreed to.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm.

No. 52, Tuesday 28 November 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Martin Mansell (Glasgow Quaker Meeting), led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights (Patrick Harvie) made a statement and answered questions on Heat in Buildings Consultation.
4. **Female Participation in Sport and Physical Activity:** Clare Haughey, on behalf of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, moved S6M-11455—That the Parliament notes the recommendations contained in the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's 7th Report, 2023 (Session 6), Female participation in sport and physical activity (SP Paper 445).

The motion was agreed (DT).

5. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.
6. **World AIDS Day 2023:** The Parliament debated S6M-11334 in the name of Clare Haughey—That the Parliament recognises World AIDS Day, which falls on 1 December 2023; recognises that millions of people around the world live with HIV, which continues to have a profound impact on the health and wellbeing of people globally; believes that, thanks to scientific developments, if on the right treatment, a person living with HIV in Scotland today can live a long, happy and healthy life and cannot pass the virus on to others; notes what it sees as the impact that inequalities in accessing treatment, and stigma surrounding HIV, continue to have across Scotland, including in the Rutherglen constituency; commends the recent Terrence Higgins Trust advertising campaign that aired on STV, which aims to tackle the stigma of HIV; understands that this is the UK's first major public health campaign regarding HIV/AIDS in four decades; welcomes the Scottish Government's goal of ending HIV transmission in Scotland by 2030; further welcomes the Scottish Government's ongoing work to realise this goal, including the development of a pilot online HIV prevention service, to make it easier for people to get pills to prevent infection; considers that Scotland has been a recognised leader in real-world implementation of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) since the introduction of its NHS-delivered programme in 2017; welcomes what it sees as the continued progress being made in the decline of HIV diagnoses in Scotland; further welcomes increases in the uptake of PrEP, with the latest statistics reportedly showing the highest number of people accessing PrEP in any six-month period since the implementation of the programme in July 2017, and notes the belief that, while welcome progress is being made, substantial work remains to be done to meet the ambition to end HIV transmission in Scotland, and to tackle the inequalities that it considers are holding back progress.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

No. 53, Wednesday 29 November 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care, were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Relationships and Behaviour Policy in Schools.
- 3. 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence:** The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown) moved S6M-11469—That the Parliament recognises the international 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence campaign; welcomes the 2023 national theme, "Imagine a Scotland without Gender-based Violence"; condemns any violence against women and girls, and acknowledges the significant damage and harm that it causes to individuals and to wider society; recognises that the eradication of such violence can only be achieved through social change and changes in attitudes, actions and behaviour, and acknowledges, therefore, the responsibility of collective leadership across all spheres of government and society to challenge the gender inequalities that fundamentally underpin violence against women and girls.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11478—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 December 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Post-school Education and Skills Reform

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Championing Disability Equality and Human Rights

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 6 December 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Fiscal Framework Review

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 December 2023

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: Education and Skills

followed by Reconsideration Stage Proceedings: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 12 December 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: Asylum Seekers in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 13 December 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

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

Thursday 14 December 2023

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: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 4 December 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11479—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 March 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11480—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 15 March 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11481—That the Parliament agrees that the Colleges of Further Education and Regional Strategic Bodies (Membership of Boards) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11482—That the Parliament agrees that the Parking Prohibitions (Enforcement and Accounts) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11483—That the Parliament agrees that the Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11484—That the Parliament agrees that—

Ariane Burgess be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Gillian Mackay be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Gillian Mackay be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Mark Ruskell be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Mark Ruskell be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee;

Maggie Chapman be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Maggie Chapman be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee; and

Ross Greer be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10 as noted above.

12. Celebrating Age Scotland's 80th Anniversary: The Parliament debated S6M-11200 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament celebrates the 80th anniversary of Age Scotland's work to support older people; understands that the first meeting of an earlier incarnation of Age Scotland, the Scottish Old People's Welfare Committee, took place in Edinburgh in January 1943 to support the war effort and the wellbeing of older people in Scotland; acknowledges that the Committee's aims were to "gather information of the present position of the care and welfare of the aged and to raise awareness of the needs of older people"; considers that, in the past 80 years, Age Scotland has made an invaluable contribution through its work in helping older people to live as well as possible, in promoting positive views of ageing and later life, and in tackling loneliness and isolation; is aware that Age Scotland recently published the findings of its Big Survey 2023, which aims to take the temperature of what it is like to be an older person in Scotland; recognises that one of the events planned to mark this milestone is a parliamentary reception on 15 November 2023 to celebrate the contribution of older people and groups from the Cunninghame North constituency and across Scotland, including the winners of Age Scotland's annual awards, and to hear about the charity's latest research, which it understands outlines the political priorities of people over the age of 50 and how they feel about growing older in Scotland, and wishes chief executive, Katherine Crawford, and everyone at Age Scotland continued success in their future endeavours.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

No. 54, Thursday 30 November 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister (Shona Robison).

3. Restoring Nature to Tackle Climate Change: The Parliament debated S6M-11282 in the name of Mark Ruskell— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the success of the Nature Restoration Fund, which it understands has now granted over £30 million worth of funding to 150 projects across all of Scotland's 32 local authority areas; understands that the funding is supporting a wide range of nature restoration work, including habitat and species restoration, tackling invasive species, and health and wellbeing projects for local communities; notes that, in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, this includes funding for Argaty Farm to protect water courses and integrate beavers, for Forth Rivers Trust to improve natural flood management and support wading birds, and for the University of St Andrews to restore coastal habitats; recognises that the fund was announced on Nature Day at COP26 in Glasgow in 2021; notes the belief that restoring nature and halting biodiversity loss are key components in tackling the climate crisis; understands that nature will once again be a key theme in the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference in Dubai, and notes the calls for a recommitment to supporting urgent action on the twin nature and climate crises, to ensure that there is a liveable planet for future generations of people in Scotland.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Energy and the Environment (Gillian Martin) moved S6M-11496—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

6. Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Energy and the Environment (Gillian Martin) moved S6M-11498— That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.

No. 55, Tuesday 5 December 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Professor Joe Goldblatt, Chair of Edinburgh Interfaith Association, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans (Graeme Dey MSP) made a statement and answered questions on Post School Education and Skills Reform.
4. **Championing Disability Equality and Human Rights:** The Minister for Equalities, Migration and Refugees (Emma Roddick) moved S6M-11537—That the Parliament notes the ambition for Scotland to be a world leader in both the legislation for, and realisation of, human rights; recognises the disproportionate impact that the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis continue to have on disabled people's human rights and equality; welcomes the action being taken across the Scottish Government, including reopening the Independent Living Fund in Scotland, with an initial investment of £9 million, and a commitment to develop and implement an Immediate Priorities Plan for Disabled People; notes the recent consultation on a Human Rights Bill to incorporate economic, social and cultural rights and rights for disabled people into Scots law, which, if effectively implemented, will help secure a life of dignity for all, including the most marginalised and disadvantaged; reaffirms the values of Scotland's National Performance Framework outcomes for disabled people, including protecting human rights, allowing people to live free from discrimination, and creating a fairer, more inclusive Scotland, and commits to listening to the lived experience and expertise of disabled people and to sharing policy development and decision-making in a genuinely inclusive and participatory manner.

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-11537.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11537 in the name of Emma Roddick (Championing Disability Equality and Human Rights), insert at end “; expresses concern over the number of families, children and disabled people in temporary accommodation; calls on the Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry to investigate the failings of Scottish ministers during the pandemic such as instances of disabled people being moved out of hospital without family decision-making, and disabled people having their care and independent support packages cut or suspended, and further calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that all those in receipt of Adult Disability Payment and Personal Independence Payment are also entitled to claim Social Security Scotland's Winter Heating Payment, to deliver the Coming Home Implementation recommendations for young people with learning disabilities and complex care needs being held inappropriately in hospital settings, to support and deliver Anne's Law and Calum's Law, and to fully implement and deliver Frank's Law.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Paul O'Kane moved amendment S6M-11537.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11537 in the name of Emma Roddick (Championing Disability Equality and Human Rights), leave out from “recognises” to end and insert “acknowledges that the Scottish Human Rights Commission has warned that the Scottish Government has not done enough to ensure that disabled people’s human rights are fully realised; is deeply concerned that disabled people’s organisations believe that the gap in political leadership has led to disabled people feeling deprioritised and dehumanised; notes the Scottish Government’s commitment to develop and implement an Immediate Priorities Plan for Disabled People, which was promised in June 2023; believes that the repeated delays in addressing the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and cost of living crisis have hampered the ability of disabled people to recover from the effects that they have suffered; notes that the Scottish Government has failed to implement the recommendations of the Independent Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland in full, and urges the Scottish Government to belatedly provide its Immediate Priorities Plan with the political resource and leadership that it has, until now, lacked.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 64, Abstentions 3).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

5. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.52pm.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

7. Future Island and Rural Transport Infrastructure: The Parliament debated S6M-11367 in the name of Beatrice Wishart—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the importance of connectivity in Scotland’s rural and island areas; recognises Scotland’s net zero targets, which were voted for by the Parliament; notes the reportedly high output of carbon emissions from ferries serving Scotland’s islands; believes that reliable transport infrastructure is essential for local communities, providing social and cultural benefits, as well as underpinning local economies and tourism; notes the recommendation of the second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2) to investigate potential fixed link connections, such as tunnels, along ferry routes on the Sound of Harris, the Sound of Barra, and between Mull and the Scottish mainland; further notes comments made by the then Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, on 20 January 2022, that fixed links on these routes “could improve communities’ access to goods and services and make those islands more attractive for people to live and work in and visit”; understands that tunnels to connect communities on the Shetland Islands were deemed out of scope of STPR2 by Transport Scotland; acknowledges the creation of

Shetland's grassroots tunnel action groups, made up of community members advocating the potential advantages of tunnels to connect the isles, and notes that some of these groups are crowdfunding for technical surveys; understands that there is support among stakeholders for opportunities to explore the benefits of short subsea tunnels in Shetland, and notes the calls for a fixed link to replace the ferry on the Corran Narrows.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

No. 56, Wednesday 6 December 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and then Justice and Home Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Fiscal Framework Review: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved S6M-11546—That the Parliament recognises the limited improvements to the Scottish Fiscal Framework, following a joint review with the UK Government; welcomes the outcome of the review, which provides an increase in the Scottish Government's borrowing and reserve capacity, and also confirms the Indexed Per Capita methodology as the permanent basis for calculating Block Grant Adjustments for devolved tax and security spend; notes that, while the limited progress is welcome, the Framework cannot protect Scotland from the UK Government's austerity-driven budget decisions; understands that the Autumn Statement saw real-terms cuts to frontline spending in NHS England and on justice, and that these cuts have impacts on the finances that are consequently available to Scotland; calls for the UK Government spending plans for 2024-25 to be urgently revisited to invest in services and provide the funding necessary to meet the costs of public sector pay deals, not least in the NHS, and believes that the Scottish Parliament should have all the fiscal levers to prevent Scotland being subject to the austerity policies that harm efforts to reduce poverty, develop a growing wellbeing economy, tackle climate change and invest in public services.

Liz Smith moved amendment S6M-11546.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11546 in the name of Shona Robison (Fiscal Framework Review), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "further welcomes the co-operation between the Scottish and UK governments in signing the 2023 fiscal framework agreement to deliver the best outcomes for the Scottish economy, and welcomes the extensive financial benefits that accrue to Scotland on an annual basis in terms of the fiscal transfers provided by the Barnett formula."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-11546.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11546 in the name of Shona Robison (Fiscal Framework Review), leave out from ", while" to end and insert "the deal was agreed to by both governments as part of the devolution settlement that has evolved significantly since 1998; regrets the lack of public scrutiny afforded by a rushed final agreement that saw the simultaneous publication of the Independent Report along with the political agreement, thereby preventing full parliamentary discussion and the input of expert bodies; believes that Scotland has been held back by the Scottish National Party administration and the UK Conservative administration, which have built a low-growth, low-wage economy

and, as a result, the UK Autumn Statement was delivered in the context of a stagnating economy and the highest overall tax burden since the Second World War; notes the Scottish Fiscal Commission's modelling of a £1.9 billion revenue gap by 2027-28 between the Scottish Government's committed spending and projected available revenues; further notes that this analysis was undertaken prior to the First Minister's further sizeable spending commitments made at the Scottish National Party conference in October 2023, and calls on both of Scotland's governments to prioritise economic growth, to put wages into the pockets of hard-pressed people in Scotland, and to generate the taxes to pay for vital public services, which are currently undermined by the financial and economic incompetence of ministers in Edinburgh and London."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-11546.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11546 in the name of Shona Robison (Fiscal Framework Review), leave out from first "limited" to end and insert "improvements to the Scottish Fiscal Framework, following a joint review with the UK Government, and welcomes the outcome, which will protect and enhance devolved powers, providing more flexibility and choice than ever before, continuing to build on the cross-party agreement reached at the Smith Commission in 2014, but condemns the Scottish Government's repeated failure to treat local authorities fairly in setting the Scottish Budget or to establish a new fiscal framework that ensures that local authorities get a fair share of resources, harming their efforts to reduce poverty, grow local economies, tackle the climate emergency and invest in essential public services, including schools."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Ash Regan moved amendment S6M-11546.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11546 in the name of Shona Robison (Fiscal Framework Review), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "notes that although VAT assignment was recommended by the Smith Commission, several years later, half of VAT raised in Scotland that was to be assigned to the Scottish Budget is still not included in the updated fiscal framework, and believes that only with the full powers of independence will the Scottish Parliament have all the fiscal levers required to reduce poverty, grow the economy, tackle climate change by investing in the future of carbon capture technology in the North Sea, and invest in public services."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 1, Against 119, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 56, Abstentions 1).

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11560—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 December 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Literacy and Numeracy

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: Asylum Seekers in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 13 December 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

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

Thursday 14 December 2023

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: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Application of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 December 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 20 December 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill

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 21 December 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

1.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 11 December 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the

Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11561—That the Parliament agrees that the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11562—That the Parliament agrees that the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11563—That the Parliament agrees that the Quality Meat Scotland (Amendment) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11564—That the Parliament agrees that the Education, Children and Young People Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Scottish Languages Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11565—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 as noted above.

10. Charitable Hospice Care to Meet Future Need: The Parliament debated S6M-11352 in the name of Sue Webber—That the Parliament thanks charitable hospices, across both adult and children's services, for providing vital palliative and end of life care and bereavement support to an estimated 21,000 people in Scotland in 2022-23; commends the care that they deliver, which reaches out into

communities and people's homes, through services such as hospice care at home, supporting not only patients but also their families and loved ones; understands that demand for palliative care is predicted to increase by 20% by 2040, and that the care that people need will be more complex; further understands that around 8,200 people die in poverty every year in Scotland; considers that people impacted by poverty face barriers in accessing hospice care; believes that everyone should have access to hospice care if they require it; considers that hospice care reduces pressure on NHS services by supporting people to stay at home and avoid unnecessary hospital admissions; notes reports that unscheduled care costs the NHS £190 million per year for those in the last year of life; understands that the use of unscheduled care services by those in the last year of life in the most deprived areas of Scotland is almost double that of those in the least deprived areas; welcomes that charitable hospices work in partnership with colleagues in the NHS and across the health and care sector; understands with concern, however, that the impact of matching the recent NHS pay awards, alongside rising running costs, is expected to leave the hospice care sector £16 million in deficit in 2023-24, meaning that hospices may need to make tough decisions about the services that they can provide to patients and families in the future, and notes the belief, therefore, that a new national funding framework for hospice care is vital to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the sector and to allow charitable hospices to continue to support the NHS and provide high-quality palliative care to people in the Lothian region and across Scotland.

11. Motion Without Notice: Sue Webber moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The meeting closed at 6.13 pm.

No. 57, Thursday 7 December 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Katharine Stewart-Murray, Duchess of Atholl's Election to the UK Parliament: The Parliament debated S6M-09401 in the name of John Swinney—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the significant historical milestone of the 100th anniversary of the election of Katharine Stewart-Murray, Duchess of Atholl, to the UK Parliament on 6 December 1923, as the MP for Kinross and West Perthshire; recognises her as the first female MP from Scotland, who, it believes, broke barriers and paved the way for women's representation in politics; commends her unwavering commitment to opposing authoritarian regimes throughout her career, and her consistent stance against Hitler and Nazi Germany, evident in what it sees as her brave resignation from the Conservative whip in 1938, which triggered a by-election; believes that the Unionist Party's decision to de-select her as its candidate in the by-election undermined women's representation in politics, and applauds what it considers to be her pioneering work in health and education, including her remarkable 36-year tenure as vice president of the Girls' Day School Trust, which, it believes, serves as an inspiration for future leaders and reinforces what it sees as the importance of expanding educational opportunities to girls.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill – Reconsideration Stage: The Bill was considered at Reconsideration Stage.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 44, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 45.

6. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (Reconsideration): The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-11573—That the Parliament agrees that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 117, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

7. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.17 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.23 pm.

No. 58, Tuesday 12 December 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Chibuzor Tina Amadi, UK Parliamentary Liaison for CSW, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Literacy and Numeracy.
- 4. Asylum Seekers in Scotland:** Kaukab Stewart, on behalf of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, moved S6M-11608—That the Parliament notes the conclusions set out in the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee’s 8th Report, 2023 (Session 6), *The Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in Scotland* (SP Paper 455).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.57 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

- 6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.
- 7. 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:** The Parliament debated S6M-10961 in the name of Kaukab Stewart— That the Parliament notes that 10 December 2023 is annual Human Rights Day, and marks the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights being proclaimed by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948; recognises what it sees as the vital role of human rights frameworks in expanding, promoting, and defending human rights across the globe; understands that the Declaration has been translated into over 500 different languages, and has paved the way for more than 70 human rights treaties to date; notes the belief that politicians of all parties must work together to ensure that human rights are championed and have a maximum effect in practice; recognises Amnesty International’s campaign “Human Rights: Now Available in Human”, which, it understands, aims to engage as many people as possible in the legislative process for Scotland’s proposed new Human Rights Bill; further recognises the work of civil society organisations, including the Human Rights Consortium Scotland, JustRight Scotland and Making Rights Real, in helping to protect and advance human rights in Scotland; notes that 2023 also marks 25 years since the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders; affirms its support for human rights defenders working on the front line of what it sees as rights abuses and injustice, and notes the belief that their voices should be integral to law and policy development in Scotland and across the world.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

No. 59, Wednesday 13 December 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy, and then on Finance and Parliamentary Business, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Minister.

2. Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education System: Liam Kerr moved S6M-11635—That the Parliament recognises the significance of the challenges facing the Scottish education system, as highlighted by the recent Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) report; notes that, despite the efforts of teachers and school staff, Scotland's positions in mathematics and science have dropped below the OECD average to an all-time low, while standards in reading are at a their joint lowest level since PISA reporting began; acknowledges that the OECD report also found that bullying in Scottish schools is more frequent than the OECD average, and that one in three of Scotland's pupils don't feel like they belong at their school, with pupils in Scotland twice as likely to observe violence in school as the OECD average; notes that Scotland was removed from a number of international statistical studies; recognises that education was devolved in the Scotland Act 1998; demands that the Scottish Government use its powers to address the many wide-ranging problems facing Scotland's pupils, teachers, school staff and parents, beginning in and including early years; recognises that the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence has failed; calls for a fundamental rethink about schooling to raise standards, and considers that solutions should be explored, such as re-entering all statistical comparisons and benchmarks, addressing issues surrounding class sizes, teacher and support staff numbers, as well as the use of probationers and temporary contracts and urgently tackling the violence and discipline problems in Scotland's schools.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved amendment S6M-11635.3—

As an amendment to S6M-11635 in the name of Liam Kerr (Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education System), leave out from first “notes” to end and insert “welcomes the publication of Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) Levels 2022-23 (ACEL), which shows that the proportion of primary school pupils achieving expected levels of literacy and numeracy has reached record highs, that the poverty-related attainment gap in literacy in primary school has reached the lowest level on record, and that attainment at secondary level has increased and the poverty-related attainment gap decreased; understands that ACEL represents the most up-to-date and comprehensive statistics on attainment in Scotland, and that the findings are testament to the hard work of teachers, support staff and pupils; notes that PISA found that pupils in Scotland were less likely to witness issues with a number of aspects of behaviour in school than in other parts of the UK; welcomes the Scottish Government's decision to rejoin Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) and Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS); notes that Curriculum for Excellence was endorsed by the OECD in its 2021 report as the right approach for Scottish

education, and agrees that the process of education reform, working in partnership with local authorities, and including the reorganisation of national bodies and reform of qualifications and assessments, offers the opportunity to raise standards, ensure that all children and young people can meet their full potential, and deliver excellence and equity across Scotland's schools."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-11635.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11635 in the name of Liam Kerr (Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education System), insert at end “; considers that there is an urgent need for action to reverse the widening inequalities as highlighted by Scotland's performance in the 2022 PISA results, and recognises the excellence of Scotland's teachers against a backdrop of Scottish Government failures.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the significance of the challenges facing the Scottish education system, as highlighted by the recent Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) report; welcomes the publication of Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) Levels 2022-23 (ACEL), which shows that the proportion of primary school pupils achieving expected levels of literacy and numeracy has reached record highs, that the poverty-related attainment gap in literacy in primary school has reached the lowest level on record, and that attainment at secondary level has increased and the poverty-related attainment gap decreased; understands that ACEL represents the most up-to-date and comprehensive statistics on attainment in Scotland, and that the findings are testament to the hard work of teachers, support staff and pupils; notes that PISA found that pupils in Scotland were less likely to witness issues with a number of aspects of behaviour in school than in other parts of the UK; welcomes the Scottish Government's decision to rejoin Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) and Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS); notes that Curriculum for Excellence was endorsed by the OECD in its 2021 report as the right approach for Scottish education, and agrees that the process of education reform, working in partnership with local authorities, and including the reorganisation of national bodies and reform of qualifications and assessments, offers the opportunity to raise standards, ensure that all children and young people can meet their full potential, and deliver excellence and equity across Scotland's schools.

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11651—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 19 December 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget 2024-25

followed by Ministerial Statement: Implementing the Medication Assisted Treatment Standards

followed by Scottish Government Debate: From a Warm Scots Welcome to a Warm Scots Future for Ukrainians in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.50 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 20 December 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standing Order Rule Changes - Proxy Voting

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 21 December 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

1.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 9 January 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate:
How Devolution is Changing Post-EU

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 10 January 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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 11 January 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: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 18 December 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

Douglas Ross moved amendment S6M-11651.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11651 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), after “2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care” insert “*followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on the Dualling of the A9*”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 56, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to.

4. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11640—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 17 May 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11641—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 31 May 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11642—That the Parliament agrees that the Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 1, Abstentions 28).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11643—That the Parliament agrees that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Fighting With Pride and Advocacy for LGBT+ Veterans: The Parliament debated S6M-11225 in the name of Keith Brown—That the Parliament supports the work of Fighting With Pride (FWP), the LGBT+ military charity; commends what it sees as the opportunities provided by FWP’s Pride in Veterans Standard (PiVS) programme, which provides training for veterans organisations, including those operating in the Clackmannanshire and Dunblane constituency, on how best to support LGBT+ veterans; understands that the charity was set up to mark the 20th anniversary of the end of the ban on LGBT+ personnel in the Armed Forces; notes

with concern the comprehensive findings of the final report of the UK LGBT Veterans Independent Review, published in May 2023, which it considers highlights in meticulous detail the experience of LGBT+ veterans; welcomes the UK Government's apology to all LGBT+ veterans affected by the so-called "gay ban", and notes the calls for the UK Government to do more to respond to the concerns raised by the LGBT Veterans Independent Review, including specifically by not introducing a £50 million cap on funds allocated to compensate for lost earnings and pension entitlements, as well as for the profound distress caused by the so-called "gay ban" and the actions of the Armed Forces in implementing it.

The meeting closed at 6.08 pm.

No. 60, Thursday 14 December 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister (Shona Robison).

3. Antisocial Behaviour on Buses: The Parliament debated S6M-11294 in the name of Graham Simpson—That the Parliament notes with concern reports of antisocial behaviour on buses and by those using buses throughout Scotland; acknowledges reports that people travelling using the national Young Persons' (Under 22s) Free Bus Travel scheme have been responsible for incidents that have led to buses being withdrawn, or diverted, and notes the calls for perpetrators to have their entitlement to free travel under the scheme removed.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Application of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 in Scotland: The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy (Neil Gray) moved S6M-11652—That the Parliament considers the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 to be unnecessary, unwanted and ineffective; further considers that the legislation, and any associated secondary legislation that could be applied in Scotland, encroaches on the devolved responsibilities of the Scottish Parliament in matters relating to health, transport, fire and rescue and education; notes that its measures seek to undermine legitimate trade union activity and do not respect fair work principles; recognises that trade unions are key social and economic partners in Scotland in responding to the cost of living crisis, creating a wellbeing economy and working towards a just transition to net zero; agrees that a progressive approach to industrial relations and to trade unionism is at the heart of a fairer, more successful society, and makes clear, therefore, its opposition to the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 and to any associated secondary legislation that could be applied in Scotland.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S6M-11652.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11652 in the name of Neil Gray (Application of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 in Scotland), leave out from second "the" to end and insert "that the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 strikes an appropriate balance between the ability to strike and the protection of lives and livelihoods; notes that most European countries have provisions in place for minimum service levels during certain public service strikes; recognises that public service employees have a right to strike, and that an element of disruption is inherent to any strike, but believes that the wider public expect a minimum level of service during industrial action; notes that the legislation currently only applies in Scotland to the reserved areas of border security, HM Passport Office and nuclear decommissioning, and does not

impact on devolved responsibilities in health, transport, fire and rescue and education, considering that the Scottish Government has stated that it will not mandate minimum service levels under the legislation during a potential strike, and calls on the Scottish Government to use the powers that it has been given under the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 to ensure that people in Scotland have the same protections for devolved public services in the event of a strike that those elsewhere in the UK benefit from."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-11652.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11652 in the name of Neil Gray (Application of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 in Scotland), insert at end "; believes that the Act is an attack on the rights of public sector workers, and supports the Labour's Party's New Deal for Working People, which includes commitments to repeal the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 within the first 100 days of the next UK Labour administration, to outlaw zero-hours contracts and fire and rehire practices, to deliver a genuine living wage, and to ensure day one rights to sick pay, parental leave and protection from unfair dismissal, and which has been described by the Trades Union Congress as the biggest expansion of workers' rights in decades."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 91, Abstentions 4).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

6. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.52 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

No. 61, Tuesday 19 December 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Rev Dan Robertson, Minister, Davidson's Mains Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Budget 2024-25.
4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy (Elena Whitham) made a statement and answered questions on Implementing the Medication Assisted Treatment Standards.
5. **From a Warm Scots Welcome to a Warm Scots Future for Ukrainians in Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-11696—That the Parliament condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the illegal Russian war against Ukraine; reiterates its firm solidarity with the people and government of Ukraine; pays tribute to the significant contribution made by the organisations, people and communities across Scotland that have opened their hearts and their homes to support Ukrainians to settle in Scotland; welcomes the publication of A Warm Scots Future Policy Position Paper, which outlines the Scottish Government's strategic approach to transitioning from an emergency response to Russia's illegal invasion, to a long-term, holistic and rights-based approach that supports the integration of people displaced from Ukraine, so that they have the opportunity to rebuild their lives, play active roles in communities across Scotland, and fulfil their potential in work and education, and declares unequivocally its position that all Ukrainians who have made Scotland their home are welcome for as long as they need.

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-11696.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11696 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (From a Warm Scots Welcome to a Warm Scots Future for Ukrainians in Scotland), insert at end “; expresses concern for the situation being faced by many thousands of displaced Ukrainians and other people living in Scotland, who are currently placed into temporary accommodation; commends the work done by local support groups, which have been established to help support Ukrainians living in Scotland; welcomes the establishment of the Scottish Parliament's Cross-Party Group on Ukraine, and further welcomes the UK Government's unwavering support for Ukraine by issuing visas for almost 250,000 displaced Ukrainians, and by pledging to providing Ukraine with £4.6 billion in military aid, £347 million in humanitarian assistance and £100 million to support the Ukrainian economy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

Paul O'Kane moved amendment S6M-11696.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11696 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (From a Warm Scots Welcome to a Warm Scots Future for Ukrainians in Scotland), after “home are welcome” insert “; applauds ordinary people in Scotland who have worked tirelessly to give Ukrainians fleeing conflict a warm welcome in their own homes; notes with concern that Ukrainians are four times more likely to find themselves facing homelessness than the wider population, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that a workable plan is fully implemented to enact long-term strategies to allow Ukrainian refugees to access vital housing, education and healthcare”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11722— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 20 December 2023—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: A9 Dualling Programme

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Section 35 Order Judicial Review

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

8. Supporting the Work of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust: The Parliament debated S6M-09747 in the name of Alex Rowley—That the Parliament notes the publication of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Coalfield Communities’ report, Next Steps in Levelling Up the Former Coalfields; welcomes the recommendations of the report to support the continued development of former coalfield communities; believes that the work of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust is instrumental in the progress seen in Scotland’s former coalfield communities; supports what it sees as the success of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust’s work in developing community capacity, mentoring, coaching and supporting grassroots

organisations to tackle issues in their communities through the Coalfields Investment Programme, and introducing young people from former mining areas to what it understands are the life-changing benefits of sport, through Game On, which is the Trust's Sport for Change programme, among other initiatives; notes the reported concerns that the Scottish Government plans to make what has been described as a significant cut of £100,000 from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust's funding of £750,000; further notes the Coalfields Regeneration Trust's characterisation of this planned cut as "a devastating blow to communities" such as Kincardine and former coalfields communities across Mid Scotland and Fife; understands that the Coalfields Regeneration Trust's funding has been frozen at £750,000 since 2011, and considers that had this amount kept pace with inflation, it would currently be worth £1,034,658; further understands that a proposed cut of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust's funding in 2011 was reversed due to the damaging impact this would have had on Scotland's former coalfield communities; notes the calls for the Scottish Government to reconsider any cut to the Coalfields Regeneration Trust's funding on the same basis, and to support the future success of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust by offering a secure multi-year funding stream such as that provided by the Welsh Government to the Coalfields Regeneration Trust in Wales.

The meeting closed at 6.51 pm.

No. 62, Wednesday 20 December 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands and then NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition (Mairi McAllan) made a statement and answered questions on A9 Dualling Programme.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Government Response to the Section 35 Order Judicial Review.
- 4. Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill- Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22.

- 5. Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown) moved S6M-11699—That the Parliament agrees that the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 120, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

- 6. Standing Order Rule Changes - Proxy Voting:** Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-11616—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 12th Report, 2023 (Session 6), Standing Order Rule changes - Proxy Voting (SP Paper 489), and agrees that the rule changes to Standing Orders set out in the annexe of the report be made with effect from 22 December 2023.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 7. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11737— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 21 December 2023—

after

12.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

insert

followed by Appointments of the Chair and Commissioners of the Scottish Land Commission

delete

1.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

1.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

8. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11723—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—
Tuesday 9 January 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate:

How Devolution is Changing Post-EU

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 10 January 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Impact of UK Government Asylum Policy and Legislation in Scotland

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 11 January 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: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Public Service Values

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 January 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 17 January 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Labour 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

Thursday 18 January 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: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 8 January 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Stage 1 Extension: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11724—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 8 March 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11725—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11726—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Criminal Justice Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 1.00 pm and 2.30 pm on 11 January 2024.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.21 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

13. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5, 6, 10 and 11 as noted above.

14. Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month: The Parliament debated S6M-10702 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament marks Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) Awareness Month; understands that CRPS is a debilitating chronic disorder, mostly affecting the limbs, which is characterised by severe pain, pathological changes of bones, joints and skin, swelling, temperature and colour changes, and motor dysfunction, which can cause

a person to experience persistent, severe and debilitating pain; further understands that the condition may develop after an injury, surgery, stroke or heart attack, and that the pain can be out of proportion with the severity of the initial injury; notes that the 25th CRPS Awareness Month will be held during November 2023, a month where the chronic pain community and their families and supporters around the world come together to help raise awareness of the condition, and that, as part of the initiative, "Colour the World Orange Day" sees businesses, town halls and landmarks change their lights to orange in support of people living with CRPS; commends the volunteers and organisers at CRPS UK and Burning Nights CRPS Support for their efforts to raise awareness of what it sees as this poorly-understood condition; acknowledges that CRPS UK and Burning Nights are registered charities, with, it believes, the shared goals of raising awareness of CRPS symptoms, providing invaluable support to people with the condition, and advocating for more research development into it, and wishes all of the organisers, volunteers, and the wider CRPS community, including those in the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency, every success in their efforts to increase public awareness of this debilitating condition and to support people affected by CRPS.

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm.

No. 63, Thursday 21 December 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

4. Appointments of the Chair and Commissioners of the Scottish Land Commission: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-11733—That the Parliament notes the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's 21st Report, 2023 (Session 6), Report on appointments to the Scottish Land Commission (SP Paper 499); welcomes the Committee's recommendation that the Parliament approves the appointment of Professor Michael Russell, Professor Deborah Roberts and Craig Mackenzie as Land Commissioners to the Scottish Land Commission; further welcomes the Committee's endorsement of the selection of Professor Michael Russell as Chair of the Commission, and approves the appointments as required by section 10 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016.

Douglas Lumsden moved amendment S6M-11733.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11733 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Appointments of the Chair and Commissioners of the Scottish Land Commission), leave out from "recommendation" to end and insert "unanimous recommendation that the Parliament approves the appointment of Professor Deborah Roberts and Craig Mackenzie as Land Commissioners to the Scottish Land Commission; recognises the widespread concerns expressed regarding the recommended appointment of Michael Russell; highlights that Michael Russell's appointment was not approved unanimously by the Committee because it had not had the opportunity to take evidence from him regarding any potential conflicts of interest that would arise from him having recently been an MSP, president of the Scottish National Party, interim chief executive of the Scottish National Party, and a Scottish Minister; understands that Michael Russell has made a number of inflammatory comments in the past about opposition politicians and parties, as well as about land reform, and therefore questions his ability to be impartial, and approves the appointments of Professor Deborah Roberts and Craig Mackenzie as required by section 10 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016, but, in the interests of protecting the reputation of the Scottish Land Commission, does not approve the appointment of Michael Russell until such time as the Committee has undertaken further scrutiny."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 64, Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

6. 75 Years of Marie Curie: The Parliament debated S6M-09975 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament congratulates Marie Curie on its 75th anniversary; recognises that, since its inception in 1948, Marie Curie has provided palliative and end of life care and support to millions of people affected by terminal illness and those dealing with dying, death, and bereavement across the UK; understands that Marie Curie works closely with NHS Scotland and is the largest provider of palliative care services for adults outside the NHS; believes that access to appropriate palliative care services is a key element of ensuring the best possible end of life experience; welcomes what it sees as the invaluable contribution of the Marie Curie nursing and volunteer services and its two hospices in Edinburgh and Glasgow; commends its most recent report, *How Many People Need Palliative Care?*, which was published on 6 July 2023 and maps palliative care need across the UK into the late 2040s; understands that, according to the report, palliative care need will increase by more than 25% across the UK by 2048; notes its prediction that the number of 85 year olds living in Scotland will increase by 90% by 2048 to 257,000; considers that, while welcome, this presents a challenge to palliative care services as the number of people with comorbidities in need of complex person-centred care and pain management at the end of life will also increase; understands that Marie Curie is the largest charitable funder of palliative and end of life research; commends the work of all at Marie Curie, including its clinical staff, support services and volunteer helper services, who work to ensure that everyone has the best possible end of life experience, and looks forward to further developing Scotland’s public policy and delivery framework to most effectively meet that goal.

The meeting closed at 2.35 pm.

No. 64, Tuesday 9 January 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Professor Bob Akroyd, Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 3. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the administrators of Stewart Milne Group following the news that the firm, which employs over 200 people, has been placed into administration, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy (Neil Gray).
- 4. How Devolution is Changing Post-EU:** Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, moved S6M-11698—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee's 5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): How Devolution is Changing Post-EU (SP Paper 453).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.
- 6. Addressing the Availability of Changing Places Toilets:** The Parliament debated S6M-10378 in the name of Jeremy Balfour—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of providing Changing Places toilets in suitable locations across Scotland, including in the Lothian region, to ensure that the country is as accessible and inclusive as possible; notes that the Scottish Government, in its 2021-22 Programme for Government, set out to “invest £10 million to increase the number of Changing Places toilets across the country”, but notes with concern reports that no fund has yet been set up to allow this budget to be allocated; further notes that the UK Government made a similar commitment in its 2021 budget to invest £30.5 million in a Changing Places toilet fund and has already allocated the first round of funding, which amounted to £23.5 million, and is now in the process of allocating the further £7 million to complete its programme, on target, by the end of the financial year 2023-24; notes the comments made by the Scottish Government Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport in June 2023, in relation to the Petition PE2027, which is currently being considered by the Scottish Parliament, who stated that “funding for the construction of Changing Places Toilets has not yet been allocated and the timeframes for the distribution of this funding have not yet been announced”, and further notes the calls urging the Scottish Government to open this promised fund to ensure that Scotland is welcoming and accessible for all people with disabilities who require a Changing Places toilet.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

No. 65, Wednesday 10 January 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and then on Justice and Home Affairs, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. The Impact of UK Government Asylum Policy and Legislation in Scotland: The Minister for Equalities, Migration and Refugees (Emma Roddick) moved S6M-11803—That the Parliament recognises the impact of UK Government asylum policy and legislation in Scotland, including the effect of the complex asylum system on people who have applied for protection, restrictions on the right to work and limited support available to people awaiting a decision, the increased reliance on contingency asylum accommodation caused by a backlog in Home Office decision-making, risks of maximisation policy and inadequate engagement with Scottish local authorities or public services prior to procurement of contingency accommodation, the streamlined asylum process and limited move-on period allowed once a decision has been made, and consequent impact on both newly-recognised refugees and local authorities, and the restricting of the right to seek asylum in the UK under the Illegal Migration Act 2023; is opposed to the UK Government's pursuit of plans to relocate people to third countries to have asylum claims considered there; recognises the ruling of the Supreme Court in relation to the safety of Rwanda, and acknowledges the comments of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) that the Migration and Economic Development Partnership (MEDP) between the UK and Rwanda undermines the established international refugee protection system and that the UNHCR does not consider the MEDP to comply with the UK's obligations under international law; notes the engagement of Scottish local authorities in asylum dispersal, and agrees that the UK Government needs to engage positively with devolved governments, local authorities and public services across asylum matters to reduce negative impacts on people, communities and services.

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-11803.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11803 in the name of Emma Roddick (The Impact of UK Government Asylum Policy and Legislation in Scotland), leave out from “the impact” to end and insert “that the topics of immigration and asylum are reserved to the UK Parliament and that it is therefore not within the competence of the Scottish Parliament to legislate on these issues; further recognises that the UK Government spent £3.7 billion in the fiscal year 2022-23 to support refugees, that it continues to provide asylum seekers with financial support to cover essential living needs and that it is committed to delivering an asylum system that protects individuals from persecution based on their protected characteristics; agrees that the Scottish Government must engage positively with the UK Government, local authorities and public services across asylum matters to reduce negative impacts on people, communities and services; expresses concern over both the pause of the Scottish Government's Super Sponsor Scheme for displaced Ukrainians and the Scottish Government's inability to renew the £10 million in funding initially granted to

local authorities to support resettlement for displaced Ukrainians, and calls on the Scottish Government to declare a housing emergency, given the increase in homelessness applications by 9% and the record number of children placed in temporary accommodation for the fiscal year 2022-23, which is likely to be exacerbated given the recent cuts to the housing budget.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

Paul O’Kane moved amendment S6M-11803.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11803 in the name of Emma Roddick (The Impact of UK Government Asylum Policy and Legislation in Scotland), insert at end “; acknowledges the pressure placed upon local government budgets after a decade of Scottish Government cuts; calls for fair funding settlements from the Scottish Government for local authorities; notes that Scottish Government commitments to provide safe and secure accommodation for refugees must come with support for local authorities to provide suitable long-term housing, and acknowledges that Scottish Government cuts to affordable housing budgets will negatively affect local authorities’ ability to provide adequate accommodation for refugees.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11821—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 January 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 17 January 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Labour 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

Thursday 18 January 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: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Rural and Islands Youth Parliament

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 January 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 24 January 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, 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 25 January 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

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 15 January 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11822—That the Parliament agrees that the Wine (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11823—That the Parliament agrees that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Automated Vehicles Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11824—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Finance and Public Administration Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a

meeting of the Parliament between 11.40 am and 12 noon on Thursday 18 January 2024.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.56pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

9. Protecting FCDO Jobs in East Kilbride: The Parliament debated S6M-11664 in the name of Collette Stevenson— That the Parliament notes the decision by the UK Government to relocate the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) out of East Kilbride; understands from reports that FCDO officials had been in discussions with the local authority about opening a new site in the town, and that this decision was unexpected; believes that Abercrombie House, in East Kilbride, has been home to a dedicated workforce in the field of international development and foreign affairs for over 40 years and that around 1,000 staff are currently based there; understands that the UK Government estimates that the office's presence generates approximately £30 million for the local economy; notes the view that the decision to relocate jobs out of East Kilbride will have a negative impact on East Kilbride's economic recovery; further notes the reported campaign by local staff and trade unions against previous UK Government plans to remove HMRC from East Kilbride, as well as other towns in Scotland; recognises that the UK Government's Declaration on Government Reform commits to "... relocating jobs and areas of activity across government to places including ... East Kilbride"; believes, therefore, that the FCDO announcement goes against the UK Government's own policies; notes the view that this move is a betrayal of the people of East Kilbride, including FCDO staff living and working in the town, and further notes the calls for the UK Government to scrap its plans immediately and maintain the FCDO's substantial presence in East Kilbride.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

No. 66, Thursday 11 January 2024

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Bank of Scotland Ending Mobile Branch Services across Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-11518 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament regrets the recently announced end of mobile branch services from the Bank of Scotland to several towns and villages across Scotland, including several in the Highlands and Islands region; understands that the end of these services will take effect in May 2024; further understands that, although the Bank of Scotland notes that there has been low use of its banking vans, some rural residents will be left without local banking services and will have to travel several miles to reach such services; believes that this will disproportionately affect elderly people and disabled people who potentially cannot travel or access mobile banking services, and notes the calls for the Bank of Scotland to reconsider these plans or implement alternative plans so that everyone can access suitable bank services easily.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Scotland's Public Service Values: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved S6M-11831—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's continued investment in delivering public services for Scotland's people and communities; notes, however, the economic damage of Brexit, which means up to £3.7 billion of potential funding for these services has been lost; recognises the Scottish Government's legacy of successful public service reform in recent years that has improved outcomes for people and communities, including health and social care partnerships and Social Security Scotland; further recognises the valuable role that public sector workers play in delivering precious public services; supports the Scottish Government's ambitious public service reform projects in the education, justice and health and social care sectors, which will deliver further reforms over the next decade, including by focusing on prevention and early intervention, involving people and communities in the design of public services and embracing the power of digital technologies; believes that further reform to public services will be necessary to ensure that public services remain fiscally sustainable and continue to improve outcomes for Scotland's people and communities, and welcomes, therefore, constructive contributions from partners across the public sector, third sector and business community, as all stakeholders work to protect and reform Scotland's public services together.

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-11831.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11831 in the name of Shona Robison (Scotland's Public Service Values), leave out from first "welcomes" to end and

insert “recognises the valuable role that public sector workers play in delivering vital public services in Scotland; further recognises the urgent need for reform within the public sector for the reasons set out by the Finance and Public Administration Committee; believes that the principles of the Christie Commission remain important, but that the delivery of these principles has been undermined by the economic mismanagement of successive Scottish National Party administrations and the failure to properly support local government, which is on the front line of so many public services, and urges the Scottish Government to implement a comprehensive re-organisation of the Scottish public sector to prioritise efficiency, preventative care and productivity.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 81, Abstentions 0).

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-11831.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11831 in the name of Shona Robison (Scotland’s Public Service Values), leave out from first “welcomes” to end and insert “recognises that communities in Scotland have been let down by the Scottish National Party (SNP) to the extent that poverty is rising, life expectancy is falling and health inequalities are widening, and that the SNP administration has a 16-year record of failure in reforming public services, as highlighted by Audit Scotland, COSLA and other public bodies in the recent Finance and Public Administration Committee inquiry; further recognises that the promises of a healthcare system free at the point of need have been broken by this SNP administration, with almost one in six people in Scotland on waiting lists, whilst £1.2 billion has been wasted on delayed discharge since it promised to eradicate the practice, and that a lack of a credible workforce plan has resulted in millions being spent every year on agency workers; considers that the botched National Care Service and stalled education reform under this SNP administration are particularly egregious examples of its failure to reform public services; welcomes the invaluable work that public sector workers continue to do, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently provide clarity to public sector bodies, unions and workers regarding its plans for the public sector workforce; notes that, if Scotland’s economy had grown at the same rate since 2012 as the UK overall, it would be £8.5 billion larger, and calls on the Scottish Government to prioritise the delivery of economic growth in all parts of Scotland to create jobs, boost incomes, reduce poverty, and allow for greater investment in, and reform of, public services, including transforming the NHS and social care system to meet the needs of people and communities, and embracing the power of digital technologies.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 48, Abstentions 0).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm.

No. 67, Tuesday 16 January 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Linda Haggerstone, National Interfaith Officer, Scottish Pagan Federation, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11883—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 16 January 2024—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Horizon IT Prosecutions

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.10 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 18 January 2024—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: New Safeguards in Relation to XL Bully Dogs

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Lord Advocate (Rt Hon Dorothy Bain KC) made a statement and answered questions on Horizon IT Prosecutions.

5. Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-11871—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

6. Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-11730—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any tax imposed in consequence of the Act in relation to which Rule 9.12.3B(a) of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. Languages at the University of Aberdeen: The Parliament debated S6M-11589 in the name of Kevin Stewart—That the Parliament notes the concern expressed at proposals by the University of Aberdeen to reduce its language provision; understands the challenges that the languages department faces, including running a projected deficit of £1.6 million in 2023-24, and that the student intake has reportedly fallen dramatically following the UK's exit from the EU; believes that languages offer significant value to individuals, to communities across Scotland, and to building relationships across the globe; recognises what it sees as the widespread support for retaining language teaching at the University of Aberdeen, including, it understands, from students, staff, alumni, Gaelic organisations and the consulates of several nations, and notes the calls for the University of Aberdeen to explore every possible option to retain language learning, including an expanded language offering for all interested students and degree courses.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

No. 68, Wednesday 17 January 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy, and then on Finance and Parliamentary Business were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Stand Up for Quality Education: Pam Duncan-Glancy moved S6M-11875— That the Parliament acknowledges the recent Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) results, and the conclusions that educational standards in Scotland are declining; considers that there are a number of contributing factors that have led to the current difficulties in Scotland's classrooms; notes the Educational Institute of Scotland's (EIS) Stand Up for Quality Education campaign, which sets out recommendations on teacher workloads, resourcing for pupils with additional support needs (ASN) and addressing violent and disruptive behaviour in classrooms as key steps to improving the experience of pupils and teachers; agrees with the Scottish Government's International Council of Education Advisers that “the time for commissioning reviews is now over”, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out a timetable for when it will deliver on its promises in education, including addressing the continued use of temporary teacher contracts, improving workloads by increasing non-contact time for teachers, addressing the gaps in teacher provision in geographical and subject areas, delivering structural reforms, including to the SQA and Education Scotland, and meeting its commitment to offer free breakfasts in primary and special schools.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved amendment S6M-11875.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11875 in the name of Pam Duncan-Glancy (Stand Up for Quality Education), leave out from “and the conclusions” to end and insert “which highlight areas for improvement in Scottish education, particularly in mathematics; understands that the Scottish Government is taking forward a planned and systematic curriculum improvement cycle to enhance standards, which will focus initially on maths; welcomes the recent publication of the 2022-23 Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence Levels (ACEL), which it recognises is the most comprehensive and up-to-date national data set on attainment and which shows record levels of attainment across primary school level and improvements in secondary school level; agrees that these results by Scotland's pupils, teachers and school staff deserve commendation; notes that Scotland has the highest investment per pupil and lowest pupil/teacher ratio in the UK, and that, in addition to a record £830 million spend on additional support for learning (ASL), work is underway to update the Additional Support for Learning Action Plan and deliver a range of measures to improve the experiences and outcomes of pupils with additional needs; welcomes that Scotland has the most comprehensive free school meal offering of any nation in the UK, which will be further extended by investment in the 2024-25 Budget, and further welcomes the sector-wide agreement on the need for a holistic package of education reforms, which it agrees should be taken forward in partnership with Scotland's teachers and young people.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 55, Abstentions 1).

Liam Kerr moved amendment S6M-11875.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11875 in the name of Pam Duncan-Glancy (Stand Up for Quality Education), insert at end “; supports the principles of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party's New Deal for Teachers, and calls on the Scottish Government to reduce contact time and class sizes and end the culture of temporary contracts.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 91, Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 54, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament acknowledges the recent Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) results, which highlight areas for improvement in Scottish education, particularly in mathematics; understands that the Scottish Government is taking forward a planned and systematic curriculum improvement cycle to enhance standards, which will focus initially on maths; welcomes the recent publication of the 2022-23 Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence Levels (ACEL), which it recognises is the most comprehensive and up-to-date national data set on attainment and which shows record levels of attainment across primary school level and improvements in secondary school level; agrees that these results by Scotland's pupils, teachers and school staff deserve commendation; notes that Scotland has the highest investment per pupil and lowest pupil/teacher ratio in the UK, and that, in addition to a record £830 million spend on additional support for learning (ASL), work is underway to update the Additional Support for Learning Action Plan and deliver a range of measures to improve the experiences and outcomes of pupils with additional needs; welcomes that Scotland has the most comprehensive free school meal offering of any nation in the UK, which will be further extended by investment in the 2024-25 Budget, and further welcomes the sector-wide agreement on the need for a holistic package of education reforms, which it agrees should be taken forward in partnership with Scotland's teachers and young people.

3. Ending NHS Long Waits: Jackie Baillie moved S6M-11874—That the Parliament is alarmed that almost one in six people in Scotland are languishing on NHS waiting lists for tests or treatment; notes that the Scottish Government has failed to meet its own target, set out in July 2022 by the current First Minister, to eliminate the longest waits in planned care, with a staggering 80,000 people currently waiting over a year to be seen; recognises that the Scottish National Party administration's flagship network of National Treatment Centres has been beset by delays; is concerned that the NHS is facing a workforce crisis, with 6,800 NHS vacancies that are unfilled, while agency costs have rocketed in recent years, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to set out a clear plan and timetable for when all long waits for planned care will be eradicated, and provide an update on the timescales and final costs for all the promised National Treatment Centres.

The Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care (Michael Matheson) moved amendment S6M-11874.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11874 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Ending NHS Long Waits), leave out from “is alarmed” to end and insert “recognises that health services across the UK are dealing with the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on waiting times; further recognises that too many people are waiting too long for treatment, and welcomes the reductions in the longest waits, including a 69% reduction in patients waiting over two years for a new outpatient appointment from the end of June 2022 and a 26% reduction in patients waiting longer than two years for inpatient or day case treatment over the same period; highlights the launch of the Waiting Well Hub, to give people the information and tools that they need to look at their own health and wellbeing during the waiting period, think about what matters to them and what health improvements they could make in the meantime; welcomes that constructive engagement with trade unions has meant that Scotland is the only part of the UK not experiencing strike action and the associated unprecedented level of disruption for patients and families; further welcomes the Scottish Government's draft Budget, which gives the NHS a real-terms uplift, in stark contrast to the UK Government Autumn Statement figures, which show a real-terms cut to NHS England; notes that, due to the deteriorating medium-term fiscal outlook, a revised Infrastructure Investment Plan Pipeline is expected to be published alongside the Medium-term Financial Strategy in May 2024; appreciates that the workforce is at the heart of all that the NHS does, and thanks all of Scotland's highly skilled and committed NHS staff for their hard work and dedication, and believes that the NHS must be kept true to its founding principles of being publicly owned, publicly operated, and free at the point of need, and further believes that the only way to protect the NHS from the creeping privatisation imposed by UK administrations is through independence.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 55, Abstentions 1).

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-11874.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11874 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Ending NHS Long Waits), insert at end “; regrets that over one million people have had to wait more than four hours at A&E in this parliamentary session alone; stresses the need to bring down long waits for mental health services, and condemns the decision of the Scottish Ministers to introduce a real-terms cut to the budget for alcohol and drug services while drug deaths in Scotland remain disturbingly high.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 66, Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 55, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises that health services across the UK are dealing with the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on waiting times; further recognises that too many people are waiting too long for treatment, and welcomes the reductions in the longest waits, including a 69% reduction in patients waiting over two years for a new outpatient appointment from the end of June 2022 and a 26% reduction in patients waiting longer than two years for inpatient or day case treatment over the same period; highlights the launch of the Waiting Well Hub, to give people the information and tools that they need to look at their own health and wellbeing during the waiting period, think about what matters to them and what health improvements they could make in the meantime; welcomes that constructive engagement with trade unions has meant that Scotland is the only part of the UK not experiencing strike action and the associated unprecedented level of disruption for patients and families; further welcomes the Scottish Government's draft Budget, which gives the NHS a real-terms uplift, in stark contrast to the UK Government Autumn Statement figures, which show a real-terms cut to NHS England; notes that, due to the deteriorating medium-term fiscal outlook, a revised Infrastructure Investment Plan Pipeline is expected to be published alongside the Medium-term Financial Strategy in May 2024; appreciates that the workforce is at the heart of all that the NHS does, and thanks all of Scotland's highly skilled and committed NHS staff for their hard work and dedication, and believes that the NHS must be kept true to its founding principles of being publicly owned, publicly operated, and free at the point of need, and further believes that the only way to protect the NHS from the creeping privatisation imposed by UK administrations is through independence.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11887—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 23 January 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating and Supporting Breastfeeding in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 24 January 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Investing in Scotland's Green Economy

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 25 January 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 Debate: Scotland as a Technology Nation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 30 January 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 31 January 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs

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

Thursday 1 February 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: Education and Skills

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget 2024-25

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.15 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 22 January 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 1 *Extension*: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11888— That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be *extended to* 1 March 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11889—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 March 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11890—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 9 February 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 3 as noted above.

9. Recognising the Success of HMP Kilmarnock: The Parliament debated S6M-11199 in the name of Brian Whittle—That the Parliament recognises the efforts of staff and volunteers working at HMP Kilmarnock to promote a strong culture of collaboration and rehabilitation throughout the prison, including through working with numerous local community groups over recent years with the aim of reducing reoffending; understands that this has included award-winning collaborations with local charity CentreStage to deliver employability and life skills training, as well as help with housing, health and welfare issues, and, more recently, with Recovery Enterprises Scotland, another local charity, on the creation of its Foundations Hub at the visitor centre within the prison; notes what it sees as the substantial contribution that these efforts make not only to reducing reoffending, but to improving the life chances of prisoners on their release by helping them to avoid returning to a pattern of harmful behaviour and offering them a different path; considers that the work done by HMP Kilmarnock’s staff and all those who assist them is of great importance, and notes the hope that their approach not only continues in the years ahead, but that it can also be replicated more widely across the prison estate.

The meeting closed at 6.06 pm.

No. 69, Thursday 18 January 2024

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. International Insights, A Model for Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-11509 in the name of Ruth Maguire—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, International Insights, by A Model For Scotland, which is a campaign group for progressive prostitution law reform; considers that the report highlights important findings related to what Scotland can learn from international efforts to combat commercial sexual exploitation; further considers that, whilst the Scottish Government recognises prostitution as a form of violence against women, and has committed to develop a model for Scotland to challenge men's demand for prostitution, it is currently legal in Scotland to perpetrate and profit from prostitution, and that victims receive sanctions rather than support, including in the Cunninghame South constituency; believes that Scotland's approach to tackling sex trafficking and sexual exploitation can build on the experiences and learning of other countries, and notes the view that Scotland must join the growing number of countries taking action to combat commercial sexual exploitation by ensuring that the new model for Scotland criminalises paying for sex, decriminalises and provides support to women involved in the sex trade and holds pimping websites accountable.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown) made a statement and answered questions on New Safeguards in Relation to XL Bully Dogs.

6. Scottish Rural and Islands Youth Parliament: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-11896—That the Parliament acknowledges the important contribution that the Scottish Rural and Islands Parliament (SRIP), including the Rural and Islands Youth Parliament, makes, particularly in influencing future policy development; notes that the SRIP, which held its fifth gathering in November 2023, is unique in the UK; welcomes the opportunity that young people from rural Scotland now have to engage with the Scottish Ministers; recognises the value and importance of hearing the experience and ideas of young people who live and work in Scotland's rural and island communities to inform Scottish Government policy priorities and of ensuring that their voice is heard, and welcomes the involvement and commitment of youth and adult volunteer delegates who made both parliaments a success.

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S6M-11896.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11896 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Scottish Rural and Islands Youth Parliament), insert at end ", and notes that the Scottish Rural and Islands Youth Parliament raised a number of issues affecting young people in rural Scotland, including the Scottish Government's lack of long-term commitment to the rural and island environment, the lack of mental health support for people in the Highlands and Islands, a transport system that is not fit for purpose and a housing sector that fails to meet the needs of the population."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S6M-11896.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11896 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Scottish Rural and Islands Youth Parliament), insert at end "; considers that access to health services, homes and opportunities are essential to young people in rural and island areas; believes that young people who live in these areas are best placed to advise on what is needed, and urges the Scottish Government to address the issues highlighted and put in place a strategy and timeline to address them, as it is vital to halt depopulation and retain young people in rural areas."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament acknowledges the important contribution that the Scottish Rural and Islands Parliament (SRIP), including the Rural and Islands Youth Parliament, makes, particularly in influencing future policy development; notes that the SRIP, which held its fifth gathering in November 2023, is unique in the UK; welcomes the opportunity that young people from rural Scotland now have to engage with the Scottish Ministers; recognises the value and importance of hearing the experience and ideas of young people who live and work in Scotland's rural and island communities to inform Scottish Government policy priorities and of ensuring that their voice is heard, and welcomes the involvement and commitment of youth and adult volunteer delegates who made both parliaments a success; considers that access to health services, homes and opportunities are essential to young people in rural and island areas; believes that young people who live in these areas are best placed to advise on what is needed, and urges the Scottish Government to address the issues highlighted and put in place a strategy and timeline to address them, as it is vital to halt depopulation and retain young people in rural areas.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm.

No. 70, Tuesday 23 January 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Ben Kean and Mia Williams, Ambassadors, Holocaust Educational Trust, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister and Ministers.
- 3. Celebrating and Supporting Breastfeeding in Scotland:** The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-11935—That the Parliament welcomes that, across Scotland, breastfeeding rates have risen and that inequalities in breastfeeding rates have reduced in the past few years, in line with additional funding provided by the Scottish Government of over £9 million; notes that there continues to be a need for a cross-sectoral approach to support, promote and protect breastfeeding; agrees that mothers' experiences should be continuously improved and supported through evidence-based practice; recognises that parents should be free to feed their babies where and when they need to, including in public spaces, and be supported to do this through businesses embracing the national Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland scheme; agrees that Scotland should continue to embed the UNICEF UK Baby Friendly Initiative across its maternal, neonatal and community settings, throughout the NHS and core nursing and maternity education curriculum; further agrees that infant feeding services should be recognised as a vital service and integral to optimising infant feeding support across the NHS and its partners; recognises that third sector and voluntary peer support remain pivotal to babies being breastfed in the first few weeks of life and beyond, and agrees that breastfeeding has a role in supporting the economy, and gives all children the best possible start in life.

Tess White moved amendment S6M-11935.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11935 in the name of Jenni Minto (Celebrating and Supporting Breastfeeding in Scotland), insert at the end " ; recognises the benefits of breastfeeding to both the child and the mother, as well as the challenges that mothers can face as they try to establish breastfeeding, and acknowledges the importance of ensuring that midwifery is sufficiently staffed to support postnatal care and infant feeding as well as acute care."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Carol Mochan moved amendment S6M-11935.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11935 in the name of Jenni Minto (Celebrating and Supporting Breastfeeding in Scotland), insert at end " ; is concerned by reports that health visits for mothers and babies are being reduced due to staffing pressures, and calls on the Scottish Government to guarantee that every family is able to fully access the Universal Health Visiting Pathway, which consists of 11 home visits to all families, including eight within

the first year of life and three Child Health Reviews between 13 months and four to five years."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 61, Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved that—

That the Parliament welcomes that, across Scotland, breastfeeding rates have risen and that inequalities in breastfeeding rates have reduced in the past few years, in line with additional funding provided by the Scottish Government of over £9 million; notes that there continues to be a need for a cross-sectoral approach to support, promote and protect breastfeeding; agrees that mothers' experiences should be continuously improved and supported through evidence-based practice; recognises that parents should be free to feed their babies where and when they need to, including in public spaces, and be supported to do this through businesses embracing the national Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland scheme; agrees that Scotland should continue to embed the UNICEF UK Baby Friendly Initiative across its maternal, neonatal and community settings, throughout the NHS and core nursing and maternity education curriculum; further agrees that infant feeding services should be recognised as a vital service and integral to optimising infant feeding support across the NHS and its partners; recognises that third sector and voluntary peer support remain pivotal to babies being breastfed in the first few weeks of life and beyond; agrees that breastfeeding has a role in supporting the economy, and gives all children the best possible start in life; recognises the benefits of breastfeeding to both the child and the mother, as well as the challenges that mothers can face as they try to establish breastfeeding, and acknowledges the importance of ensuring that midwifery is sufficiently staffed to support postnatal care and infant feeding as well as acute care.

4. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.54 pm.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

7. The Role of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly: The Parliament debated S6M-11415 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament welcomes what it sees as the contribution of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly (BIPA) to enhancing government scrutiny, and in bringing together members of UK and Irish legislatures to discuss, debate and report on a wide range of policy areas facing society across all of the BIPA constituent areas, namely Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Northern Ireland, England, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man; understands that BIPA, established in 1990, has a core mission to promote co-operation between political representatives in Britain and Ireland for the benefit of the people who elect its members from all of the legislatures represented, while building on the close relationships established in recent years between politicians throughout Britain and Ireland; further understands that BIPA members engage in a wide range of non-

legislative parliamentary activities through biannual plenary meetings and ongoing committee work, and that it consists of five committees, which are Committee A (Sovereign Matters), Committee B (European Affairs), Committee C (Economic), Committee D (Environmental and Social), and a Steering Committee, which brings together and links the work of the various BIPA committees; notes that BIPA plenaries alternate between the BIPA regions and serve to debate topical issues and committee reports, and include a question period with a senior minister from the host country; understands that there are many reports that BIPA has produced for consideration by UK and Irish legislatures, including recommendations on small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), renewable energy, the transfer of prisoners, cross-border policing, the Good Friday Agreement, healthcare access and post-Brexit trade; believes that BIPA plays an important role in listening to evidence from individuals, business and wider society, including from the South Scotland region, to help inform government policy and foster relationships with elected members across the BIPA legislatures; wishes BIPA a long and successful future, and encourages everyone to look at the considered reports that are available on the BIPA website, britishirish.org.

The meeting closed at 5.56 pm.

No. 71, Wednesday 24 January 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care, were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Investing in Scotland's Green Economy: The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy (Neil Gray) moved S6M-11945—That the Parliament considers that a just transition is vital to both tackling the climate emergency and building a strong and sustainable economy; welcomes the growing strength of Scotland's green economy, with more than 42,000 FTE jobs supported by Scotland's renewable energy sector, and the recent Climate Emergency Skills Action Plan report that identified almost £90 billion of green investments currently under way or planned to commence in the next three years; agrees that the energy transition and associated supply chain development has the potential to help grow a fair, green wellbeing economy in Scotland; recognises the vital role of public investment in continuing to deliver a just transition to net zero and that the forthcoming Green Industrial Strategy will identify and focus action on the most significant economic opportunities for Scotland; is deeply concerned by the UK Government's failure to keep pace, with overall capital investment levels in decline; understands that declining levels of investment in the UK are in stark contrast to initiatives to increase public investment elsewhere, such as the Inflation Reduction Act in the USA and the European Green Deal; recognises the limits that this lack of action at the UK level imposes on Scotland, and that in spite of this, £2.7 billion will be invested by the Scottish Government in activities that will have a positive impact on the delivery of its climate change goals in 2024-25; notes that the Climate Change Committee has estimated that 1-2% of GDP needs to be invested in the transition annually until 2050, and calls, therefore, on the UK Government to urgently increase green investment to at least £28 billion a year to ensure that Scotland and the rest of the UK can deliver a just transition to net zero.

Douglas Lumsden moved amendment S6M-11945.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11945 in the name of Neil Gray (Investing in Scotland's Green Economy), leave out from "is deeply" to end and insert "notes that the recent Scottish Budget for 2024-25 is anti-growth and will damage Scotland's ability to create a thriving green economy by stymying investment, cutting enterprise funding, and by placing a higher tax burden on Scotland compared to the rest of the UK; further notes that the education system is not aligned with the opportunities that the green economy offers; believes that the Scottish Government's opposition to new oil and gas exploration licences will damage the economy of the north east, and that the Scottish National Party administration's inability to deliver economic growth has hindered the development of green jobs and a just transition, and calls on the Scottish Government to back the 93,000 oil and gas sector jobs and ensure that they are not abandoned, to end its opposition to nuclear and to ensure that the financial costs of the transition to net zero do not disproportionately fall upon individuals, families and communities."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-11945.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11945 in the name of Neil Gray (Investing in Scotland's Green Economy), insert at end “; recognises the economic damage and challenges created by the fiscal policy choices of the UK Government, and the impact that this could have on investment in the green economy; notes the Labour Party's Green Prosperity Plan; agrees that a cross-government mission is needed to deliver clean energy by 2030, and acknowledges the economic opportunities that this could create for Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 31, Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 29, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament considers that a just transition is vital to both tackling the climate emergency and building a strong and sustainable economy; welcomes the growing strength of Scotland's green economy, with more than 42,000 FTE jobs supported by Scotland's renewable energy sector, and the recent Climate Emergency Skills Action Plan report that identified almost £90 billion of green investments currently under way or planned to commence in the next three years; agrees that the energy transition and associated supply chain development has the potential to help grow a fair, green wellbeing economy in Scotland; recognises the vital role of public investment in continuing to deliver a just transition to net zero and that the forthcoming Green Industrial Strategy will identify and focus action on the most significant economic opportunities for Scotland; is deeply concerned by the UK Government's failure to keep pace, with overall capital investment levels in decline; understands that declining levels of investment in the UK are in stark contrast to initiatives to increase public investment elsewhere, such as the Inflation Reduction Act in the USA and the European Green Deal; recognises the limits that this lack of action at the UK level imposes on Scotland, and that in spite of this, £2.7 billion will be invested by the Scottish Government in activities that will have a positive impact on the delivery of its climate change goals in 2024-25; notes that the Climate Change Committee has estimated that 1-2% of GDP needs to be invested in the transition annually until 2050; calls, therefore, on the UK Government to urgently increase green investment to at least £28 billion a year to ensure that Scotland and the rest of the UK can deliver a just transition to net zero; recognises the economic damage and challenges created by the fiscal policy choices of the UK Government, and the impact that this could have on investment in the green economy; notes the Labour Party's Green Prosperity Plan; agrees that a cross-government mission is needed to deliver clean energy by 2030, and acknowledges the economic opportunities that this could create for Scotland.

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11952—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 30 January 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Place in the European Union

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 31 January 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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

Thursday 1 February 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: Education and Skills

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget 2024-25

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.15 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 6 February 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 February 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

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 8 February 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: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 29 January 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 2 as noted above.

5. Celebrating Scotland's National Native Woodlands: The Parliament debated S6M-11728 in the name of Ariane Burgess—That the Parliament notes the 10th anniversary, on 29 January 2024, of Scots pine becoming Scotland's national tree; understands that Caledonian pinewoods are unique to Scotland, and are the natural home of Scots pine; considers that Scotland is globally important for Caledonian pinewoods and Atlantic rainforest, and therefore has a special responsibility to protect and restore them; understands that both types of woodland support a wealth of biodiversity and can help mitigate against the impacts of climate change; notes the belief that browsing by deer and the spread of invasive non-native species means that many Caledonian pinewoods and Atlantic rainforests will not survive without urgent action; believes that these pressures impact all native woodlands across Scotland; notes the support for landscape-scale deer management and targeted grant funding to enable their restoration; further notes the view that Forestry and Land Scotland should continue to take a leadership role in this restoration, especially in the removal of invasive non-native species such as rhododendron; notes what it sees as the growing number of private landowners involved in pinewood and rainforest restoration, including at Glen Loyne in East Glen Quoch, Highlands, and thanks environmental groups like Trees for Life, Woodland Trust Scotland and Plantlife, as well as community groups such as Arkaig Community Forest in the Highlands, Langholm Initiative in the Borders, Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust, Argyll Coast and Communities Trust, and others in the Community Woodlands Association, for their efforts to restore Scotland's native woodlands.

The meeting closed at 5.56 pm.

No. 72, Thursday 25 January 2024

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Holocaust Memorial Day 2024: The Parliament debated S6M-11789 in the name of Paul O'Kane— That the Parliament recognises Holocaust Memorial Day 2024; remembers the six million Jewish people murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of others killed under the Nazi's persecution of other minority groups; reflects on the millions of people who have been murdered in more recent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur; recognises that Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on 27 January, marking the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp; acknowledges that the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day is developed annually by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust; reflects on this year's theme, Fragility of Freedom; understands that, in every genocide that has taken place, those who are targeted have had their freedom restricted and removed, before many of them are murdered and that, despite this, in every genocide, there are those who risk their own freedom to help others, to preserve others' freedom or to stand up to the regime; congratulates the efforts of the Holocaust Memorial Day activity organisers around Scotland who bring people together to learn lessons from history, and understands the importance of challenging all forms of prejudice to ensure that lessons of such events are fully learnt.

4. Motion Without Notice: Paul O'Kane moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. Scotland as a Technology Nation: The Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-11958—That the Parliament recognises the fundamental role of technology, science and innovation in shaping the modern world; notes the global trends that will impact upon Scotland's future economy and society; celebrates the successes of Scotland's high-tech industries and the benefits that they bring in generating economic prosperity, enabling the transition to a green economy, offering solutions to the challenges of the 21st century, providing thousands of high-skilled jobs and generating inward investment and export opportunities, and recognises the role of the Scottish Government in supporting Scotland to become a hub of world-class technology, building on the strengths of these industries to play a central role in the delivery of an economy that is fair, green and growing, and benefits all of Scotland's communities and people.

Brian Whittle moved amendment S6M-11958.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11958 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Scotland as a Technology Nation), leave out from “, and recognises” to end and insert “; notes that the recent Scottish Budget for 2024-25 will prevent Scotland’s technology sector from reaching its full potential by cutting enterprise funding, stymying economic growth, and placing a higher tax burden on Scotland, compared to the rest of the UK; further notes that recent cuts to the Scottish Funding Council and the Scottish National Investment Bank will restrict research and development opportunities in the software, medical and green technology sectors; acknowledges that the recent Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) results will impact the technology sector with Scotland continuing to perform poorly in maths and science; believes that the poverty-related attainment gap will prevent future generations from entering the technology sector; calls on the Scottish Government to promote STEM subjects in schools, and to encourage more people to pursue technology as a career through higher education or apprenticeships, and urges the Scottish Government to work more constructively with the technology sector to grow the economy so that Scotland can continue to become a centre of world-leading technology, and provide more well-paid and highly-skilled jobs.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 44, Against 66, Abstentions 2).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-11958.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11958 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Scotland as a Technology Nation), insert at end “; notes the findings and recommendations of the Scottish technology ecosystem review, led by Mark Logan, including the findings that the number of computer studies teachers in Scotland is falling and that Scotland’s education system is not currently set up to support a thriving technology sector, and calls on the Scottish Government to act urgently to reverse this trend, reduce digital exclusion and make computer studies a growing and exciting subject area in Scottish schools.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm.

No. 73, Tuesday 30 January 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Gordon M Hay, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Scotland's Place in the European Union:** The Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-12004— That the Parliament notes the Scottish Government's paper, Building a New Scotland: an independent Scotland in the EU, and believes that Scotland's economic, social and political future is best served by being part of the EU.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-12004.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12004 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's Place in the European Union), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "regrets that the Scottish Government continues to disrespect the outcome of the two referendums held in 2014 and 2016, and calls on the Scottish Government to focus on the real priorities of the people of Scotland rather than obsessing over the constitution."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-12004.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12004 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's Place in the European Union), leave out from "being" to end and insert "Scottish and UK Labour administrations."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S6M-12004.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12004 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's Place in the European Union), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "believes that close UK-European cooperation is a benefit to Scotland and the whole of the UK; notes that work must be done to rebuild the UK's relationship with the EU and the trust and partnerships that have been badly damaged by the UK Conservative administration; believes that a comprehensive step-by-step plan is required to rebuild those ties with the UK's nearest neighbours, removing barriers and forging a new partnership built on cooperation, and that these essential steps on the road to EU membership will help restore the economy, prosperity and opportunities; considers that, while this work is ongoing, there are choices that can be taken

right now by the Scottish Government to ensure that people in Scotland can still access the many benefits of a close relationship with the EU, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to fulfil its commitment to create a full replacement Erasmus scheme, following the example of the Welsh Government and its Taith scheme."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 6, Against 109, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 49, Abstentions 1).

4. Committee Announcement: Edward Mountain, on behalf of the Net Zero Energy and Transport Committee, made an announcement on People's Panel on Scottish Government effectiveness in consulting and engaging the public on its net zero targets.

5. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.47 pm.

The motion was agreed.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

7. Recognising the Contribution of Michael (Mick) McGahey: The Parliament debated S6M-11389 in the name of Richard Leonard—That the Parliament notes that 30 January 2024 marks the 25th anniversary of the death of Michael "Mick" McGahey, miner, intellectual, activist, agitator, President of the National Union of Mineworkers Scottish Area (NUMSA) from 1967 to 1987 and Vice-President of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) from 1972 to 1987; recognises what it sees as his contribution, based on unerring principles, to advancing the interests and welfare of the working class; notes his steadfast support for the establishment of the Scottish Parliament, including moving a motion in support of its establishment at the Scottish Trades Union Conference in 1968; believes that he was, as he described himself, "a product of his class and his movement", and notes the belief that the Parliament should mark this anniversary by engaging with NUM to erect a bust of Michael McGahey within the Scottish Parliament.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.

No. 74, Wednesday 31 January 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and then on Justice and Home Affairs, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and the Lord Advocate.

2. UK Covid-19 Inquiry Revelations: Douglas Ross moved S6M-12010—That the Parliament expresses its concern at the evidence revealed from the UK Covid-19 Inquiry from Scottish Government ministers, special advisers and officials, both past and present, on their handling of the COVID-19 pandemic; calls for the Parliament’s COVID-19 Recovery Committee to be reconstituted for the purpose of providing parliamentary scrutiny of evidence revealed by the Inquiry; recognises that the former First Minister promised to handover WhatsApp messages to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry; believes that the former First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, and the former Deputy First Minister, John Swinney, have failed grieving families by deleting evidence that they knew would be required for the Inquiry; further believes that the current First Minister has misled the public on the detail of the retention of his WhatsApp messages, and recommends that all three be referred to the independent adviser on the Scottish Ministerial Code so that COVID-19-bereaved families and the public can get the answers that they deserve.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved amendment S6M-12010.5—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12010 in the name of Douglas Ross (UK Covid-19 Inquiry Revelations), leave out from “expresses” to end and insert “welcomes the work of the independent judge-led UK Covid-19 Inquiry and Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry to help learn lessons to ensure that the nation can be best prepared for any future emergent pandemic viruses; recognises that the COVID-19 pandemic saw the loss of life across the country, and again offers its condolences to the families and friends of those who died during the pandemic; notes that 28,000 messages and 19,000 documents have been handed to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry from the Scottish Government; agrees that one area of concern, from which lessons must be learned from the handling of the pandemic, is the size and scale of potential fraud in PPE contracts that were overseen by the UK Government; notes that this will be considered by both the UK Covid-19 Inquiry and the relevant prosecutorial authorities; supports the establishment of a UK ‘COVID corruption commissioner’ to seek to recoup public funds lost to waste and fraud, and believes that all governments should engage fully with the UK Covid-19 Inquiry to enable their actions and decisions during the pandemic to be scrutinised, so that COVID-19-bereaved families and the public get answers to the questions that they have.”

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-12010.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12010 in the name of Douglas Ross (UK Covid-19 Inquiry Revelations), insert at end “, and regrets that the Scottish

National Party has, for almost 17 years, presided over a culture of secrecy in government.”

After debate, amendment S6M-12010.5 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 53, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendment S6M-12010.3 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 53, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament welcomes the work of the independent judge-led UK Covid-19 Inquiry and Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry to help learn lessons to ensure that the nation can be best prepared for any future emergent pandemic viruses; recognises that the COVID-19 pandemic saw the loss of life across the country, and again offers its condolences to the families and friends of those who died during the pandemic; notes that 28,000 messages and 19,000 documents have been handed to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry from the Scottish Government; agrees that one area of concern, from which lessons must be learned from the handling of the pandemic, is the size and scale of potential fraud in PPE contracts that were overseen by the UK Government; notes that this will be considered by both the UK Covid-19 Inquiry and the relevant prosecutorial authorities; supports the establishment of a UK ‘COVID corruption commissioner’ to seek to recoup public funds lost to waste and fraud, and believes that all governments should engage fully with the UK Covid-19 Inquiry to enable their actions and decisions during the pandemic to be scrutinised, so that COVID-19-bereaved families and the public get answers to the questions that they have.

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12020—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 February 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 7 February 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy;
Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Delivering Record Social Security
Investment in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis and Inequality

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 8 February 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Ministerial Statement: Minimum Unit Pricing of Alcohol

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 20 February 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 February 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats 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

Thursday 22 February 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 Stage 1 Debate: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 5 February 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Approval of SI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12021—That the Parliament agrees that the Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12022—That the Parliament agrees that the Bus Services Improvement Partnerships (Objections) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12023—That the Parliament agrees that the Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.
The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2023: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12024—That the Parliament agrees that the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2023 (SG/2023/304) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of the Draft Funeral Director Code of Practice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12025—That the Parliament agrees that the Draft Funeral Director Code of Practice (SG/2023/300) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12026—That the Parliament agrees that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12027—That the Parliament agrees that Foysol Choudhury be appointed to replace Colin Smyth as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

12. Enhancing Scottish Football: The Parliament debated S6M-11073 in the name of Ben Macpherson— That the Parliament celebrates what it sees as a current successful period for the Scottish national football teams; believes that, collectively as a nation, Scotland should seek to build on this progress and achievement, and therefore make further improvements to realise even more of Scotland's footballing potential, including in the Edinburgh Northern and Leith constituency; recognises, with its determination to seek to enhance Scottish football at all levels, the work of the Scottish Football Supporters Association (SFSA) by initiating, coordinating and publishing a fan-led review of the game in Scotland, titled *Rebuilding Scottish Football: A Fan Led Review of The Game in Scotland*, which was published in June 2023; notes that the SFSA-sponsored review includes recommendations for

strengthening and extending the role of football as a sport that is accessible to all in the population who wish to engage and participate, as a major cultural industry for the nation, as a means for encouraging positive social change, and as a source of substantial individual and community benefit especially in relation to physical and mental wellbeing; further notes the issues raised in the fan-led review and the belief that there are shared merits to considering these on a collaborative, cross-party basis with stakeholders, and, in particular, with the Scottish Football Association (SFA) and Scottish Professional Football League (SPFL); notes the key recommendation of the fan-led review that the governance, finance and conduct of Scottish football would benefit from independent scrutiny and, as necessary, appropriate regulation, which it understands is being undertaken in England and discussed within and amongst football communities worldwide, and acknowledges calls for there to be further consultation on the future development of Scottish football, including its oversight and governance, for the benefit of the continued enhancement of Scottish football.

13. Motion Without Notice: Ben Macpherson moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.23 pm.

No. 75, Thursday 1 February 2024

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Lifting the £50 Million Charity Cap: The Parliament debated S6M-11319 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament acknowledges the incredible amount of money raised by charity lotteries in the UK, including the Scotland-based People's Postcode Lottery, the players of which have raised what it sees as a phenomenal £1.2 billion for good causes across the country; understands that the demand for funding from charities has greatly increased amid the cost of living crisis and the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic; believes that the current £50 million cap on annual charity lottery sales serves no purpose, and that it is impacting the ability of charity lotteries to increase the amount of funding that they can provide to charities and good causes; notes the view that charities, including those in the Cunninghame North constituency, will continue to miss out on millions of pounds of funding so long as the sales cap remains in place, and further notes the calls for the UK Government to remove the charity lottery annual sales limit as a matter of urgency so that charities across the country are not missing out on vital funding when they need it most.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Scottish Budget 2024-25: Kenneth Gibson, on behalf of the Finance and Public Administration Committee, moved S6M-12035—That the Parliament notes the pre-budget scrutiny undertaken by the Finance and Public Administration Committee, and other parliamentary committees.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm.

No. 76, Tuesday 6 February 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Dorothy Wallace, Parish Minister, West Lochfyneside Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

3. Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-12070—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.51 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

6. Celebrating the Work of Dunoon Grammar School: The Parliament debated S6M-10234 in the name of Donald Cameron— That the Parliament congratulates the pupils, staff, parents and partners of Dunoon Grammar School on the school's ongoing and award-winning work collaborating with the local community and public bodies for the benefit of all; understands that the school has collaborated with a large number of organisations, including Apps for Good, Argyll Holidays, the Dunoon Film Festival, Police Scotland and the Wood Foundation, ensuring that its pupils leave school with a wider experience of the world outside; notes that the school is involved with a company set up to develop Dunoon as an adventure capital of Scotland, and provides a junior board to the company; commends what it sees as the empowering leadership of the school's head teacher, David Mitchell, who, it understands, supports staff, pupils, parents and partners to operate in the knowledge that the head teacher has their support; recognises that the school has been facilitated and supported by Argyll and Bute Council; believes that Dunoon Grammar School demonstrates that a school can be the heart of, and make a significant difference to, its community, and hopes that lessons can be learned throughout Scotland from the successful partnership between Dunoon Grammar School and Argyll and Bute Council.

The meeting closed at 5.35 pm.

No. 77, Wednesday 7 February 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy and then Finance and Parliamentary Business were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Delivering Record Social Security Investment in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis and Inequality: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-12079—That the Parliament believes that social security plays a vital role in tackling poverty and reducing economic and social inequalities, and that the Scottish social security system must have dignity, fairness and respect at its heart; welcomes the Scottish Government's record investment of £6.3 billion in social security expenditure in 2024-25 and that the Scottish Fiscal Commission has forecast that this is an investment of £1.1 billion more than the funding received from the UK Government through the social security block grant; notes that this investment includes the Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods, as well as the landmark, and extended, Scottish Child Payment, which is estimated to lift 50,000 children out of relative poverty in 2024; recognises that £614 million of Scotland-only benefits are being delivered in 2024-25, which is support that is unparalleled across the UK; further recognises the substantial difference that Social Security Scotland is making through improved disability and carers benefits; notes that Scottish Government support is being delivered despite continued UK Government block grant cuts and continued UK Government austerity, and calls on the UK Government to drop planned Work Capability Assessment changes, introduce an essentials guarantee and immediately scrap the two-child cap and the associated so-called rape clause.

Jeremy Balfour moved amendment S6M-12079.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12079 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Delivering Record Social Security Investment in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis and Inequality), leave out from "; welcomes" to end and insert ", but notes with extreme concern that the Scottish Fiscal Commission reports that, by 2027-28, the Scottish Government will need to find an additional £1.3 billion in spending from within the Scottish Budget for these demand-led payments; understands that the Social Security Scotland agency is set to cost taxpayers in Scotland £322 million in operational costs in 2024-25, which is 130% higher than spending in 2020-21; acknowledges that these benefits were first promised to be fully devolved to Scottish control by 2020, but that the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has recently had to agree to extend the agency agreements to continue to assist and support the Scottish Government until 2026 as Social Security Scotland is, to date, unable to handle the full caseload; notes that these devolved benefits have not been significantly changed from the DWP criteria and that the promised review of adult disability payments may not be published until August 2025; acknowledges the disappointment from the third sector that the dedicated Minister for Equalities and Older People post was removed in March 2023, and backs the calls from Age Scotland and 15 partner agencies for this to be reinstated to ensure a

targeted focus on tackling inequality, and welcomes the announcement by the UK Government that the third instalment of its Cost of Living Payment will be paid later in February 2024, benefitting more than 680,000 people across Scotland and totalling up to £900 paid to eligible households on means-tested benefits, and directly helping tackle the cost of living crisis and inequality equally across the UK."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

Paul O'Kane moved amendment S6M-12079.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12079 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Delivering Record Social Security Investment in Scotland to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis and Inequality), leave out from "Government's" to end and insert "Child Payment; notes the stubbornly high waiting times for Child Disability Payment, where the median processing time was 106 days, and for Adult Disability Payment, where the median processing time was 83 days, according to the latest statistical releases; is concerned by the Scottish Government's failure to sufficiently and swiftly address these long processing times, which are driving some people to rely on foodbanks, according to reports from third sector organisations; is further concerned by the rise of in-work poverty in Scotland, with over one in 10 workers locked in persistent low pay according to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, and agrees that a UK Labour administration will implement a New Deal for Working People that will end in-work poverty and implement a fundamental reform of the Universal Credit system to provide a real safety net for those who need it."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 94, Abstentions 3).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12085—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 February 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Working Towards a Tobacco-free Scotland by 2034 and Tackling Youth Vaping

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building a New Scotland - Social Security in an Independent Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 February 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats 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

Thursday 22 February 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: Grangemouth Refinery

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Income Tax Rate Resolution

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followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 February 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 February 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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 29 February 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: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 19 February 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Stage 2 Extension: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12086—That the Parliament

agrees that consideration of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be extended to 23 February 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12087—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament following Decision Time on Wednesday 21 February 2024.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.58 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 5 as noted above.

8. Definition of Deafblindness: The Parliament debated S6M-11700 in the name of Rona Mackay—That the Parliament notes the process towards formal recognition in Scotland of deafblindness as a distinct disability; commends the work of the Cross-Party Group (CPG) on Deafness, whose members have been working tirelessly towards the definition of deafblindness becoming adopted in Scotland, which, it understands, is already the case elsewhere in the UK and within the European Parliament; notes the view that this is a crucial step towards identifying, diagnosing and supporting people with dual sensory loss who live in Scotland, including in the Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency, and enabling the unique challenges that they face to be addressed; further notes what it sees as the valuable recommendations of Deafblind Scotland, having worked with partners in the CPG to develop a Declaration on Deafblindness; notes the calls from the group for the Scottish Parliament to recognise this low-incidence but high-impact disability in Scotland, and the formal adoption of the Nordic definition of deafblindness; understands that the World Health Organization (WHO) is one of several organisations that has already adopted the definition of deafblindness, and applauds Deafblind Scotland, in Lenzie, and its members, staff and volunteers, for working to ensure that lived experience plays an integral part in informing policy, including the formal recognition of the term deafblindness and its definition.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

No. 78, Thursday 8 February 2024

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. The Future of the Grangemouth Oil Refinery: The Parliament debated S6M-11396 in the name of Stephen Kerr—That the Parliament understands what it sees as the importance of the Grangemouth oil refinery to the local economy and national economy; further understands that hundreds of jobs are directly linked, and thousands are indirectly linked, to the refinery; notes the concern about the potential impact that the closure of the Grangemouth refinery will have on the workers at the plant, including the potential job losses; further notes the concern about the consequences of closure for the numerous supply chains that it understands rely on production at Grangemouth, and notes the belief that the proposed closure would have a serious and detrimental impact on the energy security of Scotland and the rest of the UK.

4. Motion without Notice: Stephen Kerr moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition were answered by Ministers.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Minimum Unit Pricing of Alcohol.

7. Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved S6M-12096—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 53, Abstentions 1).

8. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12102—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm on Wednesday 21 February 2024.

The motion was agreed (DT).

9. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12103—That the Parliament agrees that Jamie Greene be appointed to replace Sharon Dowey as a member of the Public Audit Committee.

The motion was agreed (DT).

10. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12104—That the Parliament agrees that—

Brian Whittle be appointed to replace Graham Simpson as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee; and

Graham Simpson be appointed to replace Brian Whittle as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

The motion was agreed (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm.

No. 79, Tuesday 20 February 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Professor Michael Brown, Chair in Irish, Scottish and Enlightenment History, University of Aberdeen, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12229—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for

(a) Tuesday 20 February 2024—

after

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

followed by Oaths and Affirmations

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Working Towards a Tobacco Free Scotland by 2034 and Tackling Youth Vaping

and insert

followed by Appointment of Scottish Minister and Junior Scottish Ministers

(b) Thursday 22 February 2024—

after

followed by Financial Resolution: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

3. Oaths and Affirmations: Tim Eagle took his oath of allegiance before the Clerk.

4. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Appointment of Scottish Minister: The First Minister (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-12210—That the Parliament agrees that Fiona Hyslop be appointed as a Scottish Minister.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 58, Against 8, Abstentions 21).

6. Appointment of Junior Scottish Ministers: The First Minister (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-12211—That the Parliament agrees that Jim Fairlie and Kaukab Stewart be appointed as junior Scottish Ministers.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 57, Against 9, Abstentions 21).

7. Building a New Scotland - Social Security in an Independent Scotland: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-12203—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government’s paper, Building a New Scotland: Social security in an independent Scotland; agrees that the people of Scotland would be best served by a social security system that embeds dignity, fairness and respect and provides a safety net for all as part of a strong wellbeing economy; notes progress made with Scotland’s unique social security benefits, including five family payments, with modelling estimating that 90,000 fewer children will live in relative and absolute poverty in 2023-24 as a result of Scottish Government policies, with poverty levels 9% lower than they would have otherwise been, but recognises that only independence provides the full range of powers that would enable Scotland to provide the social security that the people of Scotland deserve.

Jeremy Balfour moved amendment S6M-12203.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12203 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Building a New Scotland - Social Security in an Independent Scotland), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “regrets that the Scottish Government continues to miss its targets for delivering the transfer of benefits to Social Security Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to focus on the real priorities of the people of Scotland rather than obsessing over the constitution.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

Paul O’Kane moved amendment S6M-12203.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12203 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Building a New Scotland - Social Security in an Independent Scotland), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “acknowledges that the people of Scotland would be best served by a social security system that embeds dignity, fairness and respect and provides a safety net for all in a strong and growing economy; notes Scotland’s devolved social security

benefits; acknowledges that delays in processing adult and child disability assessments have left disabled people stuck in limbo and out of pocket during the worst cost of living crisis in decades; notes that the Scottish Government's decision to cut affordable housing budgets by 27% in the face of a housing emergency has been labelled as baffling by organisations like the Joseph Rowntree Foundation; acknowledges that cutting vital funding for affordable housing and employability schemes harms the eradication of the causes of poverty; notes that between 2017 and 2021, 12% of people have remained in persistent poverty after housing costs, and recognises that the paper, Building a New Scotland: Social security in an independent Scotland, is the latest in a series of theoretical future plans by the Scottish Government, which has already been too distracted to focus on the here and now and make the devolution of social security work for the people of Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

8. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12230— That the Parliament agrees that—

Emma Harper be removed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12231— That the Parliament agrees that—

Elena Whitham be appointed to replace Jim Fairlie as a member of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee.

Emma Harper be appointed to replace Karen Adam as a member of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.55 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

12. Gas and Electricity Standing Charges: The Parliament debated S6M-11927 in the name of Gordon MacDonald— That the Parliament understands that standing charges are the fixed component of customers' energy bills, and that Ofgem, the energy regulator for Great Britain, has set the maximum standing charge that a supplier can charge a customer at 29.6 pence per day for gas, 62.08 pence per day for electricity in southern Scotland, and 59.38 pence per day for electricity in northern Scotland; further understands that Scottish consumers using both fuels, including those in the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency, could be paying up to £335 per year before they use any power to heat or light their home; believes that Scottish energy users could be paying 61% more in electricity standing charges than people in London, despite Scotland being what it sees as an energy-rich nation and reportedly generating far more electricity than is used domestically; further believes that Scottish customers are being penalised by a complex and unfair charging system, and notes the calls for the UK Government to scrap standing charges and institute a more equitable price structure.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

No. 80, Wednesday 21 February 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands and then NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Improving Access to Primary Care: Alex Cole-Hamilton moved S6M-12214— That the Parliament notes the Scottish Government's longstanding commitment to recruit an extra 800 GPs by 2027 and the views of bodies, including the Royal College of General Practitioners and Audit Scotland, that it is not on track to meet this target; regrets that there is still insufficient access to mental health practitioners working alongside GPs and the £30 million in-year cut to the mental health budget, which Scottish Government documents show will affect primary care; understands that rural and remote communities are among those being severely impacted by high levels of workforce vacancies, presenting barriers to diagnosis, referrals and treatments, and potentially exerting greater pressure on other parts of the NHS, such as accident and emergency, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to rewrite the failed NHS Recovery Plan to get recruitment and retention back on track and to build stronger local health services by expanding the range of services and specialists available, including in mental health and physiotherapy, to meet demand.

The Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) moved amendment S6M-12214.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12214 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Improving Access to Primary Care), leave out from “the Scottish Government's” to end and insert “that, every day, public services continue to face the aftermath of the biggest shock faced since the establishment of the NHS - dealing with the combined impact of a pandemic, Brexit, which Scotland overwhelmingly rejected, and a cost of living crisis, amplified by catastrophic UK Government mismanagement; recognises that, in the face of over a decade of UK Government austerity, the Scottish Government's draft Budget will invest over £2.1 billion in primary care to improve preventative care in the community; welcomes that the Scottish Government's commitment to NHS staff has meant that Scotland is the only part of the UK not to lose any days to strikes; further welcomes an increase of 271 additional GPs in headcount terms since 2017, and a record expansion of GP speciality training, which will see over 1,200 GP trainees in Scotland in the next year; recognises the unique challenges that rural and island communities face and therefore welcomes the Scottish Government's intention to publish a Remote and Rural Workforce Recruitment Strategy by the end of 2024; welcomes the expanded primary care multi-disciplinary team workforce, with over 4,700 staff working in these services, including physiotherapy, pharmacy and phlebotomy; notes the doubling of mental health spending in cash terms from £651 million in 2006-07 to £1.3 billion in 2021-22, and that, as a result of that investment, child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) staffing has more than doubled; highlights the investment of over £100 million in community-based mental health and wellbeing support for children, young people and adults since 2020;

acknowledges that the Scottish Government has exceeded its commitment to fund over 800 additional mental health workers in numerous settings, including over 350 in GP practices; welcomes the ongoing £1 billion NHS Recovery Plan to increase capacity and deliver reform, and pays tribute to, and thanks, the entire health and care workforce for its unstinting efforts to provide services through a very challenging period.”

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-12214.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12214 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Improving Access to Primary Care), after “emergency” insert”; notes with deep concern that the number of GPs per thousand people has decreased significantly in the last decade; recalls that investment in new treatment centres was central to the Scottish Government's NHS Recovery Plan and its promise to improve primary care access; condemns the recent decision to cancel investment in new projects for undermining these promises; strongly urges the Scottish Government to adopt the proposals put forward by the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party in its paper, *Modern, Efficient, Local: A new contract between Scotland's NHS and the public*, including, critically, the pledges to recruit an additional 1,000 general practitioners and to digitise primary care appointment bookings”.

After debate, amendment S6M-12214.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 53, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-12214.3 was pre-empted.

Paul Sweeney moved amendment S6M-12214.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12214 in the name of Alex-Cole Hamilton (Improving Access to Primary Care), insert at end “; is concerned that health professionals are not meaningfully involved when the Scottish Government is taking decisions on service delivery, patient safety and workforce planning, and calls for the establishment of a statutory national clinical council, which would empower clinical experts and improve services for patients.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 62, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved that—

That the Parliament notes that, every day, public services continue to face the aftermath of the biggest shock faced since the establishment of the NHS – dealing with the combined impact of a pandemic, Brexit, which Scotland overwhelmingly rejected, and a cost of living crisis, amplified by catastrophic UK Government mismanagement; recognises that, in the face of over a decade of UK Government austerity, the Scottish Government's draft Budget will invest over £2.1 billion in primary care to improve preventative care in the community; welcomes that the Scottish Government's commitment to NHS staff has meant that Scotland is the only

part of the UK not to lose any days to strikes; further welcomes an increase of 271 additional GPs in headcount terms since 2017, and a record expansion of GP speciality training, which will see over 1,200 GP trainees in Scotland in the next year; recognises the unique challenges that rural and island communities face and therefore welcomes the Scottish Government's intention to publish a Remote and Rural Workforce Recruitment Strategy by the end of 2024; welcomes the expanded primary care multi-disciplinary team workforce, with over 4,700 staff working in these services, including physiotherapy, pharmacy and phlebotomy; notes the doubling of mental health spending in cash terms from £651 million in 2006-07 to £1.3 billion in 2021-22, and that, as a result of that investment, child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) staffing has more than doubled; highlights the investment of over £100 million in community-based mental health and wellbeing support for children, young people and adults since 2020; acknowledges that the Scottish Government has exceeded its commitment to fund over 800 additional mental health workers in numerous settings, including over 350 in GP practices; welcomes the ongoing £1 billion NHS Recovery Plan to increase capacity and deliver reform, and pays tribute to, and thanks, the entire health and care workforce for its unstinting efforts to provide services through a very challenging period.

3. Crisis in NHS Dentistry: Willie Rennie moved S6M-12215—That the Parliament believes that there is a crisis in NHS dentistry; considers that it is deeply concerning that people are finding it increasingly difficult to see an NHS dentist locally, if at all, and in some cases are resorting to DIY dentistry; notes concerns that changes to the payment system, which came into force on 1 November 2023, will do little to stop the exodus of NHS dentists; recalls that the Scottish Government committed in 2021 to abolishing all dentistry charges by the end of the current parliamentary session, but that charges for NHS patients have since increased substantially and been expanded to cover emergency appointments and denture repairs; believes that there must be decisive action to resolve this crisis, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to rewrite the failing NHS Recovery Plan to prioritise workforce planning, boost the number of dentists taking on NHS patients and increase the number of appointments available.

The Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) moved amendment S6M-12215.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12215 in the name of Willie Rennie (Crisis in NHS Dentistry), leave out from first "believes" to end and insert "recognises the significant challenges in dental services, compounded by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, high inflation, and Brexit on public services, dentistry and the available dental workforce across the UK; welcomes that the Scottish Government has confirmed the sustainment and improvement of access to NHS dentistry as a strategic priority; acknowledges that payment reform, as introduced on 1 November 2023, is the most significant change to NHS dentistry since its inception and the most meaningful intervention to realise the Scottish Government's ambition at this time; recognises that payment reform correctly prioritises public resources on securing access to NHS dentistry by incentivising delivery of NHS care through improved fees; is confident that the changes are the appropriate basis for further reforms to NHS dentistry, which will be focused on improvements in workforce and

access to services across Scotland, and thanks NHS dentists and all staff working across Scotland for their continued commitment to the sector and provision of a vital service to the people of Scotland."

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-12215.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12215 in the name of Willie Rennie (Crisis in NHS Dentistry), after "resolve this crisis" insert "; notes with great concern that the number of people able to see an NHS dentist in Scotland fell by over a third in just one month in December 2023, as dental practices abandoned NHS work in droves; stresses that registration rates with dentists in no way indicate satisfactory dental service provision if registered patients are unable to get an appointment; regrets that the Scottish Government has failed to do what is necessary to restore NHS dentistry activity levels to at least pre-COVID-19-pandemic activity levels; expresses concern that people in rural and more deprived areas will likely suffer disproportionately negative oral health consequences from these failures".

After debate, amendment S6M-12215.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 53, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-12215.3 was pre-empted.

Paul Sweeney moved amendment S6M-12215.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12215 in the name of Willie Rennie (Crisis in NHS Dentistry), insert at end ", and recognises that the world-leading Childsmile programme, which was implemented by the last Scottish Labour Party-led administration in 2006, has been widely recognised as one of the most effective public health interventions of the devolved era and has transformed child dental health."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved that—

That the Parliament recognises the significant challenges in dental services, compounded by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, high inflation, and Brexit on public services, dentistry and the available dental workforce across the UK; welcomes that the Scottish Government has confirmed the sustainment and improvement of access to NHS dentistry as a strategic priority; acknowledges that payment reform, as introduced on 1 November 2023, is the most significant change to NHS dentistry since its inception and the most meaningful intervention to realise the Scottish Government's ambition at this time; recognises that payment reform correctly prioritises public resources on securing access to NHS dentistry by incentivising delivery of NHS care through improved fees; is confident that the changes are the appropriate basis for further reforms to NHS dentistry, which will be focused on improvements in workforce and access to services across Scotland;

thanks NHS dentists and all staff working across Scotland for their continued commitment to the sector and provision of a vital service to the people of Scotland, and recognises that the world-leading Childsmile programme, which was implemented by the last Scottish Labour Party-led administration in 2006, has been widely recognised as one of the most effective public health interventions of the devolved era and has transformed child dental health.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12233—That the Parliament agree —

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 February 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Prison Population

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 February 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Working Towards a Tobacco Free Scotland by 2034 and Tackling Youth Vaping

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2024

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Recommendations of the Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 February 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: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 March 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 6 March 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

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

Thursday 7 March 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: Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 26 February 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12234—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 22 March 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12235—That the Parliament agrees that the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 6 as noted above.

8. Declaration to Triple Nuclear Energy Launched at COP28: The Parliament debated S6M-11662 in the name of Douglas Lumsden—That the Parliament recognises the Declaration to Triple Nuclear Energy, which was signed by a number of countries at the COP28; understands that the declaration notes the key role of nuclear energy for achieving global net zero targets by 2050; further understands that the declaration recognises the importance of the application of nuclear science and technology to continue contributing to the monitoring of climate change and the tackling of its impacts, and emphasises the work of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in this regard; notes from the declaration that nuclear energy is already the second-largest source of clean dispatchable baseload power, with

benefits for energy security; further notes from the declaration that new nuclear technologies have a small land footprint and can be located where they are needed, such as within a large energy intensive industrial zone, with additional flexibilities that support decarbonisation across the power sector, including hard-to-abate industries; understands that analysis from the International Energy Agency (IAE) shows nuclear energy more than doubling from 2020 to 2050 in global net zero emissions by 2050 scenarios, and shows that decreasing nuclear power would make reaching net zero more difficult and more costly; further understands that analysis from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change shows nuclear energy approximately tripling its global installed electrical capacity from 2020 to 2050 in the average 1.5°C scenario; notes that the declaration was signed by 22 countries, namely the UK, the USA, Canada, France, the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Ukraine, Czechia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Ghana, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United Arab Emirates; welcomes the ongoing work and discussions that are taking place on this, including in the North East Scotland region, and notes the view that Scotland should fully consider this option going forwards.

The meeting closed at 6.23 pm.

No. 81, Thursday 22 February 2024

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Immediate Ceasefire in Palestine and Israel: The Parliament debated S6M-12177 in the name of Ivan McKee—That the Parliament notes with concern reports of the recent upsurge in violence in Palestine and Israel, which, it understands, has seen more than 28,000 people, including mostly women and children, killed by Israeli forces in Gaza, 1,400 people killed by Hamas and other terrorist organisations in Israel, and more than 300 Palestinian civilians killed by Israeli armed settlers in the West Bank; believes strongly that there is no justification for inflicting terror or killing innocent civilians, or for the taking of civilian hostages, and condemns violence in all its forms; notes with concern what it considers to be the risk of disease and malnutrition in Gaza as a consequence of the Israeli blockade of the strip, which, it believes, may itself constitute a breach of international law; recognises what it sees as the critically important relief work of organisations such as the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) and Medical Aid for Palestinians, and notes that the UK Government and others are being urged to continue to financially support this work; considers that this conflict did not begin on 7 October 2023, and notes the belief that a lasting peace with justice will only come through a negotiated settlement; notes the calls for an immediate ceasefire in Palestine and Israel to allow diplomatic discussions to take place that will safeguard innocent civilians; further notes the reported ruling by the International Court of Justice and the view that there may be a case to answer that the actions of Israel in Gaza constitute genocide against the Palestinian people; commends the work of Israeli human rights organisations, including B'Tselem and Breaking the Silence, which, it considers, continue to make the case for a lasting and just peace in what it sees as these horrific times; notes the calls on the UK Government, including from communities in the Glasgow Provan constituency, to do its part in working with other UN nations to demand an end to deadly military action in Gaza and settler violence in the West Bank, and to bring to justice those responsible for terror attacks and any who may be guilty of war crimes or incitement to genocide, and further notes the calls on the UK Government to recognise the State of Palestine.

4. Motion without Notice: Ivan McKee moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy (Màiri McAllan) made a statement and answered questions on Grangemouth Refinery.

7. Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown) moved S6M-12248—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 29, Abstentions 25).

8. Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown) moved S6M-11800—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Scottish Rate Resolution: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved S6M-12252—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of section 11A of the Income Tax Act 2007 (which provides for Income Tax to be charged at Scottish rates on certain non-savings and non-dividend income of a Scottish taxpayer to be charged above the personal allowance), the Scottish rates and limits for the tax year 2024-25 are as follows—

(a) a starter rate of 19%, charged on income up to a limit of £2,306,

(b) the Scottish basic rate is 20%, charged on income above £2,306 and up to a limit of £13,991,

(c) an intermediate rate of 21%, charged on income above £13,991 and up to a limit of £31,092,

(d) a higher rate of 42%, charged on income above £31,092 and up to a limit of £62,430,

(e) an advanced rate of 45%, charged on income above £62,430 and up to a limit of £125,140, and

(f) a top rate of 48%, charged on income above £125,140.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 62, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

10. Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill - UK Legislation: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved S6M-12249—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 8 November 2023, relating to procurement, so far as these matters fall within the

legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity (Jim Fairlie) moved S6M-12250—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 4 December 2023, relating to animal welfare, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8, 10 and 11 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.14 pm.

No. 82, Tuesday 27 February 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Carol Telfer, Chaplain of Glasgow Hospice, Marie Curie, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Prison Population.

4. Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

5. Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved S6M-12295—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 55, Abstentions 1).

6. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12318—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for

(a) Wednesday 28 February 2024—

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Working Towards a Tobacco Free Scotland by 2034 and Tackling Youth Vaping

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2024

insert

followed by Referral Back to Lead Committee at Stage 1: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill

(b) Thursday 29 February 2024—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Eljamel and NHS Tayside Public Inquiry and the Independent Clinical Review

The motion was agreed to.

7. Referral of an of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12319—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 7 as noted above.

9. McClure Solicitors: The Parliament debated S6M-11980 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament notes with concern the reported failure and subsequent administration of McClure Solicitors in 2021; understands that the firm is believed to have had over 100,000 clients, many of whom held wills or trusts managed by the firm, and that a significant number of those clients will have lived in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, where the firm was originally founded in 1853; further understands that, since entering administration, a substantial portion of the firm's former clients remain unaware of its closure and the transfer of their files to another law firm, Jones Whyte in Glasgow, which, it believes, is obligated to provide such files to former clients at no cost if they do not wish to engage its services; acknowledges that, subsequently to the firm entering administration, a number of former clients have reported discrepancies and irregularities in the work carried out by McClure Solicitors, resulting in the need for substantial rework or correction, often incurring costs amounting to hundreds or even thousands of pounds for the former clients; understands that a number of former clients have lodged complaints with the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission regarding the work carried out by McClure Solicitors, and that some of these complaints have led to compensation orders to recompense those affected; notes the Scottish Parliament's passage of the Trusts and Successions (Scotland) Bill, which is aimed at modernising and improving the creation and management of trusts, and acknowledges the ongoing progress on the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill; notes the belief that there should be a formal inquiry in the future to thoroughly examine all aspects of the firm's conduct, its collapse and subsequent events, and to suggest any changes necessary to prevent a recurrence of what it sees as the suffering experienced by many former clients; further notes the belief, however, that the current priority should be assisting those former clients who face substantial legal fees or challenges in selling family homes; notes the encouragement for all MSPs to actively support and assist any of their

constituents in need, and further notes the calls for the Scottish Government to consider initiating an information campaign to raise awareness among the potentially thousands of former clients who, it believes, have yet to be informed about the situation and are unaware that their wills, trusts and other legal affairs may not be in order.

The meeting closed at 6.33 pm.

No. 83, Wednesday 28 February 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and then on Justice and Home Affairs, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, a Minister and the Solicitor General.

2. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2024: The Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-12130—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 0, Abstentions 52).

3. National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (Referral Back to Lead Committee at Stage 1): Jackie Baillie moved S6M-12317—That the Parliament agrees that the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill be referred back to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee for a further report on the general principles of the Bill.

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-12317.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12317 in the name of Jackie Baillie (National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (Referral Back to Lead Committee at Stage 1)), insert at end “, and, in so doing, expresses severe concern about the viability of the Bill, its related costings and its handling by the Scottish Government.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

4. Recommendations of the Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved S6M-12304—That the Parliament welcomes It’s Our Future, the final report of the Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment; notes the report’s recommendations, including proposals to change the balance in assessment methods in the Senior Phase; acknowledges the substantial engagement from teachers on the Review’s recommendations since publication; agrees that it is crucial that the Scottish Government ensures a fair and credible qualifications and assessment system that enhances learning and teaching and creates improved outcomes for young people; reaffirms the need to make significant progress in the reform of the qualifications and assessment landscape in this parliamentary session, with initial changes starting in 2024; agrees that these reforms must be taken forward with young people and teachers, with changes clearly understood by parents, carers, employers and further and higher education institutions; recognises that the process of education reform must not solely be about qualifications and structures, but also about continuously improving Scotland’s 3-18 curriculum framework to ensure seamless progression and to support pupils and teachers in classrooms, and agrees that trusted professionals working in Scotland’s schools

must be provided with the necessary support to enable the adoption of any proposed new approaches to assessment.

Liam Kerr moved amendment S6M-12304.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12304 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Recommendations of the Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment), insert at end “; believes that, given the concerns highlighted by teachers surrounding some aspects of the review, the implementation of any of its recommendations must be done in conjunction with teachers, parents, pupils and staff, with their voices leading change, and acknowledges that, despite considerable review of the education system, the Scottish Government is not progressing with the radical change that many suggest is needed to Scotland’s education system, which has suffered over the last 17 years.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-12304.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12304 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Recommendations of the Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment), leave out from “acknowledges” to end and insert “believes that teachers, parents and pupils need to be central to the actions taken to progress reform, particularly to take account of the context in which it exists, including rising violence in schools, reductions in pupil attendance, reductions in staff, growing class sizes, increases in staff workload and the need for more non-contact time; further believes that these issues make reform even more urgent; urges a joined-up approach to reform, including implementing the Morgan review, to address pressing issues with provision for pupils with additional support needs, and connecting school-based reform to the wider reform on skills so that the opportunities for young people in Scotland are maximised, and believes that the Scottish Government must, in addition to responding to individual reviews, address the outstanding structural problems in Scottish education so that it can create a fairer system, which can deliver opportunities for all of Scotland’s young people.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 96, Against 20, Abstentions 0).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12320—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 March 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Place in the World

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 6 March 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

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

Thursday 7 March 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: Transport

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day: Global Perspective

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 12 March 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 13 March 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Labour 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

Thursday 14 March 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 Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Addressing Child Poverty Through Parental Employment

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 4 March 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 1 Extension: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12321—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 22 March 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12322—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12323—That the Parliament agrees that the Consumer Scotland Act 2020 (Relevant Public Authorities) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12324—That the Parliament agrees that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. Local Infrastructure and Rural Connectivity on the A77 and A75: The Parliament debated S6M-10634 in the name of Sharon Dowey—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the significance of developing local roads and enhancing rural connectivity, particularly in relation to the A77 and A75; considers that well-connected road networks play an essential role in fostering economic growth and rural development; emphasises the impact of what it sees as inadequate infrastructure on rural livelihoods; believes that the A77 and A75 are vital transportation routes connecting various regions along the west coast of Scotland, including the South Scotland region; notes the view that it is important to improve the condition, capacity, and safety features of the A77 and A75; believes that the development of local roads, such as the A77 and A75, is crucial in improving rural connectivity and access to essential services; notes the view that the Scottish Government should explore funding opportunities to support the development of local roads and rural connectivity, while recognising that such investments will, it believes, yield long-term benefits; further notes the view that MSPs should promote what it sees as the importance of rural connectivity and local road development, and believes that roads such as the A77 and A75 are critical roads for fostering regional

growth, developing Scotland's rural communities, supporting tourism, and enhancing the overall wellbeing of the people that they serve.

The meeting closed at 6.21 pm.

No. 84, Thursday 29 February 2024

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2024: The Parliament debated S6M-11892 in the name of Paul Sweeney—That the Parliament welcomes Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2024, which runs throughout March; considers the Great Daffodil Appeal to be Marie Curie's most prominent awareness-raising appeal; notes that Marie Curie is the largest provider of palliative and end of life care for adults in Scotland; understands that Marie Curie has found that around one in three working age people who die do so in poverty; considers that deprivation and its associated challenges are exacerbated at the end of life; recognises that Marie Curie is able to support people to die at home, if that is their wish, through its Hospice Care at Home team, in 31 out of 32 local authority areas; commends the work of the two Marie Curie Hospices in Edinburgh and Glasgow in providing inpatient care and support for community palliative care; further commends Marie Curie volunteers who, through its companion service, help to tackle isolation and loneliness at the end of life; understands that Marie Curie cared for and supported almost 8,000 people in Scotland in 2022-23 to die in a place of their own choosing; further understands that, despite the best efforts of Marie Curie and other providers of palliative and end of life care, demand for palliative care will increase as Scotland's ageing population means that by 2040, 60,000 people will die with palliative care needs, which is 10,000 more per year than currently; considers that this rising need for palliative care places a burden on unscheduled care services, reportedly costing the NHS £190 million per year, and unpaid carers, many of whom are ageing or ill themselves, to deliver care and support; further considers that it is likely that many will require more complex palliative care support, as people projected to die with multi-morbidities will reportedly increase by 82%; believes that the current unmet need and growing demand for palliative care will ensure that the care and support from Marie Curie remains an essential service in Scotland; notes the belief that there is a need for a sustainable funding settlement for palliative care, given that less than 40% of Marie Curie costs are covered by commissioned income, and further notes the encouragement for as many people as possible to support the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal in March 2024.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Eljamel and NHS Tayside Public Inquiry and the Independent Clinical Review.

6. National Care Service (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport (Maree Todd) moved S6M-12331—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 50, Abstentions 1).

7. National Care Service (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved S6M-12093—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 51, Abstentions 1).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm.

No. 85, Tuesday 5 March 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Avril McNeill, Headteacher, Glenrothes High School, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy (Mairi McAllan) made a statement and answered questions on Ferguson Marine.
- 4. Scotland's Place in the World:** The Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-12372—That the Parliament believes that Scotland should be able to take its place in the world as a sovereign nation that acts based on its values and principles, working towards peace, sustainability and security as a good global citizen, and in the interests of its people.

Alexander Stewart moved amendment S6M-12372.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12372 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's Place in the World), leave out from "Scotland" to end and insert "the Scottish Government should accept the will of the people of Scotland as expressed in the clear and decisive result of the 2014 independence referendum, and calls on the Scottish Government to focus on Scotland's real priorities, such as growing the economy, reducing NHS waiting times and violent crime, and improving education standards and public services."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-12372.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12372 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's Place in the World), leave out from "should" to end and insert "benefits from the defence, diplomatic and economic connections that it shares with the rest of the UK; highlights the massive amount of capacity building that would be required of an independent Scotland in areas such as defence and procurement, intelligence and cyber security, and diplomatic presence and expertise just to replicate the benefits that Scotland currently enjoys as part of the UK; encourages the Scottish and UK governments to work more closely together to ensure that Brand Scotland's unique contributions and innovations are better sold across the world, and understands that, in an increasingly turbulent geopolitical situation, the interests and security of Scotland are significantly better served under the umbrella of its existing membership of NATO, as part of the UK, than by severing those connections and seeking to build them from scratch."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

6. Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2024: The Parliament debated S6M-12285 in the name of Emma Harper— That the Parliament recognises that the week of 26 February to 3 March is Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2024, and that the theme for 2024 is avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder (ARFID); understands that eating disorders affect one in 50 people across Scotland and the wider UK, and that more people lose their lives due to eating disorders than any other mental health condition; further understands that ARFID is a largely unknown and misunderstood eating disorder, which can have serious consequences for health if left untreated; considers that the number of people affected by ARFID is unknown, and that treatment is not currently available nationwide, with many people with ARFID, or those who suspect they may have the condition, reporting difficulty in accessing treatment and support both in Scotland and across the whole of the UK; welcomes the work of Beat Eating Disorders, a UK-wide charity working to support those living with eating disorders, and their families; understands that, in 2023 alone, Beat provided more support in Scotland than ever before thanks to what it sees as generous funding from the Scottish Government, but that demand has been so high that Beat reports that it has had to pause sign-ups to many of its programmes; welcomes the Scottish Government’s funding of £120 million in 2022 for the Mental Health Recovery and Renewal Fund, with a focus on additional support for mental health in primary care settings and enhanced community support; notes the calls for the Scottish Government to provide an update on its current work to support all those impacted by an eating disorder, and to set out how it will ensure that crucial eating disorder services are protected within what it considers to be the challenging fiscal landscape, and further notes that anyone in Scotland with concerns about an eating disorder can seek support either from their GP surgery, which can point them to the most appropriate healthcare provider, or from Beat, which can be contacted seven days a week on 0808 801 0432 or through its helpful website, beateatingdisorders.org.uk.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

No. 86, Wednesday 6 March 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy and then Finance and Parliamentary Business were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Ending Violence in Scottish Schools: Liam Kerr moved S6M-12389—That the Parliament believes that no pupil, teacher or member of school staff should suffer physical or verbal abuse and that every child and young person has the right to an uninterrupted school day, free from violence and disruption; notes the impact that the current escalation of violence in schools has had on the teaching profession, especially in relation to retention and mental health; further notes, with concern, the alarming reports of instances of violence and disruption, and calls on the Scottish Government to support parents, teachers and staff, assisting them in promoting acceptable behaviour and tackling instances of violence and disruption; calls on the Scottish Government to support children and young people impacted by violence and disruption in schools and to facilitate an environment in which all young people are safe to learn, develop and grow, and further calls on all Members of the Scottish Parliament to work together in tackling the seriousness of this issue, diligently and without delay.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved amendment S6M-12389.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12389 in the name of Liam Kerr (Ending Violence in Scottish Schools), insert at end “, alongside local authorities, schools, teachers and young people themselves; recognises the work that is already underway to respond to these challenges, including the joint national action plan with COSLA, which will publish in the spring; welcomes the publication of the gender-based violence in schools framework, which it agrees is a necessary step in responding to the increase in misogynistic behaviours identified by the behaviour in Scottish schools research and reports by teaching unions, and reaffirms, in the week of International Women's Day, the need to end misogyny in Scotland's schools and wider society.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 20, Abstentions 0).

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-12389.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12389 in the name of Liam Kerr (Ending Violence in Scottish Schools), insert at end “; notes that teachers and school staff must be safe from violence and harassment at work; recognises that cuts to education, increased teacher workload, the absence of more non-contact time and a lack of support for pupils with additional support needs continue to contribute to the rise of violence and poor behaviour in schools; further recognises the important role that youth work and external programmes, like the MCR Pathways service in Glasgow, play in providing additional support for

young people, and calls on the Scottish Government to publish the national action plan on behaviour in schools imminently, and to include in it the collection of national, anonymous data, clear processes for the reporting of incidents with support from senior management in schools, the addition of teacher wellbeing as a measure of inspection, and clear guidance on consequences and escalation.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 20, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament agreed that—

That the Parliament believes that no pupil, teacher or member of school staff should suffer physical or verbal abuse and that every child and young person has the right to an uninterrupted school day, free from violence and disruption; notes the impact that the current escalation of violence in schools has had on the teaching profession, especially in relation to retention and mental health; further notes, with concern, the alarming reports of instances of violence and disruption, and calls on the Scottish Government to support parents, teachers and staff, assisting them in promoting acceptable behaviour and tackling instances of violence and disruption; calls on the Scottish Government to support children and young people impacted by violence and disruption in schools and to facilitate an environment in which all young people are safe to learn, develop and grow; further calls on all Members of the Scottish Parliament to work together in tackling the seriousness of this issue, diligently and without delay, alongside local authorities, schools, teachers and young people themselves; recognises the work that is already underway to respond to these challenges, including the joint national action plan with COSLA, which will publish in the spring; welcomes the publication of the gender-based violence in schools framework, which it agrees is a necessary step in responding to the increase in misogynistic behaviours identified by the behaviour in Scottish schools research and reports by teaching unions, and reaffirms, in the week of International Women’s Day, the need to end misogyny in Scotland’s schools and wider society.

3. Backing Scotland’s Oil and Gas Sector: Douglas Lumsden moved S6M-12388—That the Parliament recognises the vital role that oil and gas plays in Scotland’s energy mix and in supporting tens of thousands of Scottish jobs, particularly in the north east, and in providing vital energy security; condemns the Scottish Government’s “presumption against new exploration for oil and gas” as stated in its draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan, as well as the Scottish National Party administration’s failure to welcome new oil and gas developments such as Rosebank, which will boost UK energy security and the economy with a direct investment of over £8 billion as well as providing nearly 1,600 jobs; further condemns the Labour Party’s intention to block any new oil and gas licences and its proposed extended windfall tax, which the OEUK has warned will lead to “42,000 job losses” and £26 billion of economic value being wiped out; acknowledges that there is a climate emergency and, therefore, welcomes that the UK has become the first major economy to halve emissions from their peak; notes that a just transition is

needed to meet net zero targets, but believes that this must not leave any industry or community behind and cannot be achieved without the investment, innovation and skills from the oil and gas sector, and calls on the Scottish Government and the Labour Party to end their reckless assault on North Sea oil and gas workers and Scotland's economy.

The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy (Màiri McAllan) moved amendment S6M-12388.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12388 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector), leave out from first “vital” to end and insert “important role that is played by oil and gas in the energy profile of Scotland, the tens of thousands of jobs in that sector, and the essential contribution that the sector's skilled workforce must make to Scotland's present and future energy security; understands the severity and urgency of the global climate emergency and the clear body of scientific evidence showing the need for a rapid shift away from current reliance on fossil fuels as part of the response to this; further understands that a just transition for Scotland's oil and gas sector is essential, given both the declining nature of the North Sea basin and Scotland's climate change commitments; supports a just transition approach for all sectors of Scotland's economy, in which emissions are reduced in line with climate goals, energy security is maintained, and workers and communities are supported as part of a genuine managed transition; acknowledges that the Scottish Government is in the process of finalising its Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan, following the publication of analysis of consultation responses on the draft Strategy and Plan; recognises that licensing and regulation for offshore oil and gas, and the associated fiscal regime, are all matters that currently remain reserved to the UK Government; expresses frustration that the Scottish Government does not have all of the powers necessary to ensure that Scotland fully capitalises on its competitive advantages in the energy transition, including its world-leading and highly skilled offshore workforces; calls on the UK Government to deliver simple, holistic and predictable windfall taxes on excessive profits to address the cost of living crisis and to increase investment in the transition to net zero, and believes that revenues should not be used to fund new nuclear power.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-12388.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12388 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Backing Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector), leave out from “recognises” to end and insert “believes that if Scotland is to maintain its reputation for expertise in energy generation, there is a need to deliver a just transition to the clean energy industries of the future; recognises the huge contribution that oil and gas make to Scotland's energy mix and economy, supporting tens of thousands of well-paid jobs, and agrees that, as part of the energy transition, oil and gas production will continue in the North Sea for decades to come; condemns the economic incompetence of the UK Conservative administration

and the Scottish National Party administration, which has exacerbated the cost of living crisis for households in Scotland; believes that the policies and instability of the UK Conservative administration are further undermining progress in delivering the energy jobs of the future and failing to improve energy security; notes that the Scottish National Party administration has chosen to side with energy giants over working people with its recent u-turn on a windfall tax on exorbitant profits of oil and gas companies, all while raising taxes on working people, and notes that the Labour Party's proposed windfall tax is time-limited, will sunset at the end of the next parliamentary session and will provide the revenue to deliver the Labour Party's Green Prosperity Plan, which will support 50,000 clean energy jobs in Scotland, create GB Energy as a publicly-owned energy company, bring down energy bills and deliver the just transition that Scotland's climate needs, and that workers in the north east deserve, so that no community is left behind."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 51, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved that—

That the Parliament recognises the important role that is played by oil and gas in the energy profile of Scotland, the tens of thousands of jobs in that sector, and the essential contribution that the sector's skilled workforce must make to Scotland's present and future energy security; understands the severity and urgency of the global climate emergency and the clear body of scientific evidence showing the need for a rapid shift away from current reliance on fossil fuels as part of the response to this; further understands that a just transition for Scotland's oil and gas sector is essential, given both the declining nature of the North Sea basin and Scotland's climate change commitments; supports a just transition approach for all sectors of Scotland's economy, in which emissions are reduced in line with climate goals, energy security is maintained, and workers and communities are supported as part of a genuine managed transition; acknowledges that the Scottish Government is in the process of finalising its Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan, following the publication of analysis of consultation responses on the draft Strategy and Plan; recognises that licensing and regulation for offshore oil and gas, and the associated fiscal regime, are all matters that currently remain reserved to the UK Government; expresses frustration that the Scottish Government does not have all of the powers necessary to ensure that Scotland fully capitalises on its competitive advantages in the energy transition, including its world-leading and highly skilled offshore workforces; calls on the UK Government to deliver simple, holistic and predictable windfall taxes on excessive profits to address the cost of living crisis and to increase investment in the transition to net zero, and believes that revenues should not be used to fund new nuclear power.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12397—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 March 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 13 March 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Labour 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

Thursday 14 March 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 Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Addressing Child Poverty Through Parental Employment

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 March 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 20 March 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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 21 March 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 11 March 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12398—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 27 September 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12399—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 26 April 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12400—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Food Commission (Appointment) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12401—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12402—That the Parliament agrees that—

Marie McNair be appointed to replace Fulton MacGregor as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Evelyn Tweed be appointed as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Gordon MacDonald be appointed to replace Marie McNair as a member of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, and

Jackie Dunbar be appointed to replace Evelyn Tweed as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12403—That the Parliament agrees that—

Kevin Stewart be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Colin Beattie be appointed to replace Gordon MacDonald as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Collette Stevenson be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee;

Bob Doris be appointed to replace Jackie Dunbar as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Karen Adam be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, and

David Torrance be appointed to replace James Dornan as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12404—That the Parliament agrees that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Automated Vehicles Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

13. Congratulating the University of Stirling on the Launch of its Winning Students 100 Programme: The Parliament debated S6M-12000 in the name of Keith Brown—That the Parliament congratulates the University of Stirling, in the Clackmannanshire and Dunblane constituency, on the successful launch of its new Winning Students 100 programme; understands that this launch marks an important update to the existing Winning Students programme, initially established in 2008, which has awarded 1,700 scholarships since then, supporting gold medal Olympians and Paralympians, as well as European and world champions, in balancing their studies with high-performance and professional sports; commends the achievements of this scheme; understands that the scheme is made possible through cross-departmental support from the Scottish Funding Council, sportscotland, and the tertiary education sector, and looks forward to witnessing what it sees as the positive impact of this updated programme on the lives and careers of the participating

student-athletes from across the network of universities and colleges that are involved.

The meeting closed at 5.51 pm.

No. 87, Thursday 7 March 2024

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Site-specific Just Transition for Mossmorran: The Parliament debated S6M-11697 in the name of Mark Ruskell—That the Parliament understands that the Mossmorran petrochemical site, in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, which comprises of Shell's Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) Plant and ExxonMobil's Fife Ethylene Plant, is responsible for nearly 10% of Scotland's industrial emissions; notes the view that limiting global temperature increases to 1.5°C and well below 2°C, in line with the Paris Agreement, will require rapid and sustained reductions in emissions across all sectors; understands that industry is the second-highest emitting sector in Scotland, and notes the view that a worker-led just transition for the sector is essential for reaching Scotland's ambition to achieve net zero by 2045; notes the view that industrial decarbonisation plans cannot omit emissions from Mossmorran, and that a decarbonisation pathway for the site needs to be identified collaboratively with operators, workers, unions, and local and national governments at the earliest opportunity; understands that the two Mossmorran plants directly employ approximately 250 workers, and periodically many more through short-term maintenance contracts, and notes the belief that the process of just transition for Scotland's industrial sites needs to be worker-led and delivered in a way that leaves nobody behind.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Transport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Urgent Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) made an urgent statement and answered questions on Emma Caldwell Case.

6. International Women's Day: Global Perspective: The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development (Kaukab Stewart) moved S6M-12416—That the Parliament welcomes the 2024 International Women's Day theme of "Inspire Inclusion", which recognises that, when people understand and value women's inclusion, they forge a better world; acknowledges that, at a time of increasing conflict affecting civilians around the world, the specific impact on women and girls can be profound; recognises that achieving gender equality is more vital than ever and remains one of the greatest human rights challenges globally; marks International Women's Day and the second anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, and welcomes the efforts of organisations and communities working tirelessly in pursuit of peace, inspiring inclusion, pushing forward on gender equality and amplifying the voices of women and marginalised groups, and notes the Scottish Government's investment in women as advocates for human rights, and initiatives such as the Warm Scots Future, Women in Conflict 1325 Fellowship and Human

Rights Defender Fellowship, and its commitment to a feminist approach to international relations.

Meghan Gallacher moved amendment S6M-12416.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12416 in the name of Kaukab Stewart (International Women's Day: Global Perspective), after “profound;” insert “expresses concern over the practice of female genital mutilation, which is still taking place in certain parts of the world; congratulates all parents and carers on raising the next generation of wonderful women;”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT))

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT))

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament welcomes the 2024 International Women's Day theme of “Inspire Inclusion”, which recognises that, when people understand and value women's inclusion, they forge a better world; acknowledges that, at a time of increasing conflict affecting civilians around the world, the specific impact on women and girls can be profound; expresses concern over the practice of female genital mutilation, which is still taking place in certain parts of the world; congratulates all parents and carers on raising the next generation of wonderful women; recognises that achieving gender equality is more vital than ever and remains one of the greatest human rights challenges globally; marks International Women's Day and the second anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, and welcomes the efforts of organisations and communities working tirelessly in pursuit of peace, inspiring inclusion, pushing forward on gender equality and amplifying the voices of women and marginalised groups, and notes the Scottish Government's investment in women as advocates for human rights, and initiatives such as the Warm Scots Future, Women in Conflict 1325 Fellowship and Human Rights Defender Fellowship, and its commitment to a feminist approach to international relations.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.18 pm.

No. 88, Tuesday 12 March 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend David Watson, Minister, Cumbrae, Fairlie and Largs Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

3. Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Housing (Paul McLennan) moved S6M-12450—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Housing (Paul McLennan) moved S6M-12440—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.47 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.

7. Flood Management: The Parliament debated S6M-12335 in the name of Willie Rennie— That the Parliament understands that the changing climate of Scotland has meant that the frequency of severe storms has increased, with more and more areas facing a high risk of flooding; considers that communities like Cupar and Brechin have already been severely impacted by flooding events, with people reportedly forced to evacuate homes and close businesses due to the damage caused; notes the belief that river catchment plans should be developed to guide landowners on the steps that they should take to maintain burns and rivers; further notes the belief that grants should be available to farmers to help with the management of water on land; understands that there is the option of additional Scottish Government funding through the Bellwin scheme, and notes the calls for grants to be made available

directly to flooded businesses and householders in weather events beyond those classified as Amber by the Met Office.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

No. 89, Wednesday 13 March 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care, were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Bringing Down NHS Waiting Lists: Jackie Baillie moved S6M-12455—That the Parliament is concerned that almost 825,000 patients are stuck on NHS waiting lists for tests and treatment, whilst long waits have continued to rise, despite the current First Minister promising to eradicate them; is disappointed that the statutory 12-week Treatment Time Guarantee has been broken 680,000 times since it was introduced, and 320,000 times before the COVID-19 pandemic; notes that the Scottish Government’s NHS Recovery Plan commitment to deliver 55,500 additional inpatient and day-case procedures by 2025-26 will not be met, in light of its decision to pause the National Treatment Centres programme, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to urgently tackle delayed discharge to increase capacity and publish a revised plan for bringing down waiting lists, including clarifying whether it still intends to reduce waiting lists by 100,000 patients by 2026, and to set out the source of the £300 million funding package that it announced in October 2023.

The Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) moved amendment S6M-12455.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12455 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Bringing Down NHS Waiting Lists), leave out from “is concerned” to end and insert “recognises the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on health service waiting times across the UK, and around the world; commends the dedicated NHS staff who work to provide the best care possible; believes that all long waits are regrettable and welcomes the progress in delivering a significant reduction for the longest waits; welcomes the opening of two National Treatment Centres within the last 12 months, with a further two centres opening in the coming months, which will provide capacity for an additional 20,000 procedures each year; notes that the Scottish Budget provides over £19.5 billion for health and social care, ensuring a real-terms uplift for the NHS in the face of UK Government austerity; acknowledges that, without the distinct and progressive approach to income tax in the Budget, the NHS and other public services would have £1.5 billion less funding; understands that the UK Government’s decision to cut the Scottish Government’s capital budget by £1.3 billion in real terms by 2027-28 has a direct impact on health infrastructure projects; believes that the £20 billion that the UK Government will lose as a result of its decision to cut national insurance should instead have been invested in NHS services and in infrastructure investment, and understands that the share of Barnett consequential funding that Scotland has lost as a result is around £1.6 billion, and believes that, in order to recover from the combined impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Brexit and UK Government economic mismanagement, reform and innovation across the health service is required.”

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-12455.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12455 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Bringing Down NHS Waiting Lists), after “programme” insert “; recognises with deep concern that the Scottish Government has provided no guarantee of when new healthcare investment will resume; notes with alarm that one in 10 patients in Scotland are forced to wait more than a year for a new outpatient appointment and more than a year and a half for an inpatient appointment; expresses further concern that, because of the increasing shortage of GPs, the true scale of the treatment backlog may be even higher, as patients find it increasingly difficult to access their GPs and obtain referral for diagnosis and treatment; condemns the consistent failure of the Scottish Government to pass on the full Barnett consequential funding for healthcare, cumulatively short-changing the NHS in Scotland by £17.6 billion; emphasises that long waits for treatment and diagnosis cause suffering and death”.

After debate, amendment S6M-12455.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 51, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-12455.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on health service waiting times across the UK, and around the world; commends the dedicated NHS staff who work to provide the best care possible; believes that all long waits are regrettable and welcomes the progress in delivering a significant reduction for the longest waits; welcomes the opening of two National Treatment Centres within the last 12 months, with a further two centres opening in the coming months, which will provide capacity for an additional 20,000 procedures each year; notes that the Scottish Budget provides over £19.5 billion for health and social care, ensuring a real-terms uplift for the NHS in the face of UK Government austerity; acknowledges that, without the distinct and progressive approach to income tax in the Budget, the NHS and other public services would have £1.5 billion less funding; understands that the UK Government’s decision to cut the Scottish Government’s capital budget by £1.3 billion in real terms by 2027-28 has a direct impact on health infrastructure projects; believes that the £20 billion that the UK Government will lose as a result of its decision to cut national insurance should instead have been invested in NHS services and in infrastructure investment, and understands that the share of Barnett consequential funding that Scotland has lost as a result is around £1.6 billion, and believes that, in order to recover from the combined impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Brexit and UK Government economic mismanagement, reform and innovation across the health service is required.

3. Growing Scotland’s Economy: Daniel Johnson moved S6M-12457—That the Parliament recognises the crucial role that economic growth plays in delivering strong public services and social change; believes that, despite this, the Scottish Government has failed to use the powers that it has to grow Scotland’s economy and has instead presided over low growth and low productivity; notes the publication of

the CBI-Fraser of Allander Institute Scottish Productivity Index 2024, which shows that Scotland is lagging behind the rest of the UK on 10 out of 13 productivity indicators; believes that this underperformance has serious implications for living standards and incomes and will place further pressure on Scotland's struggling public services; calls on the Scottish Government to take a new approach to the economy, working in partnership with business to unleash the true economic potential of Scotland and its people, and notes the publication of the Scottish Labour Party's Building a Business Case for Scotland and its proposals to use the soft power of Brand Scotland to increase exports and international investment, to simplify Scotland's enterprise agency landscape so that it is better aligned to deliver innovation, promote growth and attract investment, to embed technology across the economy and in Scottish public services to support excellence and ensure future generations are tech and business ready, and to develop a clear skills plan with transition pathways into the green economy.

The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy (Màiri McAllan) moved amendment S6M-12457.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12457 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Growing Scotland's Economy), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "notes that, since 2007, Scotland's GDP per capita has grown 10.8% in comparison to the UK's growth of 5.6%; acknowledges that, over the same time period, productivity has increased at an annual average rate of 1% a year in Scotland compared with the UK's 0.5% a year; welcomes the approach taken to the economy by the Scottish Government to build a collaborative relationship with business, industry, workers and trades unions and to create jobs through the development of a green industrial strategy; considers that, in Scotland, a near record high number of people are in payrolled employment and a higher proportion of workers earn the real Living Wage than in the other UK nations, while the gender pay gap and child poverty rates are lower also than the UK's; recognises that the UK economic model has failed to deliver the prosperity to Scotland that is enjoyed by neighbouring countries; further recognises that the Office for Budget Responsibility forecasts that the UK economy will be 4% smaller as a result of Brexit, a Brexit which is supported by three of the four largest parties in the UK Parliament, and agrees that the best way for Scotland to develop a wellbeing economy, and so match the economic success of Scotland's northern European neighbours, is to become an independent EU member state."

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S6M-12457.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12457 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Growing Scotland's Economy), leave out from ", and notes" to end and insert "; recognises that ill health and long-term economic inactivity within Scotland are barriers to delivering growth, and calls on the Scottish Government to address these issues and deliver greater investment in education to provide long-term economic growth; notes that the income tax differential between Scotland and the rest of the UK is damaging business and is an obstacle to economic growth; further notes that this tax differential will become more

pronounced with the introduction of the new “Advanced” tax band in the new financial year; calls on the Scottish Government to take steps to make income tax competitive with the rest of the UK to unleash Scotland’s economic potential, and further calls on the Scottish Government to look to the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party’s policy paper, *Grasping the Thistle - Our plan for economic growth*, for inspiration on how to grow Scotland’s economy through its proposals for making the delivery of strong, long-term growth the main economic priority of government, creating a joint Scottish economic board to bring together ministers from the Scottish and UK governments, delivering a national workforce plan, building regional clusters of excellence to deliver Scottish exporting success, and supporting key investments to create a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship.”

After debate, amendment S6M-12457.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 50, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-12457.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes that, since 2007, Scotland’s GDP per capita has grown 10.8% in comparison to the UK’s growth of 5.6%; acknowledges that, over the same time period, productivity has increased at an annual average rate of 1% a year in Scotland compared with the UK’s 0.5% a year; welcomes the approach taken to the economy by the Scottish Government to build a collaborative relationship with business, industry, workers and trades unions and to create jobs through the development of a green industrial strategy; considers that, in Scotland, a near record high number of people are in payrolled employment and a higher proportion of workers earn the real Living Wage than in the other UK nations, while the gender pay gap and child poverty rates are lower also than the UK’s; recognises that the UK economic model has failed to deliver the prosperity to Scotland that is enjoyed by neighbouring countries; further recognises that the Office for Budget Responsibility forecasts that the UK economy will be 4% smaller as a result of Brexit, a Brexit which is supported by three of the four largest parties in the UK Parliament, and agrees that the best way for Scotland to develop a wellbeing economy, and so match the economic success of Scotland’s northern European neighbours, is to become an independent EU member state.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12470—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 19 March 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 20 March 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Crime Campus and Tackling Serious Organised Crime

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill - UK Legislation

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 21 March 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 26 March 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment)
(Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 27 March 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy; Finance
and Parliamentary Business

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill

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 28 March 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: Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 18 March 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the

Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 1 Extension: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12471—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 26 April 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12472—That the Parliament agrees that the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Expiry of Section 10: Extension) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 80, Against 0, Abstentions 32).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12473—That the Parliament agrees that the Rent Adjudication (Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 80, Against 0, Abstentions 32).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12474—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/60) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12475—That the Parliament agrees that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12476—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Committee Remits: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12477—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the remits of committees—

Name of Committee: Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition, with the exception of matters relating to just transition; on matters relating to land reform, natural resources and peatland, Scottish Land Commission, Crown Estate Scotland, and Royal Botanic Garden within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; and on matters relating to energy within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy, with the exception of matters relating to wellbeing economy, and just transition; and on matters relating to land reform, natural resources and peatland, Scottish Land Commission, Crown Estate Scotland, and Royal Botanic Garden within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands.

Name of Committee: Economy and Fair Work Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy with the exception of matters relating to energy; and on matters relating to just transition within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy, with the exception of matters relating to net zero and energy.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12478—That the Parliament agrees that Fulton MacGregor be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 as noted above.

14. International Long Covid Awareness Day 2024: The Parliament debated S6M-12371 in the name of Sandesh Gulhane—That the Parliament recognises that 15 March 2024 is International Long Covid Awareness Day; understands that it is estimated that around 187,000 people have long COVID in Scotland, an estimated 10,000 of which are children; notes that long COVID can cause a myriad of debilitating and often life-altering symptoms; considers that a lack of awareness of long COVID exists among the public, employers, medical professionals and policy makers, and that there is often a stigma that negatively affects the mental health and wellbeing of people with long COVID; notes the view that current Scottish

Government funding for initiatives does not go far enough in addressing any need for more effective treatment services and support for people with long COVID; further notes, with regret, the view that there has been a lack of progress in addressing consistency of access to diagnosis and treatment services, that there is a continuing postcode lottery for long COVID support, and that there remains little data for monitoring the current prevalence of long COVID in Scotland to inform the scale of required care; notes the belief that there is a need for clear referral pathways across all NHS boards, including access to multidisciplinary teams of specialists; highlights, with particular concern, reports that there are no specific services aimed at children or young people with long COVID in Scotland, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to fully implement, without delay, the recommendations in the COVID-19 Recovery Committee report, Long COVID.

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.

No. 90, Thursday 14 March 2024

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, a Minister and the Solicitor General.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).
- 3. Young Carers Action Day 2024:** The Parliament debated S6M-12162 in the name of Karen Adam—That the Parliament notes what it sees as the importance of the Carers Trust annual Young Carers Action Day, which takes place on 13 March 2024; further notes that the Young Carers Action Day 2024 theme is "fair futures for young carers", which, it understands, will focus on why caring should not be a barrier to learning, earning or being able to get on in life, and thanks young carers for what it sees as the positive role that they play in providing kinship care and the positive role that they place in society.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Minister.
- 5. Addressing Child Poverty through Parental Employment:** Bob Doris, on behalf of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee, moved S6M-12468—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Social Justice and Social Security Committee's 11th Report, 2023 (Session 6), Addressing Child Poverty Through Parental Employment (SP Paper 476).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 6. Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved S6M-12479—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 8 November 2023, relating to investigatory powers, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

No. 91, Tuesday 19 March 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Ben Kane led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12565—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) to the following revision to the programme of business for—

(i) Tuesday 19 March 2024—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

insert

8.45 pm Decision Time

(ii) Wednesday 20 March 2024—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Crime Campus and Tackling Serious Organised Crime

insert

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Circular Economy (Scotland)

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(iii) Thursday 21 March 2024—

delete

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill

insert

2.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.10 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of consideration of Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions on Thursday 21 March 2024, the words "of up to 15 minutes" in Rule 13.9.3 are suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12548—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour 40 mins
Groups 4 to 6: 3 hours 15 mins
Groups 7 to 9: 4 hours 15 mins
Groups 10 to 12: 5 hours 10 mins
Groups 13 to 15: 6 hours 25 mins.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 52, 13, 63, 64, 15, 16, 73, 18, 19, 86, 88, 89, 21, 22, 23, 94, 95, 99, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 110 and 36.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

40 (For 83, Against 30, Abstentions 0)
12 (For 82, Against 30, Abstentions 0)
76 (For 78, Against 29, Abstentions 0)
78 (For 83, Against 30, Abstentions 0)
80 (For 84, Against 30, Abstentions 0)
87 (For 90, Against 21, Abstentions 0)
37 (For 85, Against 28, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

38 (For 18, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
39 (For 18, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
41 (For 30, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
46 (For 46, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
47 (For 47, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
48 (For 29, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
49 (For 30, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
51 (For 30, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
53 (For 17, Against 95, Abstentions 0)
54 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
55 (For 29, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
56 (For 30, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
57 (For 30, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
58 (For 30, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
14 (For 52, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
59 (For 29, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
60 (For 30, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
61 (For 30, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
62 (For 30, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
65 (For 51, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
66 (For 18, Against 97, Abstentions 0)
67A (For 48, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
68 (For 30, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
69 (For 30, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
70 (For 48, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
71 (For 17, Against 97, Abstentions 0)
72 (For 18, Against 97, Abstentions 0)
75 (For 51, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
81 (For 33, Against 79, Abstentions 0)
82 (For 30, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
83 (For 30, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
84 (For 30, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
85 (For 31, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
20 (For 50, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
93 (For 51, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
24 (For 50, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
96 (For 50, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
97 (For 47, Against 66, Abstentions 0)

98 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
100 (For 47, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
27 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
101 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
102 (For 30, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
103 (For 33, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
104 (For 17, Against 95, Abstentions 0)
105 (For 28, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
106 (For 17, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

The following amendment was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn:
67.

The following amendments were pre-empted: 74 and 90.

The following amendments were not moved: 42, 43, 44, 45, 50, 77, 79, 17, 91, 92,
25, 26, 28, 107, 108 and 109.

6. Decision Time: There were no decisions to be taken at Decision Time on the
items noted above.

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

No. 92, Wednesday 20 March 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and then Justice and Home Affairs were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity (Lorna Slater) moved S6M-12552—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

3. Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved S6M-12386—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill - UK

Legislation: The Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-12551—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandum lodged by the Scottish Government on 19 July 2023; agrees not to give consent to the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill; believes that the Bill would represent a wholly unnecessary and unwelcome limitation of the Scottish Ministers' executive competence, and would act to stifle democracy, and calls on the UK Government to amend the Bill to remove the Scottish Ministers from its scope.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

5. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Climate Change Committee stating that the scale of reductions in emissions needed for Scotland to meet its 2030 climate change targets is “beyond what is credible”, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy (Mairi McAllan).

6. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12566—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 March 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Widening Access - Equality of Access to Higher Education

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 27 March 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill

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 28 March 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: Transport

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Future of Public Transport - The Fair Fares Review

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 April 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 17 April 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

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

Thursday 18 April 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 Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 25 March 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the

Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12567—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Languages Bill at stage 1 be completed by 20 September 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12568—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12569—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12570—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12571—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12572—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Public Audit Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 11.40 am and 12.00 pm on Thursday 21 March 2024.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12573—That the Parliament agrees that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be

designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.39 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

15. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 as noted above.

16. The Economic Contribution of the Third Sector in Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-11864 in the name of Kate Forbes—That the Parliament celebrates the third sector in Scotland, which includes charities, community and voluntary groups and other non-profit distributing organisations, including those in the Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch constituency; understands that the third sector primarily provides services that are important in reducing inequality and disadvantage, and in improving health, wellbeing and community cohesion; believes that there is an important relationship between the third sector, the private sector and the public sector; welcomes the publication of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) advice paper on 13 December 2023, titled The economic contribution of the third sector in Scotland, which identifies that the sector is "often overlooked as a source of wealth generation and seldom included in national or local growth strategies", leading to missed opportunities to enhance regional and national economies; considers that the RSE's report highlights the substantive economic contribution of the sector, whilst identifying the barriers to a wider recognition of the third sector's economic contribution; notes the belief that overcoming such barriers to the third sector's recognition in the Scottish Government's economic strategy is of increasing importance in the context of the financial and funding challenges currently facing the sector, and notes the RSE's call to stimulate debate on how these blocks might be overcome.

The meeting closed at 6.31 pm.

No. 93, Thursday 21 March 2024

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Save Our Surgeries - Burghead and Hopeman: The Parliament debated S6M-12449 in the name of Douglas Ross—That the Parliament expresses concern about the closure of GP surgeries in the Highlands and Islands region, including Hopeman and Burghead; praises the tireless efforts of local campaigners, including members of the Save Our Surgeries group, in advocating for the reopening of what it considers to be these vital healthcare facilities; recognises the reported disappointment and frustration felt by many regarding the consultation on the future of these facilities; understands the pressures that these closures have placed on residents of the two villages and surrounding areas; notes the calls for both the Scottish Government and NHS Grampian to prioritise the healthcare needs of smaller communities, and further notes the view that the Scottish Government, NHS Grampian and Health and Social Care Moray should fully engage with, and support, the local communities and campaigners.

4. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions: Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity (Jim Fairlie) moved S6M-12535—That the Parliament agrees that the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

7. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12592—That the Parliament agrees that—

Meghan Gallacher be appointed as a member of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee; and

Tim Eagle be appointed to replace Jeremy Balfour as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.15 pm.

No. 94, Tuesday 26 March 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

14. Time for Reflection: Rev Neil Glover, Minister for Aberfeldy, Dull & Weem, Grantully, Logierait and Strathtay, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12668—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 26 March 2024—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Working Towards a Tobacco-Free Scotland by 2034 and Tackling Youth Vaping

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. Motion Without Notice: Stuart McMillan moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 17.2.1(a), the Parliament agree to suspend part of Rule 13.8.1 to remove the words “by 10.00” for the purposes of the meeting.

The motion was disagreed to (by division: For 49, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) made a statement and answered questions on Working Towards a Tobacco-Free Scotland by 2034 and Tackling Youth Vaping.

6. Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-12639—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Widening Access - Equality of Access to Higher Education: The Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S6M-12642—That the Parliament notes the recent report by the Commissioner on Fair Access; welcomes the progress that has been made to widen access to university, with a 45% increase in students from the most deprived communities entering university since 2013-14; is grateful for the work of the higher education sector in achieving this success; agrees with the commissioner's finding that increasing the share of students from the most deprived areas has not led to fewer students progressing to higher education from less deprived areas; reaffirms its commitment to widening access and to meeting the 2026 interim target and the 2030 target, which it agrees will require concerted effort from government and institutions to meet this challenge; agrees that it is vital that higher education continues to be based on the ability to learn rather than the ability to pay, and further agrees that undergraduate students in Scotland should not be expected to pay any form of tuition fees, whether up front or in the form of charges during their course or after graduation, such as graduate endowments or graduate taxes.

Liam Kerr moved amendment S6M-12642.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12642 in the name of Graeme Dey (Widening Access - Equality of Access to Higher Education), leave out from “, and further” to end and insert “; acknowledges that a cap on university places for Scottish domiciled students exists due to the Scottish Government's underfunding of Scotland's institutions; condemns the decision to cut at least a further 1,200 university places for Scottish domiciled students next year, and calls on the Scottish Government to recognise that the current funding model is unsustainable, and that it needs to build a consensus around an optimum model that commands broad public support to end the underfunding of Scotland's universities and ensures that world-leading university education can be offered to all who want it, regardless of means and background.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 69, Abstentions 20).

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-12642.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12642 in the name of Graeme Dey (Widening Access - Equality of Access to Higher Education), insert at end “; notes the Scottish Government's own Equality and Fairer Scotland Budget Statement accompanying the 2024-25 budget, which warns of 'a significant risk that the reduction in the HE resource budget will increase competition for remaining university places, which could disadvantage learners from socio-economically disadvantaged areas with lower prior attainment'; understands that this funding crisis extends to the whole tertiary education sector, with Audit Scotland noting that it will be 'difficult for colleges to balance delivering high-quality learning at the volume expected while contributing to other Scottish Government priorities'; calls on the Scottish Government to set out its plans to meet its commitment in the 2023-24 Programme for Government to lead development of a new post-16 education funding model, and believes

that a sustainably funded tertiary education sector is crucial to the future of Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22, Against 97, Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 49, Abstentions 1).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Brain Tumour Awareness Month: The Parliament debated S6M-12066 in the name of Foysof Choudhury—That the Parliament notes that March 2024 is Brain Tumour Awareness Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness of what it sees as the importance of brain tumour research and shining a light on the patient population across Scotland; understands that one in three people know someone affected by what it considers to be this devastating disease; further understands that, unlike in many other cancers, brain tumour survival statistics have changed little in over a generation, and notes the belief that brain tumours must be treated as a clinical and strategic priority by government, and that, as brain tumours are recognised as a “cancer of unmet need”, money must be ring fenced to support the discovery science that, it understands, could transform patient outcomes in the field.

10. Motion without Notice: Foysof Choudhury moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.46 pm.

No. 95, Wednesday 27 March 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy, and then on Finance and Parliamentary Business, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-12640—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

3. Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-12111—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 0, Abstentions 31).

4. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Chief Executive of Ferguson Marine had his contract of employment terminated yesterday, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy (Màiri McAllan).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12669—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 April 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's International Culture Strategy

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Automated Vehicles Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 17 April 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

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

Thursday 18 April 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 Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 April 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 24 April 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

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 25 April 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: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 15 April 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12670—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 31 May 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12671—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament after Portfolio Questions on Thursday 28 March 2024.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 7 as noted above.

9. The Economic Impact of Scotland's Renewable Energy Sector – 2023

Update: The Parliament debated S6M-12237 in the name of Audrey Nicoll—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Fraser of Allander Institute report, *The Economic Impact of Scotland's Renewable Energy Sector – 2023 Update*, commissioned by Scottish Renewables, which, it understands, provides the latest estimates of economic output and job figures for Scotland's renewable energy industry; understands that the report demonstrates that Scotland's renewable energy industry and its supply chain supported more than 42,000 full-time equivalent jobs in 2021, with offshore wind supporting the most employment across Scotland's economy from the renewable energy sector for the first time, with 15,005 full-time equivalent roles, while onshore wind supported 12,030 full-time equivalent roles and renewable heat supported 7,220 full-time equivalent roles; recognises the report's estimate that Scotland's renewable energy industry supported over £10.1 billion of output in 2021, with offshore wind contributing, it understands, the largest estimated economic output of £4 billion, followed by onshore wind and hydropower, generating £3.4 billion and £1.2 billion respectively, and welcomes the continued growth of Scotland's renewable energy industry, which, it believes, is critical not only for achieving Scotland's energy security and net zero ambitions, but also for building a greener, growing economy that benefits communities across Scotland, including in the Aberdeen South and North Kincardine constituency.

The meeting closed at 6.12 pm.

No. 96, Thursday 28 March 2024

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).
- 3. Congratulating Crystal FM Penicuik as the Best Community Radio Broadcaster at the SME News Scottish Enterprise Awards:** The Parliament debated S6M-12187 in the name of Christine Grahame—Congratulating Crystal FM Penicuik as the Best Community Radio Broadcaster at the SME News Scottish Enterprise Awards.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Transport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 5. The Future of Public Transport - The Fair Fares Review:** The Parliament debated The Future of Public Transport - The Fair Fares Review.
- 6. Committee membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12702— That the Parliament agrees that Oliver Mundell be appointed to replace Stephen Kerr as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

No. 97, Tuesday 16 April 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Fr Roger Dawson SJ, Superior of the Jesuits in Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12864—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 16 April 2024—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Implementation of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 18 April 2024—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: Climate Change Committee Scotland Report: Next Steps

Meghan Gallacher moved amendment 12864.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12864 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after "*followed by Ministerial Statement: Climate Change Committee Scotland Report: Next Steps*" insert—

"followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Cass Review

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 49, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Minister.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Implementation of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021.

5. Scotland's International Culture Strategy: The Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-12845— That the Parliament welcomes the publication on 28 March 2024 of Inspiring Connections: Scotland's International Culture Strategy; recognises the central importance of international engagement, collaboration and exchange to Scotland's culture and creative sector, cultural innovation and financial health; further recognises that the impacts of Brexit and inflation pressures driven by UK Government decisions have had a detrimental impact on the sector's international activity; acknowledges that COVID-19 has also exacerbated these impacts; notes the strong starting position for this strategy, with Scotland's culture and creative sector's global reputation and existing connections; further notes that this strategy recognises the challenges posed by the importance of international cultural activity and the need to achieve net zero by 2045; recognises the role that the culture and creative sector can play in addressing Scotland's role in colonialism and slavery, and agrees that this strategic approach to supporting international connections can play an important role in the sector's long-term development.

Meghan Gallacher moved amendment S6M-12845.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12845 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's International Culture Strategy), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "believes that Scotland's culture is among the most vibrant in the world and should be promoted internationally; recognises that some of the points in the International Culture Strategy can help to promote Scotland's

culture overseas, but that the document provides another forum for the Scottish Government to promote independence and grievance-mongering; further recognises that local tourism and cultural services have not reopened or are being forced to close, and compels the Scottish Government to dedicate more time to restoring Scotland’s cultural sector.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 70, Abstentions 19).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-12845.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12845 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland’s International Culture Strategy), insert at end “; recognises the urgent need for a touring agreement with the EU to ease the regulatory burden on internationally touring artists and musicians; notes the significant concerns of the culture sector at the closure of and threats to a variety of festivals across Scotland due to a lack of funding; believes that Scotland’s festivals are an integral part of both domestic and international culture strategy, and calls on the Scottish Government to convene an urgent summit with the culture sector to discuss how to protect and support Scotland’s festivals with sustainable and predictable funding as part of its commitment to more than double culture funding over the next five years.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 93, Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 29, Abstentions 23).

6. Automated Vehicles Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity (Jim Fairlie) moved S6M-12834—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions in Part 1, Chapter 6, clause 40, Part 2, Chapter 1, clauses 46 to 49 and 51, Part 5, clauses 82 to 85, 87 to 90 and Schedule 6 of the Automated Vehicles Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 8 November 2023 and subsequently amended, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12865—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm on Thursday 18 April 2024.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Motion without Notice: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.25pm.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

10. Putting Langholm on the Map: The Parliament debated S6M-12617 in the name of Oliver Mundell— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the outstanding efforts of local campaigners in the Muckle Toon to ensure that Langholm is not forgotten when it comes to vital road signage on the trunk road and motorway network; celebrates what it considers the passion and dedication of many local individuals and organisations who work tirelessly to raise the profile of Langholm; understands that it has an extremely proud history and many claims to fame, including its Common Riding, textile heritage, links to Neil Armstrong, the Border Reivers, natural capital, including incredible scenery, walks and wildlife, and what it sees as a number of outstanding local businesses, such as Latimer’s of Langholm, as well as being home to the Eskdale & Liddesdale Advertiser and so much more; considers that Transport Scotland does not have sufficient flexibility when it comes to making sure that trunk roads work for local people and understands that this has caused frustration among local residents; recognises the reported concerns voiced by many smaller, more remote and rural communities that they are often not served well by the trunk road network; notes the calls for Transport Scotland and operating companies to do more to support communities in encouraging drivers to stop and take advantage of the many services and visitor attractions available; welcomes that some progress has been made in relation to enhanced signage for Langholm but understands that the town is still absent from signs on the M74, and that residents believe that the signage remains inadequate on the A7 itself; notes the belief that all communities on trunk roads should be better supported and funded when it comes to brown tourism signs; further notes the view regarding the A7 corridor that more work is needed to promote the Borders Historic Route and all its communities and attractions; recognises what it sees as the importance of the visitor economy and tourism in protecting local livelihoods and addressing rural depopulation, and notes the view that there are many untapped opportunities for the Scottish Government and its agencies to do more to get behind proactive communities like Langholm.

The meeting closed at 6.12 pm.

No. 98, Wednesday 17 April 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands and then NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Repealing the Hate Crime Act: Russell Findlay moved S6M-12855—That the Parliament believes that the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 should be repealed.

The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown) moved amendment S6M-12855.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12855 in the name of Russell Findlay (Repealing the Hate Crime Act), leave out from “should” to end and insert “, as supported by the majority of the Parliament, will provide greater protections for those who are targeted victims of hate crime; notes that the Act was developed following a review into hate crime by senior retired judge Lord Bracadale, who recommended specific legislation to recognise the impact and harm caused by hate crime; further notes that around a third of hate crimes in Scotland involved a victim who experienced the incident at their place of work or whilst undertaking duties as part of their occupation, most of whom were working in retail or other service industries, and that a quarter of recorded hate crimes had a police officer victim, and recognises that the impact on victims of hate crime can be traumatic and life changing.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 49, Abstentions 5).

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S6M-12855.4—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12550 in the name of Russell Findlay (Repealing the Hate Crime Act), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “recognises that the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 was intended to improve protections for individuals and communities from hate, but has been let down by the chaotic implementation of it by the Scottish National Party administration; acknowledges the Scottish Government’s failure to properly communicate the changes in the legislation, or to give adequate training to Police Scotland; requests that the Criminal Justice Committee carry out an urgent review into the operation of the Act, specifically the new provisions, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently address the flaws in its implementation of the Act, to use its powers under section 12 of the Act to add the characteristic of sex as an aggravator and protected characteristic under the Act, and to review the recording of hate incident reporting to make sure that it is compliant with human rights law and prevents the recording of vexatious complaints.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 97, Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 29, Abstentions 25).

Accordingly, the Parliament agreed that—

That the Parliament believes that the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021, as supported by the majority of the Parliament, will provide greater protections for those who are targeted victims of hate crime; notes that the Act was developed following a review into hate crime by senior retired judge Lord Bracadale, who recommended specific legislation to recognise the impact and harm caused by hate crime; further notes that around a third of hate crimes in Scotland involved a victim who experienced the incident at their place of work or whilst undertaking duties as part of their occupation, most of whom were working in retail or other service industries, and that a quarter of recorded hate crimes had a police officer victim, and recognises that the impact on victims of hate crime can be traumatic and life changing.

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12867—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 23 April 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Appointment of Members of the Standards Commission for Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 24 April 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

9.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 25 April 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: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 30 April 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 May 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

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 2 May 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: Transport

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE1887: Create an Unborn Victims of Violence Act

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 22 April 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

Meghan Gallacher moved amendment 128647.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12867 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), after—

“followed by Financial Resolution: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill”

insert—

“Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Cass Review”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 60, Abstentions 5).

The motion was agreed to.

4. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12868—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 28 June 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12869—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 3 May 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12870—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 3 May 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12871—That the Parliament agrees that the Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012 (Continuation) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12872—That the Parliament agrees that the Alcohol (Minimum Price per Unit) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12873—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12874—That the Parliament agrees that the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12875—That the Parliament agrees that the National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board (Public Services Reform) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12876—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee be designated as the lead committee, and that the Social Justice and Social Security Committee be designated as a secondary committee, in consideration of the Housing (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 as noted above.

14. Celebrating Scotland's Iconic Scotch Whisky Industry: The Parliament debated S6M-11787 in the name of Ivan McKee—That the Parliament welcomes the reported £7.1 billion each year that is contributed in added value to the UK economy by the Scotch whisky industry through the production of high-quality and internationally successful brands, which are sold to 180 markets around the world; understands that 75% of the Scotch whisky industry's gross value added (GVA) is generated in Scotland, supporting 41,000 jobs and a further 25,000 across the UK; welcomes the over £2 billion of investments that have reportedly been made by the industry over the last five years; believes that the Scotch whisky industry plays a crucial role in Scotland's ambition to grow its exports, in attracting visitors from overseas to its world-leading visitor experiences, and in decarbonising operations in order to achieve net zero by 2045, and wishes everyone involved in Scotland's iconic Scotch whisky industry continued success as, it considers, they continue to play an integral role in communities throughout Scotland, including in the Glasgow Provan constituency.

15. Motion Without Notice: Ivan McKee moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.57 pm.

No. 99, Thursday 18 April 2024

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Prison Officers Association Campaign, 68 is Too Late: The Parliament debated S6M-12265 in the name of Pauline McNeill—That the Parliament notes the Prison Officers Association campaign, 68 is too late; understands that the campaign seeks to end what it sees as the injustice of prison officers being required to work until they are 68, compared with other uniformed services, such as the police force, fire service and the Armed Forces, which, it understands, have a normal retirement age of 60; notes the view that expecting prison officers to work until almost their seventh decade, at a time when, it understands, the prisoner population is rising, the average age of a prisoner is 36, violence is increasing and the influence of organised crime is expanding, is both dangerous and unrealistic; further notes the belief that a retirement age of 68 risks the safety of prisoners, prison officers and the public, including in the Glasgow region; considers that, for successful rehabilitation, prisoners rely on well-trained, motivated and confident officers working in safe and fully-staffed establishments, and notes the calls on the Scottish and UK governments to enter talks with the Prison Officers Association to discuss how to bring about changes to the retirement rules to provide an option to access their pension at 60 with no financial detriment.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy (Màiri McAllan) made a statement and answered questions on Climate Change Committee Scotland Report: Next Steps.

6. Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill: Mark Griffin moved S6M-12882—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill.

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

No. 100, Tuesday 23 April 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-12946—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 23 April 2024—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Gender Identity Healthcare for Young People

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 24 April 2024—

delete

9.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and insert

8.20 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 25 April 2024—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

3.55 pm Decision Time.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) made a statement and answered questions on Gender Identity Healthcare for Young People.

5. Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved S6M-12922—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 0, Abstentions 62).

6. Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved S6M-12560—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Appointment of Members of the Standards Commission for Scotland: Maggie Chapman moved S6M-12910—That the Parliament agrees, under section 8 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, to appoint Morag Ferguson and Lezley Stewart as Members of the Standards Commission for Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Seventh Anniversary of the Two-child Benefit Cap: The Parliament debated S6M-12841 in the name of Clare Haughey— That the Parliament regrets to mark the seventh anniversary of the introduction by the UK Government of the two-child benefit cap, and the associated so-called rape clause; notes with alarm reports that over 87,000 children across Scotland are affected by the cap, including 3,610 in South Lanarkshire; further notes the work of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, which reports that the poverty rate for children in families with three or more children was almost twice as high as the poverty rate for children in one- or two-child families in 2021-22, at 43% compared with 23% and 22% respectively, as a result of UK welfare policies such as the two-child benefit limit; highlights what it considers to be the contrast between the inhumane practices of the UK Government's Department for Work and Pensions and the compassionate approach of the Scottish Government's Social Security Scotland; understands that the Scottish Government has already spent more than £733 million over the last five financial years to mitigate

UK Government welfare policies, despite what it sees as a remarkably challenging financial environment and the fiscal limitations of devolution; notes that the Scottish Child Payment and other devolved policies are forecast to keep up to 100,000 children in Scotland out of relative poverty in this financial year; further notes the view that Scotland should continue to build a social security system that is founded on dignity, fairness and respect, and notes the calls urging the UK Government to reverse the two-child benefit cap and what it regards as the other abhorrent and ineffective welfare reforms that have been implemented over more than a decade of austerity.

10. Motion without Notice: Clare Haughey moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.36 pm.

No. 101, Wednesday 24 April 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and then on Justice and Home Affairs, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12947—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour 10 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 2 hours 5 minutes

Groups 7 to 9: 3 hours 5 minutes

Groups 10 to 12: 4 hours 10 minutes

Groups 13 to 15: 5 hours 10 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 42, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 48, 23, 25, 26, 27, 1, 28, 30, 31, 32, 87, 37 and 38.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

34 (For 62, Against 48, Abstentions 0)

36 (For 64, Against 46, Abstentions 0)

39 (For 79, Against 32, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

40 (For 46, Against 64, Abstentions 0)

43 (For 48, Against 62, Abstentions 0)

44 (For 47, Against 63, Abstentions 0)

46 (For 47, Against 63, Abstentions 0)

47 (For 43, Against 67, Abstentions 0)

2 (For 28, Against 82, Abstentions 0)

24 (For 43, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
57 (For 48, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
58 (For 48, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
54 (For 46, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
55 (For 47, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
56 (For 46, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
64 (For 47, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
65 (For 47, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
66 (For 46, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
82 (For 46, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
33 (For 21, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
35 (For 44, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
88 (For 44, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
89 (For 43, Against 69, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 41, 80.

The following amendments were not moved: 45, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 81, 29, 83, 84, 85, 86, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96 and 97.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12948—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 30 April 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Appointment of the Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 May 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy; Finance, Deputy First Minister Responsibilities and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Equality and Modern Positive Masculinity

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 2 May 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: Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Publication of the Mental Health and Capacity Reform Programme - Initial Delivery Plan

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE1887: Create an Unborn Victims of Violence Act

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 May 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 May 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

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

Thursday 9 May 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

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 29 April 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12949—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Housing (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 November 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Decision Time: There were no decisions to be taken at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 7.58 pm.

No. 102, Thursday 25 April 2024

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. The Need for New Railway Stations North of the Central Belt: The Parliament debated S6M-12727 in the name of Liam Kerr—That the Parliament welcomes the recent Nestrans report that recommends that the potential new railway stations at Cove and Newtonhill should undergo a detailed appraisal; notes the view that there is a desperate need for these communities to be linked up with the rail network after, it considers, years of transport funding being directed to the Central Belt; understands that over 1,550 people have signed a petition calling on the stations to be opened, and thanks the Campaign for North East Rail and local residents for their tireless campaigning on this issue.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise (Natalie Don) moved S6M-12944—That the Parliament agrees that the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 71, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.01pm.

No. 103, Tuesday 30 April 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Murdo A N Macleod, Minister, Snizort Free Church (Continuing), Isle of Skye, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-13040—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 30 April 2024—

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Abortion Services Safe Access Zones (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Victims and Prisoners Bill - UK Legislation

(b) Wednesday 1 May 2024—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Equality and Modern Positive Masculinity

insert

followed by Motion of No Confidence

followed by Scottish Government Debate: WASPI: Women Against State Pension Inequality

(c) Thursday 2 May 2024—

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Publication of the Mental Health and Capacity Reform Programme – Initial Delivery Plan

Douglas Ross moved S6M-13040.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-13040 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after “*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: WASPI: Women Against State Pension Inequality” insert—

“*followed by* Statement by the Lord Advocate on Post Office Horizon Prosecutions

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 57, Against 68, Abstentions).

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill: Gillian Mackay moved S6M-13015—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 123 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 1, Abstentions 0).

5. Victims and Prisoners Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-13017—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant amendments to the Victims and Prisoners Bill tabled by the UK Government on 17 April 2024, relating to an infected blood compensation body and further interim compensation payments, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Appointment of the Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator: The Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-13016—That the Parliament agrees that Sarah Havlin be appointed as the Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator in line with part 5, paragraph 20 of schedule 2 of the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Act 2021, and for a period of three years.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.51 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

9. 50th Anniversary of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974: The Parliament debated S6M-12605 in the name of Bill Kidd— That the Parliament marks the 50th anniversary of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, which, to this day, remains the umbrella legislation that underpins all legal health, safety and welfare requirements for both employers and employees in the UK, including in the Glasgow Anniesland constituency; acknowledges the effect that this legislation has had on workplace safety through the laying down of wide-ranging duties on employers to protect the health, safety and welfare at work of all of their employees, as well as others on their premises, including temporary or casual workers, self-employed workers, clients, visitors and the general public; understands that, despite remaining too high, fatal injuries to employees fell by 73%, while reported non-fatal injuries dropped by 70%, between 1974 and 2007, and notes the belief that, in light of this milestone, it is time for all relevant stakeholders to come together to examine what steps need to be taken now to ensure that employment law continues to deliver for Scotland’s workers for the next 50 years.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

No. 104, Wednesday 1 May 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy and then Finance, Deputy First Minister Responsibilities and Parliamentary Business were answered by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Ministers.

2. Motion of No Confidence: Anas Sarwar moved S6M-13005—That the Parliament has no confidence in the Scottish Government.

The motion was disagreed to (by division: For 58 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 70, Abstentions 0).

3. WASPI: Women Against State Pension Inequality: The First Minister (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-13041—That the Parliament welcomes the report from the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman into the pension injustices on women born in the 1950s; agrees that the UK Government must now urgently deliver on the ombudsman's recommendations to pay compensation in full to those women without delay; echoes the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) campaign's calls for a higher level of compensation to properly reflect the financial harm; notes the report's conclusions on the UK Government's failings of communication and maladministration; congratulates the WASPI women on this milestone in their campaign, and highlights cross-party commitments to delivering justice for them all.

Douglas Ross moved amendment S6M-13041.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-13041 in the name of Humza Yousaf (WASPI: Women Against State Pension Inequality), leave out from “the UK Government” to end and insert “this is a substantial report, which specifically considered the communication of changes about the state pension age for women by the Department for Work and Pensions; calls on the UK Government to respond in full to the substantial report by the ombudsman and recommendations contained within it as quickly as possible, including the recommendation to pay compensation to those affected, and congratulates the WASPI women and campaigners for their individual and collective campaigns on this issue over many years.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 74, Abstentions 21 (including 1 proxy vote)).

Paul O’Kane moved amendment S6M-13041.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-13041 in the name of Humza Yousaf (WASPI: Women Against State Pension Inequality), insert at end “; notes the work of UK Parliament Select Committees to scrutinise the UK Government in response to the report; reiterates calls for the UK Government to publish its response to the findings of the report without delay; acknowledges the current

dire state of the UK Government's finances, due to the unfunded spending commitments of Liz Truss; notes the lack of action by the UK Government regarding compensation that is still owed to individuals as a result of other scandals, such as the infected blood and Windrush scandals; believes that there must be clarity on how any compensation scheme would operate; acknowledges the need for any credible government to only make spending promises that it knows it can deliver and pay for, in order to maintain wider economic stability; endorses the Labour Party's calls for a clear system for notifications about any future changes to pensions, and supports the commitments from any incoming UK Labour administration to give pensioners greater security and stability through committing to the pension triple lock.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 21 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 95, Abstentions 11).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 75, Against 0, Abstentions 52 (including 1 proxy vote)).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13042—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 7 May 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 May 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

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

Thursday 9 May 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 Ministerial Statement: 2024-25 Finance Update Following UK Government Spring Budget

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Appointments of the Chair and Commissioners of the Poverty and Inequality Commission

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 14 May 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 May 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Labour 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

Thursday 16 May 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: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 6 May 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13043—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 24 May 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13044—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 24 May 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Parliamentary Recess Dates: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13045—That

the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 8 to 16 February 2025 (inclusive), 5 to 20 April 2025 (inclusive), 28 June to 31 August 2025 (inclusive), 11 to 26 October 2025 (inclusive), 20 December 2025 to 4 January 2026 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 7 as noted above.

9. Celebrating Workers and Trade Unions on May Day: The Parliament debated S6M-12695 in the name of Maggie Chapman—That the Parliament recognises 1 May 2024 as International Workers' Memorial Day, also known as May Day, which is an annual observance that commemorates what it sees as the historic struggles of and gains made by workers and the trade union movement; further recognises 4 May as International Firefighters' Day, which is an annual observance that honours the service and sacrifices made by firefighters worldwide; acknowledges what it considers to be the vital role that workers and trade unions play in Scotland's economy and communities, from caring for and educating people, to building infrastructure and keeping people safe; notes the belief that the principles of fair work, including that of effective voice and trade union recognition, should be central to all workplaces; recognises the campaigning work done by trade unions to achieve what it considers to be positive policy changes across the Scottish economy, especially those related to taxation, fair pay, health and safety, transport and energy; understands that the Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC), the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) and other trade unions will mark May Day with events in Aberdeen and Dundee in the north east and many other places across Scotland; notes the encouragement for all interested to attend an event in their area, and further notes the calls to support the trade union movement both now and in the future.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

No. 105, Thursday 2 May 2024

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. New Energy Infrastructure in the North of Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-12842 in the name of Tess White—That the Parliament acknowledges the reported concerns of communities across the north of Scotland, especially those in Aberdeenshire, Angus, Moray and the Highlands, regarding new energy infrastructure; notes that the Scottish Government reportedly indicates that this infrastructure is needed to meet the 2030 offshore wind connection dates and its net zero targets; recognises what it sees as the importance of decarbonising the electricity system, and notes the belief that the strategy to achieve net zero should use a variety of energy sources and consider all infrastructural options, such as undergrounding electrical transmission cables or submarine cables, in order to protect the local economy and character of rural communities; understands that the concerns of rural communities relate to the location, scale and accelerated timeframe of these projects, and that they feel their views are routinely disregarded by the Scottish Government's current strategy, which has reportedly resulted in an unjust transition taking place in rural communities across Scotland; notes in particular the impact of these plans on the wellbeing of affected residents, who are reportedly worried about their health, businesses, property value, cultural heritage, and the potential loss of prime agricultural land; understands that affected residents have criticised the consultation process of transmission network operator, Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN); highlights petition PE2095 to improve the public consultation processes for energy infrastructure projects, which was lodged in the Scottish Parliament by Margaret Tracey Smith; notes the calls for the Scottish Government to ensure that local community submissions are considered as a key factor in considering what applications and routes should be approved; acknowledges what it sees as the strength of feeling among affected communities that rural Scotland is being disproportionately impacted by new energy infrastructure, and recognises local campaigners who are working to raise awareness of these plans so that the voices of affected residents are heard.

4. Motion without Notice: Tess White moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Transport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

6. PE1887: Create an Unborn Victims of Violence Act: Jackson Carlaw, on behalf of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, moved S6M-12995—That the Parliament notes public petition PE1887 on creating a specific

offence that enables courts to hand down longer sentences where miscarriage has been caused through acts of domestic violence.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.41pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.42 pm.

No. 106, Tuesday 7 May 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rabbi Eliran Shabo, Honorary Jewish Chaplain for the Scottish Universities, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-13118—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 7 May 2024—

delete

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill

and insert

followed by Personal Statement: Humza Yousaf

3.00 pm Selection of First Minister

(b) Wednesday 8 May 2024—

delete

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

and insert

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care; Social Justice

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Implementing the Cass Review in Scotland

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Supporting Scotland's Colleges

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.35 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 9 May 2024—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: 2024-25 Finance Update Following UK Government Spring Budget

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Appointment of Scottish Ministers

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Data Protection and Digital Information Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill

Douglas Ross moved S6M-13118.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-13118 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after "3.00 pm Selection of First Minister" insert—

"followed by Statement by the Lord Advocate on Post Office Horizon Prosecutions

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 55, Against 70, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Personal Statement: Humza Yousaf made a personal statement.

5. Selection of the First Minister: The following Members were nominated as candidates for appointment as First Minister—

Alex Cole-Hamilton
Douglas Ross
Anas Sarwar
John Swinney

The result of voting was—

Alex Cole-Hamilton	4
Douglas Ross	31
Anas Sarwar	22 (including 1 proxy vote)
John Swinney	64
Abstentions	7

John Swinney was duly selected as the Parliament's nominee for appointment as First Minister.

6. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.06 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: There were no decisions to be taken at Decision Time on the items noted above.

8. Supporting the Further Education Workforce: The Parliament debated S6M-12540 in the name of Richard Leonard—That the Parliament recognises that members of the EIS-FELA, including those in the Central Scotland region, have been engaged in industrial action in pursuit of a fair pay settlement; understands that this began with action short of a strike, but that it has escalated to taking strike action in the face of a pay offer from College Employers Scotland that is reportedly below the current rate of inflation, and therefore a real-terms pay reduction; further understands that the pay offer is below the Scottish Government's public sector pay policy; regrets reports that Scotland's further education lecturers last received a pay uplift in August 2021, and that they should have received a pay rise in August 2022, but are still waiting for an acceptable offer from college employers a year and a half later; believes that management in some colleges have taken draconian action, outwith the spirit of the Fair Work Framework, including pay deductions for action short of strike, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to intervene, as it has in other public sector pay disputes, to ensure that workers in the further education sector receive a fair pay settlement that properly reflects what it sees as the invaluable work that they do.

The meeting closed at 4.58 pm.

No. 107, Wednesday 8 May 2024

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, on NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care, and then on Social Justice, were answered by Ministers.

2. Implementing the Cass Review in Scotland: Meghan Gallacher moved S6M-13090—That the Parliament welcomes the report submitted by Dr Hilary Cass on gender identity services for children and young people; recognises the report as a valid scientific document, and calls on the Scottish Government to implement the recommendations of the report that are applicable to NHS services in Scotland.

The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved amendment S6M-13090.4—

As an amendment to motion S6M-13090 in the name of Meghan Gallacher (Implementing the Cass Review in Scotland), leave out from “implement” to end and insert “thoroughly examine the recommendations of the NHS England commissioned report, and its applicability to NHS Scotland services, and to update the Parliament on the outcome before the summer recess.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 71, Against 30, Abstentions 20 (including 1 proxy vote)).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-13090.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-13090 in the name of Meghan Gallacher (Implementing the Cass Review in Scotland), insert at end “, and further calls on the Scottish Government to publish all papers relating to the multi-disciplinary clinical team work in assessing Dr Cass’s recommendations, and to urgently prepare a progress report on the existing strategy for reducing long waits for children and young people to access specialist gender services.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 113 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 7, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament welcomes the report submitted by Dr Hilary Cass on gender identity services for children and young people; recognises the report as a valid scientific document; calls on the Scottish Government to thoroughly examine the recommendations of the NHS England commissioned report, and its applicability to NHS Scotland services, and to update the Parliament on the outcome before the summer recess, and further calls on the Scottish Government to publish all papers relating to the multi-disciplinary clinical team work in assessing Dr Cass’s recommendations, and to urgently prepare a progress report on the existing strategy

for reducing long waits for children and young people to access specialist gender services.

3. Supporting Scotland's Colleges: Liam Kerr moved S6M-13091—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Government's approach to funding and resourcing Scotland's colleges must change in response to the existential threat that its previous approach has created; notes the role that colleges play in powering the regional and national economy, while operating without the necessary flexibility and support that they need, and recognises that colleges are vital to Scotland's economy and play a crucial role in supporting learners, creating flexible routes into employment, developing a skilled workforce and delivering sustainable economic growth.

The Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved amendment S6M-13091.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-13091 in the name of Liam Kerr (Supporting Scotland's Colleges), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "recognises that colleges are vital to Scotland's economy and play a crucial role in supporting learners, creating flexible routes into employment, developing a skilled workforce and delivering sustainable economic growth; understands that the process of post-school education reform provides opportunities to further enhance the role that Scotland's colleges play in the economy and society, including enhancing their role in developing the green skills that Scotland needs for the just transition, and agrees that any proposals for changes to funding must be clear from where else in the Scottish Government's budget the resource would be taken, particularly in the context of 14 years of UK Government austerity."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-13091.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-13091 in the name of Liam Kerr (Supporting Scotland's Colleges), insert at end "; expresses its concern at the £12 million cut in student support funding proposed by the Scottish Funding Council (SFC); agrees with the assessment in Audit Scotland's briefing, Scotland's colleges 2023, that 'The Scottish Government and the SFC urgently need to build on their ongoing work with colleges and help them become sustainable now', and calls on the Minister for Higher and Further Education to get round the table with colleges and trade unions before the summer recess, with a view to facilitating a solution that will end the industrial dispute."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 59 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises that colleges are vital to Scotland's economy and play a crucial role in supporting learners, creating flexible routes into employment, developing a skilled workforce and delivering sustainable economic growth; understands that the process of post-school education reform provides opportunities to further enhance the role that Scotland's colleges play in the economy and society, including enhancing their role in developing the green skills that Scotland needs for the just transition, and agrees that any proposals for changes to funding must be clear from where else in the Scottish Government's budget the resource would be taken, particularly in the context of 14 years of UK Government austerity.

4. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13139—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 9 May 2024—

delete

2.00 pm Appointment of Scottish Ministers

and insert

2.00 pm Appointment of Scottish Ministers and Junior Scottish Ministers

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13122—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 14 May 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 May 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Labour 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

Thursday 16 May 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: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill

followed by Appointment of the Chair of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights

followed by Appointment of Member of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 May 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 May 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy; Finance, Deputy First Minister Responsibilities and Parliamentary Business

followed by Stage 2 Proceedings: Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill

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 23 May 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: Transport

followed by Public Audit Committee Debate: Audit Scotland Report, Adult Mental Health

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 13 May 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

Douglas Ross moved amendment S6M-13122.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-13122 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), after "the following programme of business—" insert—

"Thursday 9 May 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-12342 Collette Stevenson: Shining a Light on Domestic Abuse in LGBT+ History Month

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Appointment of Scottish Ministers *and Junior Scottish Ministers*

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Data Protection and Digital Information Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill

followed by Statement by the Lord Advocate on Post Office Horizon Prosecutions

followed by Appointments of the Chair and Commissioners of the Poverty and Inequality Commission

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 52, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13123—That the Parliament agrees that the Registration of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in Care Services (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13124—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament following the Appointment of Scottish Ministers on Thursday 9 May 2024.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. World Asthma Day 2024: The Parliament debated S6M-12707 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament notes World Asthma Day 2024, which will take place on 7 May 2024; recognises that the Global Initiative for Asthma, supported by the World Health Organization, will this year mark the theme of

“Asthma Education Empowers”; understands that around 360,000 people, including 72,000 children, have an asthma diagnosis in Scotland; further understands that asthma is one of the most common chronic non-communicable diseases that affects over 260 million people globally, and is responsible for over 450,000 deaths each year worldwide, most of which are preventable, and that, according to the Global Initiative for Asthma, one of the key universal issues for which education is required is the under-diagnosis or inaccurate diagnosis, including of people with severe asthma, underuse of anti-inflammatory inhaled corticosteroid inhalers, overuse and over-reliance on short-acting beta₂-agonist (SABA) inhalers, and poor recognition of patients requiring specialist assessment and further asthma care management; notes the reported difference in severe asthma compared with unstable asthma, and understands that poorly controlled severe asthma can take a toll on health and wellbeing; welcomes the Scottish Government’s Respiratory Care Action Plan, which aims to improve prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care and self-management of asthma and lung conditions; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to provide an update on the effectiveness of the plan in helping to improve outcomes for people living with asthma; welcomes the work of Asthma + Lung UK Scotland to improve asthma care in Scotland and to support people who receive an asthma diagnosis and their families; further welcomes the creation of the International Coalition of Respiratory Nurses (ICRN) in 2023, which brings together nurses and allied health professionals from across the globe to advance the care and treatment of patients with respiratory conditions, including asthma, and notes the view that better asthma care at all levels of healthcare can lead to better outcomes and lives for people living with asthma.

The meeting closed at 6.31 pm.

No. 108, Thursday 9 May 2024

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (John Swinney).

3. Shining a Light on Domestic Abuse in LGBT+ History Month: The Parliament debated S6M-12342 in the name of Collette Stevenson—That the Parliament condemns domestic abuse in all its forms; understands that domestic abuse often consists of intimate partner violence (IPV), and that this is defined by the World Health Organization as behaviours including sexual abuse, violence, psychological abuse and controlling behaviours perpetrated by a current or former intimate partner; is concerned by Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) statistics showing that 30,139 charges were reported to COPFS with a domestic abuse identifier in 2022-23; notes that these figures show that the accused was male in 86% of these cases; understands that Police Scotland statistics for 2021-22 show that 1,691 domestic abuse incidents were recorded with same-sex victims and suspected perpetrators, representing around 3.5% of incidents in which gender was recorded, but that the data is not broken down for transgender people; believes that these statistics are a stark reminder of what it considers to be the unacceptable levels of domestic abuse in Scotland, but considers that these likely underestimate the scale of LGBTQ+ domestic abuse; understands that research suggests that 30% to 45% of LGBTQ+ people will ever experience IPV, which, it believes, is in line with cisgender women in heterosexual relationships; notes the view that structural inequalities could be prohibiting LGBTQ+ victims of domestic abuse from coming forward or receiving the support that it considers they deserve from services; acknowledges that the theme of LGBT+ History Month 2024, "Medicine: #UnderTheScope", aims to showcase the work of LGBT+ healthcare staff and highlight what it sees as the health inequalities experienced by LGBTQ+ people today; believes that domestic abuse is a public health issue; considers that the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 strengthened the law to protect people in East Kilbride and across Scotland against abusive behaviour, including physical and psychological abuse, as well as coercive control; recognises the Scottish Government's Equally Safe strategy to tackle violence against women and girls; notes the calls for a national LGBTQ+ domestic abuse policy, with specific outcomes and measures to help the community, including ensuring that services and staff have the right procedures and training to ensure that LGBTQ+ people get appropriate support; further notes the belief that such a policy could be aligned with or supplementary to Equally Safe, which, it considers, offers a good framework for such a policy; notes reports that LGBTQ+ people can face barriers in accessing services, including potential stigma, misunderstanding of LGBTQ+ relationships, and what it considers to be default heterosexual norms; further notes the calls for a comprehensive analysis to identify gaps in domestic abuse service provision for LGBTQ+ individuals, to ensure routine risk assessment processes are more inclusive for LGBTQ+ experiences, and to ensure that LGBTQ+ people are considered and included in sexual violence and domestic abuse courses;

acknowledges that a roundtable on LGBTQ+ IPV was held in the Parliament on 8 February 2024, with stakeholders including members of the LGBTQ+ community and representatives from the third sector, local authorities and Police Scotland; understands that this roundtable for the wider LGBTQ+ community builds on previous research by academics in Scotland, including Dr Steven Maxwell, from the University of Glasgow, and Professor Jamie Frankis, from Glasgow Caledonian University, into same-sex male relationship IPV; believes that LGBTQ+ people experiencing domestic abuse should not be made to feel invisible, and notes that people who have experienced domestic abuse are encouraged to seek the support to which they are entitled.

4. Appointment of Scottish Ministers: The First Minister (John Swinney) moved S6M-13154—That the Parliament agrees that Kate Forbes be appointed as a Scottish Minister.

The motion was agreed to by division (For 63, Against 57 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 3).

5. Appointment of junior Scottish Ministers: The First Minister (John Swinney) moved S6M-13155—That the Parliament agrees that Ivan McKee be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

The motion was agreed to (For 63, Against 49 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 10).

6. Data Protection and Digital Information Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-13129—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions in the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 8 March 2023 and subsequently amended, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill: Christine Grahame moved S6M-12991—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Appointments of the Chair and Commissioners to the Poverty and Inequality Commission: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-13131—That the Parliament notes the Social Justice and Social Security Committee's consideration and recommendation of seven appointments to the Poverty and Inequality Commission at its meeting on 18 April 2024, and, in accordance with the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017, approves the appointment by the Scottish Ministers of Peter Cawston, Kim Dams, Taliah Drayak, Louise Hunter, Ross McQueenie and Rami Okasha as members of the Poverty and Inequality Commission for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028, and of Paul Fletcher as a member for the period from 1 December 2024 to 30 June 2028, and

further notes the Committee's consideration and recommendation of the extension of the short-term appointments by the Scottish Ministers of Professor Stephen Sinclair as Chair of the Poverty and Inequality Commission for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028, and of Professor Suzanne Fitzpatrick as a member of the Poverty and Inequality Commission for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.50pm.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.51 pm.

Annex A: Bills Introduced

24 May 2023

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for An Act of the Scottish Parliament to give local authorities the power to impose a levy in respect of persons staying in certain types of accommodation overnight. (SP Bill 28) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shona Robison

Supported by: Tom Arthur

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 28-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 28-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 28-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 28-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 28-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

6 June 2023

Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about a code of ethics and a duty of candour for the police; to make provision about procedures for misconduct and the consequences of certain conduct by constables; to make provision about the functions of the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner; and to make provision for a board to advise the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (SP Bill 29) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Angela Constance

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 29-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 29-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 29-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 29-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 29-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

8 June 2023

Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to create a Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council, to provide for its functions in relation to employment-injury assistance, and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 30) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Mark Griffin

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 30-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 30-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 30-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 30-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 30-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

13 June 2023

Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to require the Scottish Ministers to prepare and publish a circular economy strategy; to make provision about circular economy targets; to make provision about the reduction, recycling and management of waste; and for connected purposes (SP Bill 31) (Government)

Introduced by: Màiri McAllan
Supported by: Lorna Slater

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 31-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 31-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 31-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 31-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 31-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

20 June 2023

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision as to a code of practice in relation to the acquisition of dogs as pets; about the registration of litters of puppies born other than as part of activity licensed or registered under section 27 of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006; and to ensure public awareness and understanding of the code of practice and the circumstances in which there needs to be a licence or registration in place before a dog is supplied. (SP Bill 32) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Christine Grahame

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 32-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 32-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 32-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 32-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 32-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

28 September 2023

Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill— A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision enabling the support of agriculture, rural communities and the rural economy through the creation of a framework for that support; to make provision for continuing professional development for those involved in agriculture and related industries, to make provision in relation to the welfare and identification of animals, to repeal spent and superseded agricultural enactments; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 33) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Mairi Gougeon

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 33-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 33-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 33-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 33-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 33-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

5 October 2023

Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill— A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to create safe access zones around premises that provide treatment for the termination of pregnancy authorised under the Abortion Act 1967. (SP Bill 34) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Gillian McKay

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 34-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 34-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 34-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 34-

DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 34-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

31 October 2023

Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill — A Bill for an act of the Scottish Parliament to modify the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 to make further provision about social security; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 35) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shirley-Anne Somerville

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 35-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 35-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 35-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 35-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 35-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

1 November 2023

Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to confer on the Scottish Ministers powers to identify external wall cladding systems on residential buildings that create or exacerbate risks to human life and to address those risks; to establish a register to record that a building’s cladding has been assessed and that remediation works have been completed; to enable one or more schemes to be established to require persons in the building industry to contribute towards assessing and remediating dangerous cladding; and for connected purposes (SP Bill 36) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shirley-Anne Somerville

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 36-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 36-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 36-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 36-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 36-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

7 November 2023

Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend section 2 of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018 to repeal the definition of “woman”. (SP Bill 37) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shirley-Anne Somerville

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 37-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 37-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 37-PM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 37-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

14 November 2023

Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill—A Bill an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for a tax on the commercial exploitation of aggregate; and to make further provision about the administration of devolved taxes (SP Bill 38) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shona Robison

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 38-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 38-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 38-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 38-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 38-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

29 November 2023

Scottish Languages Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about support for the Gaelic and Scots languages; to make provision about education in relation to Gaelic and Scots; and for connected purposes (SP Bill 39) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Jenny Gilruth

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 39-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 39-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 39-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 39-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 39-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

5 December 2023

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about judicial factors; the appointment and functions of the Accountant of Court; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 40) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Angela Constance

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 40-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 40-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 40-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 40-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 40-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

21 December 2023

Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2024/25, for the use of resources by the Scottish Administration and certain bodies whose expenditure is payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund, for the maximum amounts of borrowing by certain statutory bodies and for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund; to make provision, for financial year 2025/26, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 41) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shona Robison

Supported by: Humza Yousaf and George Adam

A Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 41-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 41-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

23 January 2024

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make further provision about eligibility of elected

representatives in the Scottish Parliament and in local government and to reform certain aspects of the law relating to Scottish parliamentary and local government elections. (SP Bill 42) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shona Robison
Supported by: George Adam

A Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 42-DPM), Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 42-EN), Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 42-FM), Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 42-PM), and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 42-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

8 February 2024

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to provide for the establishment and functions of a Disability Commissioner for Scotland; and for connected purposes (SP Bill 43) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Jeremy Balfour

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 43-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 43-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 43-PM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 43-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

13 March 2024

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the management and transfer of large holdings of land; to require the Scottish Ministers to make publicly available a model lease for environmental purposes; to modify the law on small landholdings and agricultural holdings; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 44) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Mairi Gougeon

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 44-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 44-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 44-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 44-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 44-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

26 March 2024

Housing (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about rent control; evictions and damages for unlawful evictions; residential tenants keeping pets and making changes to let property; unclaimed tenancy deposits; registration of letting agents; ending of joint tenancies; delivery of notices by social landlords; conversion of assured tenancies; homelessness prevention; mobile homes; fuel poverty; the new homes ombudsman; and for connected purposes (SP Bill 45) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shirley-Anne Somerville
Supported by: Patrick Harvie and Paul McLennan

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 45-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 45-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 45-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 45-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 45-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

27 March 2024

Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to provide for the lawful provision to terminally ill adults of assistance to voluntarily end their own lives; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 46) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Liam McArthur

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 46-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 46-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 46-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 46-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 46-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

Annex B: Subordinate Legislation

Made affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on the date indicated and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

21 February 2024

Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/60)
laid under section 41(3) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Order was made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

Affirmative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

15 May 2023

Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Act 2011 (Application to Civil Partnerships and Consequential Provision) Order 2023 [draft]
laid under section 17(3) of the Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Act 2011 and section 35(5) of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014

17 May 2023

Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

22 May 2023

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition and Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(c) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

1 June 2023

Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Amendment of Expiry Date) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 7(5) of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022

14 June 2023

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2023 [draft]
laid under section 97(8)(a) of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

16 June 2023

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Green Freeports Relief) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft]

laid under section 68(2)(c) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

21 June 2023

Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft]
laid under section 21(4) of the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996

11 September 2023

Disability Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

14 September 2023

Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 128(4) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

This instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 14 September 2023

19 September 2023

Mental Health (National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service: Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 326(4) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023 [draft]
laid under paragraph 11 of schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2023 [draft]
laid under section 10(1) of the International Organisations Act 1968

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

This instrument was withdrawn on 15 September 2023 and re-laid before the Parliament on 19 September 2023

20 September 2023

Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 54(3) of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022

25 September 2023

Heat Networks (Supply Targets) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]

laid under section 99(2) of the Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021

28 September 2023

Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2023

2 October 2023

Parking Prohibitions (Enforcement and Accounts) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 128(3) of the Transport Scotland Act 2019

16 October 2023

Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes Order 2023 [draft]
laid under paragraph 11 of schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

18 October 2023

Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments)
(Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under paragraph 7(1) of schedule 5 of the Retained EU Law (Revocation
and Reform) Act 2023

19 October 2023

Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Israel, the West Bank, the
Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights) (Scotland) Regulations 2023
[draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

This instrument was withdrawn on 20 October 2023

20 October 2023

Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Israel, the West Bank, the
Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Lebanon) (Scotland) Regulations
2023 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

23 October 2023

Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal)
Act 2018

30 October 2023

Colleges of Further Education and Regional Strategic Bodies (Membership of Boards)
(Scotland) Order 2023 [draft]
laid under section 60(2B) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act
1992 and section 34(4)(ca) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act
2005

Quality Meat Scotland (Amendment) Order 2023 [draft]
laid under section 97(8) of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act
2006

7 November 2023

Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

8 November 2023

Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 33(6) of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003

20 November 2023

Wine (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 9(4) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

4 December 2023

Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 51(3) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

7 December 2023

Bus Services Improvement Partnerships (Objections) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 81(4) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

13 December 2023

Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 [draft]
laid under section 62(10) of the Health Act 1999

11 January 2024

Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 23(3)(a) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002

17 January 2024

Consumer Scotland Act 2020 (Relevant Public Authorities) Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 26(2)(b) of the Consumer Scotland Act 2020

The affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 17 January 2024

18 January 2024

Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft]
laid under section 32L(3) of the Electricity Act 1989

19 January 2024

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft]
laid under section 68(2) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

24 January 2024

Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft]

laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Expiry of Section 10: Extension) Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under sections 11(4)(a) and 12(5)(a) of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022

Rent Adjudication (Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 77(3) of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 and section 25ZA(4) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988

25 January 2024

National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft]

laid under section 52(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

26 January 2024

Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft]

laid under sections 150(2), 150A(2) and 190(1)(a) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992

Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 165(5) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

1 February 2024

Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2023

Scottish Food Commission (Appointment) Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 27(12) of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022

7 February 2024

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft]

laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

8 February 2024

National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board (Public Services Reform) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft]

laid under section 25(3)(b) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

19 February 2024

Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under Paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Legal Aid (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Alcohol (Minimum Price per Unit) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft]

laid under section 146(5) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012 (Continuation) Order 2024 [draft]

laid under section 2(4) of the Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012

11 March 2024

Registration of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in Care Services (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 104(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 March 2024

Transport Partnerships (Transfer of Functions) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft]

laid under section 52(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

3 April 2024

International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft]

laid under section 10(1) of the International Organisations Act 1968

15 April 2024

Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

17 April 2024

Disability Assistance for Older People (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

18 April 2024

Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft]

laid under section 210(2) of the Equality Act 2010

Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 210(2) of the Equality Act 2010

24 April 2024

Sea Fisheries (Remote Electronic Monitoring and Regulation of Scallop Fishing) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 51(4)(b) and paragraph 5(2)(c) of schedule 8 of the Fisheries Act 2020

The affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament 24 April 2024

25 April 2024

Damages (Review of Rate of Return) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under paragraph 31(2) of schedule B1 of the Damages Act 1996

26 April 2024

Healthcare Improvement Scotland (Inspections) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 105(3) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (Independent Health Care) Modification Order 2024 [draft]
laid under section 105(3) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

29 April 2024

Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

2 May 2024

Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator (Miscellaneous Listings) Order 2024 [draft]
laid under section 25(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 and section 2(8) of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011

Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator (Duty to Publish Certain Information) Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 24(3) of the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Act 2021

Scottish Pubs Code Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 24(2) of the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Act 2021

3 May 2024

Tied Pubs (Fees and Financial Penalties) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 24(2) of the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Act 2021

Tied Pubs (Scottish Arbitration Rules) Amendment Order 2024 [draft]
laid under section 33(3) of the Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010

Protected Trust Deeds (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 225(4) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the negative procedure—

22 May 2023

Public Intervention and Private Storage Aid (Amendment and Suspension)
(Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/150)
laid under section 6(4) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data)
(Scotland) Act 2020

Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/151)
laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

25 May 2023

Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI
2023/160)
laid under section 58(5) of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Food (Scotland) Act 2015 (Compliance Notices) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/161)
laid under section 60 of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015

1 June 2023

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Court of Session, Sheriff Appeal Court and
Sheriff Court) (Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules) (Amendment) 2023 (SSI
2023/165)
laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Feed Additives (Form of Provisional Authorisations) (Cobalt(II) Compounds)
(Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/170)
laid under Article 18A(4) of Regulation (EC) No. 1831/2003

2 June 2023

Lews Castle College (Transfer and Closure) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/171)
laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act
1992

Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Early Expiry of Provisions)
Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/172)
laid under section 54(2) of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland)
Act 2022

National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment
Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/173)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

8 June 2023

Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/177)
laid under section 54(5) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 3)
Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/178)
laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

15 June 2023

National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/181)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

21 June 2023

Deer (Close Seasons) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/184)
laid under section 47(1) of the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996

22 June 2023

Teachers' Superannuation and Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/190)
laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972 and section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

23 June 2023

Cereal Seed (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/193)
laid under Section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

27 June 2023

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/197)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

19 July 2023

Valuation (Proposals Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/207)
laid under section 3ZA(10)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

21 July 2023

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2023 (SI 2023/850)
laid under schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

11 August 2023

Act of Sederunt (Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc. Rules 1999 and Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules 2019 Amendment) (Telecommunications Infrastructure) 2023 (SSI 2023/223)
laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

30 August 2023

Police Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/239)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Local Government Pension Scheme (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/240)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Teachers' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/241)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/242)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

1 September 2023

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/243)

laid under section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

5 September 2023

National Health Service Pension Schemes (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/246)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

6 September 2023

National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/247)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

8 September 2023

Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (North Ayrshire Council) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/248)

laid under section 134(6) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (North Ayrshire Council) Designation Order 2023 (SSI 2023/249)

laid under paragraph 4 of schedule 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1991

11 September 2023

Local Government Investments (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/255)

laid under section 40(5) of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003

Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/257)

laid under section 18(3) of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995

14 September 2023

Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/258)

laid under section 96(4) Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Health and Care Professions Council (Miscellaneous Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2023 (SI 2023/995)

laid under article 42 of the Health Professions Order 2001

21 September 2023

Marriage Between Persons of Different Sexes (Prescribed Bodies) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/266)

laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in Schools (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/267)

laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/268)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

2 October 2023

Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Conservation Bodies and Rural Housing Bodies) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/278)

laid under section 127(1) of the Title Conditions (S) Act 2003

5 October 2023

National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/281)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

18 October 2023

Public Procurement (Agreement on Government Procurement) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/287)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the Trade Act 2021

23 October 2023

Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/288)

laid under sections 113 and 116(1) of, and paragraphs 10 and 11(5)(a) of Schedule 12 to, the Local Government Finance Act 1992

26 October 2023

Public Procurement (Agreement on Government Procurement) (Thresholds) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/300)

laid under Regulation 83A(1) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, Regulation 108A(1) of the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016, Regulation 60ZA(1) of the Concession Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 and Paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 of the Trade Act 2021

30 October 2023

Rural Support (Simplification and Improvement) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/308)

laid under section 2(3) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

2 November 2023

Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Fruit and Vegetables) (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/311)
laid under Section 7(4) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

Animal Welfare and Food Safety (International Professional Qualification Recognition Agreement Implementation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/312)
laid under section 18(2) of the Professional Qualifications Act 2022 and section 48(2) of the Food Safety Act 1990

9 November 2023

Food (Scotland) Act 2015 (Compliance Notices) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/337)
laid under section 60 of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015

10 November 2023

Fly-tipping (Fixed Penalty) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/335)
laid under section 160A(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/336)
laid under section 143(8) of the Environment Act 2021

Feed Additives (Authorisations) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/339)
laid under Article 18A(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003

5 December 2023

Gender Recognition (Disclosure of Information) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/364)
laid under section 24(5) of the Gender Recognition Act 2004

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2023 (SSI 2023/366)
laid under section 42(2) of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

7 December 2023

Meat Preparations (Import Conditions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/367)
laid under paragraph 10A(3) of schedule 2 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012

Bus Services Improvement Partnerships and Local Services Franchises (Provision of Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/368)
laid under section 81(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

Welfare Foods (Best Start Foods) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/371)

laid under section 15A of the Social Security Act 1988 and section 176(3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992

8 December 2023

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/369)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Bovine Semen (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/370)

laid under section 11(4) of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 1984

Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/372)

laid under section 68(1) and (2) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

14 December 2023

Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Use of Member Information) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/375)

laid under section 210(5) of the Equality Act 2010

11 January 2024

Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/3)

laid under section 7B(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

Non-Domestic Rates (Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/4)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/5)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 and section 14(4) of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

Sea Fish (Prohibition on Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/6)

laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

12 January 2024

Council Tax (Dwellings and Part Residential Subjects) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/10)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

18 January 2024

Official Controls (Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/12)

laid under Article 57a(5) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 and Article 144(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625

24 January 2024

Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Saving Provisions) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/19)

laid under section 7(9)(b) of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022

25 January 2024

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/21)

laid under section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/22)

laid under section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

Road Works (Scottish Road Works Register Fees and Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/23)

laid under section 163 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 and section 143(2) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984

29 January 2024

Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/24)

laid under section 16(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/25)

laid under section 6A(2) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956

Firefighters' Pension Schemes (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/26)

laid under section 35 of the Fire Services Act 1947 and section 60(5) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

31 January 2024

Dangerous Dogs (Designated Types) (Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/31)

laid under section 1(9) of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991

1 February 2024

Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/30)

laid under section 138(3) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

5 February 2024

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/35)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Sandeel (Prohibition of Fishing) (Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/35)

laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

8 February 2024

Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/37)

laid under section 24 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments and General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/38)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (Codes of Conduct for Members of certain Scottish Public Authorities) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/39)
laid under section 32(7) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000

Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (Modification) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/40)
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

9 February 2024

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers) (Amendment) 2024 (SSI 2024/41)
laid under sections 105(1) and 106(1) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/42)
laid under section 58(5) of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

National Health Service (Common Staffing Method) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/43)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/44)
laid under section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Cancellation of Registration and Relevant Requirements) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/45)
laid under section 104(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Building (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/46)
laid under section 54(5) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

15 February 2024

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/48)
laid under section 225(3) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016

22 February 2024

Non-Domestic Rates (Islands and Remote Areas Hospitality Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/55)
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Regulation of Care (Social Service Workers) (Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/56)
laid under sections 44(1)(b) and 80(2) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

Discretionary Financial Assistance (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/58)

laid under section 69(3) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000

Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/59)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

23 February 2024

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024 (SI 2024/192)

laid under section 48 of the Climate Change Act 2008

1 March 2024

Dangerous Dogs (Compensation and Exemption Schemes) (Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/70)

laid under section 1(9) of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991

11 March 2024

Scottish Social Services Council (Appointments, Procedure and Access to the Register) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/74)

laid under section 56(1)(b) & paragraph 7 of schedule 2 of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

14 March 2024

Police Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/80)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

15 March 2024

Meat Preparations (Import Conditions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/81)

laid under paragraph 10A(1) of schedule 2 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012

21 March 2024

Plant Health (Export Certification) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/86)

laid under section 6 of the Plant Health Act 1967

26 March 2024

Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment (Denmark) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/101)

laid under paragraph 4 of schedule 6A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

28 March 2024

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/102)

laid under section 275(5) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

18 April 2024

Charities (References in Documents) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/111)
laid under Section 103(4) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

26 April 2024

Healthcare Improvement Scotland (Fees) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/130)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

9 May 2024

Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/140)
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and section 1 of the Education (Fees and Awards) Act 1983

Laid only instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

15 May 2023

Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 5) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/145 (C.14))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 5) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/146 (C.15))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

18 May 2023

Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/148 (C.16))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

1 June 2023

Valuation Timetable (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/166)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

2 June 2023

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 Amendment) (Attendance at Hearings) 2023 (SSI 2023/168)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (European Union (Future Relationship) Act 2020) 2023 (SSI 2023/169)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

8 June 2023

Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/176 (C.17))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 June 2023

Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 7) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/182 (C.18))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/183 (C. 19))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

29 June 2023

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2023 (SSI 2023/196)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

8 September 2023

Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 7) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/250 (C. 20))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

19 September 2023

Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023 (Commencement) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/262 (C. 21))
laid under Section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

29 September 2023

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Witness Citations in Solemn Proceedings) 2023 (SSI 276/2023)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

13 October 2023

Social Security (Iceland) (Liechtenstein) (Norway) (Further provision in respect of Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/282)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

2 November 2023

UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/310 (C.22))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

3 November 2023

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2023 (2023/333)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

13 November 2023

Spring Traps Approval (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/340)
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 November 2023

Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 7) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/342 (C.23))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

4 December 2023

Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/361)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 1) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/362 C.24))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

22 December 2023

Importation of Animals and Related Products (Miscellaneous Amendment and Revocation) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/391)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

11 January 2024

Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 6) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/1 (C.1))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

18 January 2024

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/13 (C. 2))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

25 January 2024

Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/20 (C. 3))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

1 February 2024

Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/29 (C.4))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

22 February 2024

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 10 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/ 57 (C. 5))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

23 February 2024

Social Security (Gibraltar) (Iceland) (Liechtenstein) (Norway) (Further provision in respect of Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/62)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023 (Commencement No. 1, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/63 (C. 6))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

13 March 2024

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Payment and Electronic Money Institution Special Administration) 2024 (SSI 2024/75)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

14 March 2024

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 13 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/79 (C.7))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

18 March 2024

Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/82 (C.8))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

21 March 2024

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (National Security Prevention and Investigation) 2024 (SSI 2024/84)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/87)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

18 April 2024

Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Act 2023 (Commencement) Regulations 2024 (SSI 224/110 (C.9))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

19 April 2024

Tied Pubs (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/113 (C. 10))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 April 2024

Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 8) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/131)

laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

3 May 2024

Tied Pubs (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/136) (C. 12)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Annex C: Legislative Consent Memorandums

The following memorandums were lodged on the dates indicated—

15 May 2023

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing, Economy, Fair Work and Energy:
Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Data Protection and Digital Information
(No. 2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-36)

16 May 2023

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing, Economy, Fair Work and Energy:
Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Electronic Trade Documents Bill (UK
Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-37)

24 May 2023

Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe, and External
Affairs: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Retained EU Law
(Revocation and Reform) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-29a)

1 June 2023

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care:
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Online Safety Bill (UK
Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-18a)

13 June 2023

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy:
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Electronic Trade
Documents Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-37a)

16 June 2023

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Supplementary
Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and
Reconciliation) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-27a)

19 June 2023

Shona Robison, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance:
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Economic Crime and
Corporate Transparency Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-35a)

19 July 2023

Shona Robison, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance: Legislative
Consent Memorandum on the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas
Matters) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-38)

4 September 2023

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Supplementary
Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and
Reconciliation) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-27b)

14 September 2023

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy:
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Data Protection and Digital
Information (No. 2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-36ab)

21 September 2023

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy:
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Energy Bill (UK Parliament
legislation) (LCM-S6-26b)

11 October 2023

Shona Robison, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance:
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Levelling-up and
Regeneration Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-23a)

24 October 2023

Shona Robison, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance:
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Economic Crime and
Corporate Transparency Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-35b)

22 November 2023

Shona Robison, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance: Legislative
Consent Memorandum on the Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement
for Trans-Pacific Partnership Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-39)

15 December 2023

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Legislative
Consent Memorandum on the Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill (UK
Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-40)

19 December 2023

Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands:
Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill
(UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-41)

20 December 2023

Mairi McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition:
Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Automated Vehicles Bill (UK Parliament
legislation) (LCM-S6-42)

21 December 2023

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Legislative
Consent Memorandum on the Criminal Justice Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-
S6-43)

13 February 2024

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Supplementary
Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Criminal Justice Bill (UK Parliament
legislation) (LCM-S6-43a)

29 February 2024

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Automated Vehicles Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-42a)

2 April 2024

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Tobacco and Vapes Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-44)

17 April 2024

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-36b)

25 April 2024

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Victims and Prisoners Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-45)

1 May 2024

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Renters (Reform) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-46)

Annex D: Other Documents

Documents subject to approval

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to approval—

14 August 2023

Scotland's Guiding Principles on the Environment: Statutory Guidance (SG/2023/162)
laid under section 18(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union
(Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

4 December 2023

Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2023
(SG/2023/304)
laid under section 37(7)(a) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act
2006

15 December 2023

Draft Funeral Director Code of Practice (SG/2023/300)
laid under section 97 of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

Other documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

18 May 2023

A Report to Scottish Ministers: Contingency Planning Arrangements for Industrial
Action in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SG/2023/86)
laid under Section 43D(4) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: Disability Assistance (Miscellaneous
Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SCoSS/2023/02)
laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

22 May 2023

General Pharmaceutical Council - Strategic plan 2020-25: year four (SG/2023/101)
laid under Paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 of the Pharmacy Order 2010

Scottish Government: Seventh Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland
Act 2016 (SG/2023/38)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any
laying power

UK Government's Seventh Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act
2016 (SG/2023/37)
at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any
laying power

24 May 2023

Criminal courts backlog - A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2023/3)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Nitrogen use efficiency in Scotland: Annual Report 2023 (SG/2023/95)

laid under Section 5(1)(c) of The Climate Change (Nitrogen Balance Sheet) (Scotland) Regulations 2022

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for May 2023 (SPSO/2023/05)

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

25 May 2023

Scotland's Fiscal and Economic Forecasts – May 2022 (SFC/2022/2)

laid under section 5(2) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

30 May 2023

Analytics and Intelligence for people who access NHS Sexual Assault Response Coordination Services (SARCS) following a recent rape, sexual assault or child sexual abuse - First report on the Operation of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) Scotland Act (SG/2023/88)

laid under Section 15 of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) Scotland Act 2021

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2023: Agriculture (SG/2023/109)

laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2023: Buildings (SG/2023/104)

laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2023: Electricity (SG/2023/103)

laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2023: Industry (SG/2023/106)

laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2023: LULUCF (SG/2023/108)

laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2023: Negative Emissions Technologies (NETS) (SG/2023/110)

laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2023: Transport (SG/2023/105)

laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2023: Waste and the Circular Economy (SG/2023/107)

laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme: Progress Report 2023
SG/2023/111

laid under Section 9 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

31 May 2023

Early learning and childcare: Progress on delivery of the 1,140 hours expansion
(AGS/2023/4)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Law Commission: Eleventh Programme of Law Reform (SG/2023/96)

laid under Section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

1 June 2023

2nd proposed extension of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act
2022 - Statement of Reasons (SG/2023/100)

laid under section 7(6) of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act
2022

Report into the Effectiveness of Governance Arrangements, as required by section
41 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021
(SG/2023/90)

laid under Section 41 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union
(Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

5 June 2023

New College Lanarkshire Regional Financial Statements Year Ended: 31st July 2022
(SG/2023/67)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

South Lanarkshire College, East Kilbride - Report and Financial Statements for the
year ended 31st July 2022 (SG/2023/66)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

The 2021/22 audit of South Lanarkshire College (SG/2023/113)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

8 June 2023

Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: the Carer's Assistance (Carer Support
Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SCoSS/2023/03)

laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

13 June 2023

Scottish Canals Annual Report & Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2023/16)

laid under section 24(3) of the Transport Act 1962 and section 22(5) of the
Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan: progress report 2022-2023 (SG/2023/99)
laid under Section 10(7)(a) of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017

The 2021/22 audit of Scottish Canals (SG/2023/112)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

14 June 2023

Audit Scotland Annual report and accounts 2022/23 year ended 31 March 2023 and
independent auditor's report (SP Paper 403)
laid under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

15 June 2023

List of Scottish greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets 2021-2045
(SG/2023/115)
laid under Section 3C of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

19 June 2023

Scottish Civil Justice Council Annual Report 2022/2023 and Annual Programme
2023/2024 (SCJC/2023/01)
laid under section 5(4) of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal
Assistance Act 2013

20 June 2023

Scotland's response to the Climate Change Committee's (CCC) Annual Progress
Report 2022 Recommendations (SG/2023/121)
laid under Section 9 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Greenhouse Gas Statistics 2021 (SG/2023/123)
laid under Section 33 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

21 June 2023

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for June 2023
(SPSO/2023/06)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services
Ombudsman Act 2002

22 June 2023

Redress Scotland - Corporate Plan 2023-2026 (SG/2023/131)
laid under paragraph 15(9)(b) of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child
Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

26 June 2023

General Pharmaceutical Council Annual report, Annual fitness to practise report and
Annual accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/133)
laid under Paragraph 7 and 8 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010

27 June 2023

Transport Scotland: Section 70 Grant Payments In accordance with: Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 Section 70(4) Financial Year 2022-23 (SG/2023/102)
laid under Section 70(4) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

28 June 2023

Climate Change Committee: Progress in reducing UK emissions: 2023 Report to Parliament (SG/2023/135)
laid under Section 36(1) of the UK Climate Change Act 2008

Statement on call-in of planning applications by Scottish Ministers (SG/2023/127)
laid under Section 46A (1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Report by the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the power in Section 1(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 for the reporting period 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022 and the intended future use of the power under Section 1(1) in the upcoming reporting period 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023 (SG/2023/137)
laid under Section 10(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Document Summarising Consideration of the representations made on the draft annual report on the Scottish Ministers exercise of the power in Section 1 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021
laid in draft in Parliament on 27 October 2022 (SG/2023/138) laid under Section 11(5) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

29 June 2023

Independent Monitoring Authority Annual Report to the Specialised Committee on Citizens' Rights established under the Withdrawal Agreement and the Joint Committee established under the EEA EFTA Separation Agreement (SG/2023/134)
laid under Paragraph 31 of Schedule 2 to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020

Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB) Report of the trustees and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 (SG/2023/81)
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

4 July 2023

MG ALBA Annual Report & Statement of Accounts 2022/2023 (SG/2023/142)
laid under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 19 to the Broadcasting Act 1990

6 July 2023

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Annual Report and Accounts 2022/2023 (SG/2023/116)
laid under Paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Business Plan 2023/24 (SG/2023/117)

laid under Paragraph 16(1B) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

11 July 2023

The Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016 – reporting requirement (SG/2023/140) laid under Section 29(2)(a) of the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016

laid under Section 29(2)(a) of the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016

12 July 2023

BBC Group Annual Report & Accounts 2022/23 (BBC/2023/01)

laid by the BBC under the memorandum of understanding

Big Lottery Fund (operating as The National Lottery Community Fund) Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2023/145)

laid under Section 34 and paragraph 21 of Schedule 4A of the National Lottery etc Act 1993

Ofcom Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/119)

laid under paragraph 12(4) of Schedule 1 to the Office of Communications Act 2002

UK Statistics Authority annual report and accounts 2022/2023 (UKSA/2023/01)

laid under section 27(2) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

13 July 2023

Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/150)

laid under section 5 of the Utilities Act 2000

17 July 2023

British Tourist Authority trading as VisitBritain and VisitEngland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/125)

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Competition and Markets Authority Annual Report and Accounts for 2022/23 (CMA/2023/02)

laid under the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013, sch4 s14(3)(a) (as amended by the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020, s40(3))

National Heritage Memorial Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2022 – 2023 (SG/2023/98)

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

The National Lottery Heritage Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2022 – 2023 (SG/2023/97) laid under Section 34(6) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

Scottish Canals - Corporate Plan 2023-28 (SG/2023/132)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

18 July 2023

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Annual Report and Accounts

2022/2023 (SG/2023/118)

laid under Article 13 of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2008 (S.I. 2008, No. 576)

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/129)

laid under Section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995

Financial Reporting Advisory Board Annual Report 2022-23 (SG/2023/148)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

19 July 2023

NHS Blood and Transplant Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/136)

laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) Annual Report & Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/149)

laid under Chapter 1, Section 2 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for July 2023 (SPSO/2023/07)

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Transport Focus Annual report and accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/122)

laid under paragraph 11(6) of Schedule 5 of the Railways Act 2005

20 July 2023

Gambling Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2022 to 2023 (SG/2023/44)

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

HMICS Custody Inspection Report - Tayside (HMICS/2023/04)

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act

Industrial Development Act 1982 Annual Report by the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, the First Minister of Scotland, and the Welsh Ministers for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/126)

laid under Section 15 of the Industrial Development Act 1982

21 July 2023

British Transport Police Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/120)

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

The King's Printer for Scotland Report covering the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 (SG/2023/152)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

National Crime Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2023/130)

laid under Paragraph 8(3) of Schedule 2 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013

Security Industry Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/151)

laid under paragraph 17(3) of Schedule 1 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001

27 July 2023

Education Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2023/92)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

31 July 2023

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations (SPSO/2023/08) Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: second Compendium of Case Reports for July 2023 - Volume 1 of 1 Case ref: 202200588 - Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

2 August 2023

Standards Commission for Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts Year Ending 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/161)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Annual Report 2022-2023 (SG/2023/144)

laid under Section 82(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

8 August 2023

Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Report 2022-2023 (CCYP/2023/02)

laid under Section 10(1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

14 August 2023

Scotland's Guiding Principles on the Environment: Statutory Guidance - Statement required under Section 18 (4) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 ("the Continuity Act") (SG/2023/163)

laid under Section 18(4) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

16 August 2023

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for August 2023 (SPSO/2023/08)

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

23 August 2023

NHS Scotland: Scottish Advisory Committee On Distinction Awards 2022/23 Annual Report (SG/2023/147)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SCTS/2023/02)

laid under section 67 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

29 August 2023

Scottish Fiscal Commission Forecast Evaluation Report - August 2023 (SFC/2023/3)

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

30 August 2023

Scottish Housing Regulator - National Report on the Scottish Social Housing Charter Headline Findings 2022/23 (SG/2023/146)

laid under Section 41 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010

31 August 2023

Scottish Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/158)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

South of Scotland Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/164)

laid under Section 16 of the Scottish Enterprise Act 2019

4 September 2023

Scottish Fiscal Commission Supplementary Costing - Carer Support Payment - September 2023 (SFC/2023/4)

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

5 September 2023

Annual Report to Parliament on the monitoring programme for transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) – years 2021 and 2022 (SG/2023/143)

laid under Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001

7 September 2023

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2023/157)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/156)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Student Awards Agency Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2023/154)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

8 September 2023

Risk Management Authority - Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/87)

laid under Section 13(3) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 & Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

11 September 2023

Transport Scotland Annual Report & Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2023/160)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

13 September 2023

Accountant in Bankruptcy Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/170)

laid under Section 200(3) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Adult mental health: A report prepared for the Accounts Commission and the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2023/7)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Electoral Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (ELC/2023/01)

laid under Paragraph 20 A (1) of Schedule 1 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland: HM Chief Inspector's Annual Report 2022-23 (SG/2023/175)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

14 September 2023

Press Recognition Panel - Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/174)

laid under Sections 12.4 and 13.1 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

Scotland's Census 2022 - Rounded population estimates (SG/2023/176)

laid under Section 4(1) of the Census Act 1920

Standards Commission for Scotland's Annual Report 2022/23 (SCfS/2023/01)
laid under paragraph 10F to Schedule 1 of the Ethical Standard in Public Life
etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 as amended by the Scottish Parliamentary
Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010

20 September 2023

Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012: Report on the operation and effect of
the minimum pricing provisions 2018 – 2023 (SG/2023/196)
laid under Section 3 of the Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012

Edinburgh Tram Inquiry Report (SG/2023/200)
laid under The Inquiries (Scotland) Rules 2007

Proposed extension of temporary justice provisions in the Coronavirus (Recovery
and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 – Statement of Reasons (SG/2023/180)
laid under Sections 52(3), 53 and 58(1) of the Coronavirus (Recovery and
Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for September
2023 (SPSO/2023/09)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services
Ombudsman Act 2002

21 September 2023

Scottish Forestry Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/195)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

22 September 2023

Community Justice Scotland Corporate Plan 2023-2026 (SG/2023/141)
laid under Section 10 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

Scottish Land Commission Programme of Work September 2023 - March 2025
(SG/2023/202)
laid under Section 9(3)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

The Scottish Land Commission Strategic Plan 2023-26 (SG/2023/155)
laid under Section 8(5)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

25 September

HM Fire Service Inspectorate - Climate Change: managing the operational impact on
fires and other weather-related emergencies (SG/2023/153)
laid under Section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Registers of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/183)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

26 September 2023

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23
(SG/2023/165)

laid under Section 31 of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Annual Report 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023

(SG/2023/167)

laid under Section 32 of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2022

Scottish National Investment Bank Annual Report and Accounts 2023 (SG/2023/190)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

27 September 2023

Cleaner Air for Scotland 2 - Towards a Better Place for Everyone 2022/23 Progress
Report (SG/2023/197)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any
laying power

HM Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland Annual Report 2022-2023

(SG/2023/185)

laid under Section 79(8) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland)
Act 2007

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23

(SG/2023/182)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Investing in Scotland's infrastructure - A briefing paper prepared for the Auditor
General for Scotland (AGS/2023/8)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under the Public Finance and Accountability
(Scotland) Act 2000

28 September 2023

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2023-24 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget
(Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2024 (SG/2023/203)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any
laying power

29 September 2023

The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 – Annual Report on
Local Authorities' Functions: 2022 – 2023 (SG/2023/205)

laid under section 12(1)(c) of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland)
Act 2009

Fiscal Framework Outturn Report: September 2023 (SG/2023/178)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any
laying power

Scottish Housing Regulator - Annual Performance Report and Accounts 2022/23
(SG/2023/177)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

3 October 2023

HMICS Assurance review of vetting policy and procedures within Police Scotland
(HMICS/2023/05)

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

4 October 2023

Children Hearing's Scotland: 'The Feedback Loop' - A Report by the National
Convener on the implementation of Compulsory Supervision Orders (under section
181 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011) for years 2020-21, 2021-22,
2022-23 (SG/2023/191)

laid under Section 181 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Disclosure Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/179)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

5 October 2023

Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23
(SG/2023/199)

laid under section 46(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

6 October 2023

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002: Report of the Appointed Person for Scotland for
2022/23 (SG/2023/193)

laid under Section 127I (6), Section 291(5) and 303F (7) of the Proceeds of
Crime Act 2002

The Report of the Independent Reviewer - Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland)
Act 2019 (SG/2023/230)

laid under section 21(2) of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act
2019

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Annual Report and Financial Statements
2022-23 (SPSO/2023/AR)

laid under Sections 17(1) and (3) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman
Act 2002

Joint Strategy for Policing 2023 - Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland
(SPA/2023/01)

laid under Section 34 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

12 October 2023

The Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022: Report to the Scottish
Parliament covering the period 1 June to 30 September 2023 (SG/2023/194)

laid under Section 9(9) of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022

The Scottish Human Rights Commission Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/236)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 October 2023

Health and Care Professions Council Fitness to Practise Annual Report 2022-23 (SG/2023/172)

laid under Article 44(1) of the Health Professions Order 2001

17 October 2023

Scottish Road Works Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/89)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

18 October 2023

National Records of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2023/181)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for October 2023 (SPSO/2023/10)

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

19 October 2023

Inspection of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service East Service Delivery Area (SG/2023/169)

laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

The Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Israel, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights) (Scotland)

Regulations 2023:

Statement made under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (SG/2023/256) laid under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

This document was withdrawn on 20 October 2023

20 October 2023

The Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Israel, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Lebanon) (Scotland)

Regulations 2023:

Statement made under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018: SG/2023/258 laid under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

23 October 2023

Children's Hearings Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/249)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Children's Hearings Scotland Impact Report 2022-23 (SG/2023/250)
laid under paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland)
Act 2011

Food Standards Scotland: Our Food 2022, An annual review of food standards
across the UK (SG/2023/139)
laid under Section 15(6) of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015

24 October 2023

British Sign Language National Plan 2023-2029 (SG/2023/168)
laid under Section 1(6) of the British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015

Consumer Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (CS/2023/02)
laid under Section 22 (5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

25 October 2023

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Report 2022-23 (SG/2023/252)
laid under paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland)
Act 2011

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23
(SG/2023/251)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

The Scottish Government's workforce challenges : A report prepared for the Auditor
General for Scotland (AGS/2023/9)
laid under the Public Accountability and Finance (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March
2023 (SG/2023/184)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Accountability and Finance (Scotland)
Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Report and Financial Statements
2022-23 (SG/2023/261)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Scottish Sentencing Council Annual Report 2022-23 (SG/2023/248)
laid under section 13(5) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act
2010

26 October 2023

Ending Homelessness Together: Annual report to the Scottish Parliament, October 2023 (SG/2023/228)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Environmental Standards Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2023 (ESS/2023/01)

laid under Schedule 1(12)(1) of the UK Withdrawal for the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Scotland's Land Use Strategy Annual Progress Report – 2022/2023 (SG/2023/255)

laid under section 37A of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

27 October 2023

Freedom of Information (Scotland Act 2002 – Report on exercise of section 5 power (SG/2023/244)

laid under Section 5 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Heat in Buildings Strategy: 2023 progress report (SG/2023/186)

laid under Section 62(2) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland - Annual report 2022-23 (SG/2023/254)

laid under Section 18(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Scotland's Population 2022 - The Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic Trends (SG/2023/201)

laid under Section 1(4) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

Scottish Animal Welfare Commission - Annual report of SAWC activity 2022-2023 (SG/2023/257)

laid under Regulation 14 of the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission Regulations 2020

Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Accounts and Report 2022/23 (SPCPF/2023/01)

laid under Schedule 1, Part S, Rule 102 (2) (b) of the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009

30 October 2023

Annual Report 2022/23 of the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland (CES/2023/01)

laid under section 25(1) of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010 as amended

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/253)

laid under Section 30 of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990

Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: the Disability Assistance for Older People (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SCoSS/2023/04)
laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

31 October 2023

Draft Report by the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the power in Section 1(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 for the reporting period 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023 and the intended future use of the power under Section 1(1) in the upcoming reporting period 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024 (SG/2023/264)

laid under Section 11(1)(a) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Scottish Funding Council Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/187)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Government: The Scottish Civil Estate 2022-23 - The thirteenth report on the performance and environmental sustainability of the Scottish Civil Estate (SG/2023/204)

laid under Section 76 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Human Rights Commission Annual Report 2022-23 (SHRC/2023/01)
laid under Section 15 of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006

1 November 2023

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 – Devolved Taxes Accounts (RS/2023/02)

laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 – Resource Accounts (RS/2023/01)

laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

2 November 2023

Sometimes I feel like I am in prison”: Placing Children in Hotel-Type Accommodation (CCYP/20232/03)

laid under section 12 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

3 November 2023

Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/188)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Galleries of Scotland Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/265)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Library of Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31st March 2023 (SG/2023/266)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

8 November 2023

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023 (SFC/2023/5)
laid under section 12(1) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

HMICS Custody Inspection Report - Dumfries and Galloway (HMICS/2023/07)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Scottish Public Pensions Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/233)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Transvaginal Mesh Removal Reimbursement Scheme 2023 (SG/2023/279)
laid under Section 2(2)(a) of the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Act 2022

9 November 2023

Climate Change Committee: Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/232)
laid under Section 22(2) Schedule 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008

13 November 2023

Scottish Land Commission Annual Report & Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2023/283)
laid under Section 20(2)(c) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

14 November 2023

Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland, Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023, Year Ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/284)
laid under Section 10 (3) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

Social Security Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/83)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018: Progress Report 2022 - 2023 (SG/2023/241)
laid under sections 20 and 87 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

15 November 2023

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/268)
laid under section 26 of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000

Sportscotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 (SG/2023/260)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Sportscotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 (SG/2023/259)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 November 2023

The 2022/23 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts (SG/2023/240)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland Annual Report 2022-2023 (SG/2023/272)

laid under Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008, Chapter 3, Section 18

The Scottish Consolidated Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/238)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/237)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Government Non-Domestic Rating Account for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/239)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

TS Prestwick Holdco LTD - Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/231)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

17 November 2023

Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/206)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Borders Health Board Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/207)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/208)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Fife Annual report and consolidated accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/209)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)'s Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/229)
laid under section 11(3) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1996 & section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

20 November 2023

Civil Service Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/243)
laid under paragraph 16 schedule 1 and paragraph 17 schedule 1 of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

Grampian Health Board Annual Report and Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/211)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts For the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/212)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Highland Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/213)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Lanarkshire Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/214)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Lothian Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31st March 2023 (SG/2023/215)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

21 November 2023

Climate Change Committee Independent Assessment: Adapting to climate change - Progress in Scotland (SG/2023/287)
laid under Section 55(4) Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

National Waiting Times Centre Board Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/220)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Orkney Annual Report and Accounts For Year Ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/216)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Shetland Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/217)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Tayside Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/218)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Western Isles Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/219)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

22 November 2023

Healthcare Improvement Scotland Leading quality health and care for Scotland: Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/223)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS 24 Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/221)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Education for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/222)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Report to the Scottish Parliament on Orders regulating the management of Shellfisheries under the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967, November 2023 (SG/2023/290)
laid under Section 6 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967

Scottish Ambulance Service Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/224)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for November 2023 (SPSO/2023/11)

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

UK Anti-Doping Ltd Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/280)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

23 November 2023

British Film Institute Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021-22 (SG/2023/14)

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/270)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS National Services Scotland Annual Report and Accounts For the year to 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/225)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Public Health Scotland Annual Report & Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/226)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The State Hospitals Board for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/227)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

28 November 2023

Scottish Police Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/281)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

29 November 2023

Appointments to Scottish Land Commission – Statement to Scottish Parliament under section 11(4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 – November 2023 (SG/2023/293)

laid under Section 11(4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Report on the Scottish Ministers' duties under section 23(1) (funding for alternative dispute resolution) and section 24(1) (pilot scheme for mandatory alternative dispute resolution meetings) of the Children (Scotland) Act 2020 - November 2023 (SG/2023/285)

laid under sections 23(7) and 24(4) of the Children (Scotland) Act 2020

30 November 2023

The Sea Fish Industry Authority (Seafish) Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 For the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/294)
laid under Section 11(8) of the Fisheries Act 1981

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/299)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

5 December 2023

Architecture & Design Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ending 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/297)
laid under Section 19(4) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2022/23 Audit of NHS Forth Valley (SG/2023/271)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

British Wool Marketing Board Report and Accounts 30 April 2023 (SG/2023/310)
laid under Section 30 of the Agricultural Marketing Act 1958

Care Inspectorate Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/94)
laid under schedule 11 section 15(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Community Justice Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/242)
laid under Section 11(4) of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/210)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Quality Meat Scotland Annual Report and Accounts For the 12 Months to 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/309)
laid under Section 22 (5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 and Article 12 of the Quality Meat Scotland Order 2008

6 December 2023

Environmental Standards Scotland Climate Change Improvement Report (ESS/2023/02)
laid under section 29 of the UK Withdrawal for the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

HMICS Thematic Inspection of Organisational Culture in Police Scotland (HMICS/2023/08)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

National Museums Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/303)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

7 December 2023

Scottish Social Services Council Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/159)

laid under Schedule 2, Section 10(1) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Young Start Annual Report 2022/23 (SG/2023/289)

laid under Paragraph 9, Part 3, Schedule 3 of the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008

8 December 2023

Delivering for Scotland 2020-2023 National Transport Strategy Report to Parliament (SG/2023/192)

laid under Section 5(1)(b) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

Food Standards Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2023/73)

laid under Section 19(4) of the Public Finance and Accountability Scotland Act 2000

11 December 2023

Competition and Markets Authority Annual Plan consultation 2024/25 (CMA/2023/03)

laid under Schedule 4 s13(2)(b) of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013.

Crofting Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/166)

laid under Section 2B and Schedule 1, paragraph 19 of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993

The King's Printer for Scotland Report covering the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/316)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission 2022-23 Annual Report and Accounts (SG/2023/245)

laid under Schedule 9A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission 2022-23 Annual Report (SG/2023/246)

laid under Schedule 9A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

12 December 2023

Annual Audit Report Scottish Commission on Social Security 2022/23 (SG/2023/318)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Creative Scotland Group Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/295)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Creative Scotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/296)

laid under Section 34 of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2022/23 audit of Scottish Prison Service (SG/2023/314)

laid under Section 22(5a) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Commission on Social Security Annual Report and Accounts 2022 - 2023 (SG/2023/292)

laid under Section 12(1) of Schedule 1 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 & Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report 2022-23 (SG/2023/274)

laid under Section 16 (4), Schedule 1 of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report and Financial Statements Year ended 30 June 2023 (SG/2023/275)

laid under Section 16 (4), Schedule 1 of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

Scottish Prison Service Annual Report & Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/313)

laid under Section 5 of the Prison (Scotland) Act 1989 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

13 December 2023

Health and Care Professions Council Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/198)

laid under Articles 44(2) and 46(7) of the Health Professions Order 2001

HM Fire Service Inspectorate - Mental Health and Wellbeing Support in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SG/2023/282)

laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Scottish Futures Trust Investments (SFTi) Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/307)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) Limited Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/306)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

14 December 2023

Aithisg Bhliadhnail agus Cunntasan Puirt-adhair na Gàidhealtachd is nan Eilean Earranta gu 31 Mart 2023 (SG/2023/84)

laid under section 34 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982

British Film Institute Annual Report and Financial Statements 2022/23 (SG/2023/301)

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Ethical Standards Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/319)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Highlands and Islands Airports Limited (HIAL) Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/269)

laid under section 34 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Annual Report 2022/2023 (SG/2023/277)

laid under Paragraph 14(3) of schedule 2 to the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Redress Scotland Annual report and Accounts 2022/2023 (SG/2023/311)

laid under Section 17 of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

Scottish Environment Protection Agency: Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2023/305)

laid under Section 46 of the Environment Act 1995 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

15 December 2023

Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited - Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/273)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Forestry and Land Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2023/247)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

GTC Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements – Year to 31 March 2023 (GTCS/2023/01)

laid under Schedule 3, para 5(1) of the Public Services Reform (General Teaching Council for Scotland) Order 2011

Scottish Water Interim Report and Accounts 2023: Performance and Prospects For the six months to 30 September 2023 (SG/2023/315)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

18 December 2023

Bòrd na Gàidhlig Aithisg Bhliadhnail is Cunntasan Annual Report & Accounts 22-23 (SG/2023/278)
laid under paragraph 9 of schedule 1 of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Historic Environment Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements 2022-23 (SG/2023/171)
laid under Section 14(3) of Schedule 1 of the Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014

UK Sport Annual Report 2022-23 (SG/2023/263)
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

VisitScotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/286)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Vulnerable Witnesses Act - Section 9 Report (SG/2023/189)
laid under Section 9 of the Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Act 2019

19 December 2023

Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual report and accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/321)
laid under section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Carbon Assessment of the Scottish Budget 2024-25 (SG/2023/267)
laid under Section 94 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scotland's Fiscal and Economic Forecasts– December 2023 (SFC/2023/6)
laid under section 5(2) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

NatureScot Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/322)
laid under section 10 of the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Act 1991

Police Investigations and Review Commissioner's Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/302)
laid under Section 43(5) of the Police Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

Scottish Budget 2024-25 (SG/2023/317)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service 2022/23 Annual Audit Report (SG/2023/320)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Annual Report and Accounts 22/23 (SG/2023/308)
laid under Section 42A (1) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

20 December 2023

National Records of Scotland: Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 - Report by the Keeper of the Records of Scotland 2022-2023 (SG/2023/262)
laid under Section 12 of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011

NHS Pension Scheme (Scotland) Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/234)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Teachers' Pension Scheme Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/235)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Rail Holdings Limited Annual Report and Accounts for the period from 1 November 2021 to 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/288)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018: Scottish Ministers' Report to Parliament 2023 (SG/2023/323)
laid under Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018: Scottish Ministers' Report to Parliament 2023

Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2023 - Crown Estate Scotland (SG/2023/312)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations - Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for December 2023 (SPSO/2023/12)
Volume 1 of 3
Volume 2 of 3 Annex:
Report of Discontinued Investigations
Volume 3 of 3 Annex:
Report of Discontinued Investigations (INWO)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The 2022/23 Audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland (SG/2023/276)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Water Industry Commission for Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23
(SG/2023/298)
laid under Section 5(4) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 and Section
22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Joint Nature Conservation Committee and JNCC Support Co - Annual Report and
Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/324)
laid under Paragraph 18(3) of Schedule 4 to the Natural Environment and Rural
Communities Act 2006 and Article 6(2)(b) of the Government Resources and
Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Non-profit-making Companies) Order 2009

21 December 2023

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh - Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/291)
laid under paragraph 20(3) of Schedule 1 of the National Heritage (Scotland)
Act 1985

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh 2022/23 Annual Audit Report (SG/2023/325)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

12 January 2024

The Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022: Report to the Scottish
Parliament covering the period 1 October to 31 December 2023 (SG/2024/2)
laid under Section 9(9) of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act
2022

17 January 2024

Government Chemist Review 2022 (SG/2024/13)
laid under Section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

HM Revenue & Customs: Administration of Scottish income tax 2022-23
(SG/2024/14)
laid under Section 80HA of the Scotland Act 1998 as amended by the Finance
Act 2014

19 January 2024

Second Annual Statement Under Section 2(8) and 2(9) of the Forensic Medical
Services (Victims Of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021 (SG/2024/1)
laid under Section 2(8) of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual
Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021

Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous
Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SCoSS/2024/01)
laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

23 January 2024

Spending trends in the 2024-25 Scottish Budget (SFC/2024/1)
laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

24 January 2024

Proposed extension of Section 10 of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022: Statement of Reasons (SG/2024/8)
laid under Section 11(5) of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for January 2024 (SPSO/2024/01)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

26 January 2024

Report pursuant to Section 42 of the Agriculture Act 2020: Protocol on the Accession of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (SG/2024/15)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security report on the draft Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SG/2024/12)
laid under Section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Scottish Government: Devolved Social Security Assistance, Up-rating for Inflation in 2024-25 - A report in fulfilment of section 86A in the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 : Duty to consider effects of inflation (SG/2024/11)
laid under Section 86A(1)(c) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

31 January 2024

Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (SG/2024/5)
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

1 February 2024

Decarbonising heat in homes: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2024/1)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2023-24 Spring Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/19)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

6 February 2024

Document summarising the representations made, and the Scottish Ministers consideration of those representations, on the Draft Annual Report on the Scottish

Ministers exercise of the power in Section 1 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021, laid in draft in Parliament on 31 October 2023 (SG/2024/24)

laid under section 11(5) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Report by the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the power in section 1(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 for the reporting period 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023 and the intended future use of the power under section 1(1) in the upcoming reporting period 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024 (SG/2024/23)

laid under section 10(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

The Statutory Review of the Debt and Fraud Powers of the Digital Economy Act (2017) (SG/2024/16)

laid under Part 5, Chapter 3, section 53 and Chapter 4, section 61 of the Digital Economy Act 2017

7 February 2024

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2024 - Report by the Scottish Ministers (SG/2024/25)

laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

National Strategy for Economic Transformation: A briefing prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2024/2)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

8 February 2024

The National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board (Public Services Reform) (Scotland) Order 2024 - Explanatory Document (SG/2024/26)

laid under section 25(3)(b)(ii) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Press Recognition Panel Annual report on the recognition system - 8 February 2024 (SG/2024/22)

laid under paragraph 10.b of Schedule 2 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

20 February 2024

Annual Report of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland (EMBS/2024/02)

laid under section 8(2) of the Local Electoral Administration (Scotland) Act 2011

21 February 2024

NHS in Scotland 2023: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland AGS/2024/3

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for February 2024 (SPSO/2024/02)

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

29 February 2024

Standards Commission for Scotland Strategic Plan 2024-28 (SCfS/2024/01)
laid under paragraph 10A to Schedule 1 of the Ethical Standard in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000

5 March 2024

Scottish Local Government Finance Statistics 2022-23 (SG/2024/21)
laid under Section 118 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

6 March 2024

HM Fire Service Inspectorate - Chief Inspector's Update 2021–2024 (SG/2024/28)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

7 March 2024

Scottish Law Commission Annual Report 2023 (SG/2024/34)
laid under section 3(3) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

14 March 2024

Competition and Markets Authority Annual Plan consultation 2024/25 (CMA/2024/01)
laid under Schedule 4 s13(2)(b) of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013

Fiscal Sustainability Perspectives: Climate Change - March 2024 (SFC/2024/2)
laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

15 March 2024

Animal Health Act 1981: Expenditure and Prosecutions – 2023 (SG/2024/17)
laid under Section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981

18 March 2024

Northern Lighthouse Board Annual Report and Accounts to March 2023 (SG/2024/46)
laid under Section 218 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995

20 March 2024

Annual Report on the operation of the UK Internal Market 2023-2024 (OIM/2024/01)
laid under section 33(5) of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020

Climate Change Committee: Progress in reducing emissions in Scotland 2023 Report to Parliament (SG/2024/43)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for March 2024 (SPSO/2024/03)

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

25 March 2024

Assurance review of the acquisition, use and retention of images and photographs for criminal justice and police purposes (SBC/2024/01)

laid under Section 20(2) of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioners Act 2020

26 March 2024

Annual Report of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner 2022 (SG/2024/3)

laid under section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act (IPA) 2016

Consumer Scotland Work Programme 2024-2025 (CS/2024/01)

laid under Consumer Scotland Act 2020 subsection (4) section 14

Laying of the Annual Report of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner - Statement from the Prime Minister on 26 March 2024 (SG/2024/4)

laid under section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act (IPA) 2016

27 March 2024

Community Justice Scotland - Community Payback Order, Summary of Local Authority Annual Reports 2022-23 (SG/2024/10)

laid under Section 227ZM of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Community Justice Outcome Activity Annual Report 2022-2023 (SG/2024/9)

laid under Section 27 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

HMICS Custody Inspection Report – Fife (HMICS/2024/01)

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

National Islands Plan: Annual Report 2023 (SG/2024/18)

laid under section 5(3)(a) of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018

Scottish Information Commissioner – Strategic Plan 2024-2028 (SG/2024/44)

laid under section 46A (1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

28 March 2024

Argyll Ferries Limited SC391762 Directors Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2024/38)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

CalMac Ferries Limited SC302282 Strategic Report, Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2024/36)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Children & Young People's Commissioner Scotland Strategic Plan 2024-2028 (CCYP/2024/01)

laid under Section 14A(1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Strategic Plan 2024-2028 (CES/2024/01)

laid under section 14(5) of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010 as amended

David MacBrayne Limited Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2024/35)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

David MacBrayne HR (UK) Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2024/37)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Environment Strategy for Scotland: Progress report on Environment Strategy March 2024 (SG/2024/48)

laid under Section 47 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Heat Networks Delivery Plan: Review Report 2024 (SG/2024/39)

laid under section 93 of the Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021

Inspiring Connections: Scotland's International Culture Strategy 2024-30 (SG/2024/49)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Fourteenth Annual Report on the Operation of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (SG/2024/29)

laid under Section 73 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Police Service of Scotland Annual Police Plan 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025 (PSoS/2024/01)

laid under section 35 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Revenue Scotland Corporate Plan 2024-2027 (RS/2024/01)

laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Scottish Discretionary Housing Payments Guidance Manual (SG/2024/40)

laid

under Part 5, Section 91 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

2 April 2024

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Strategic Plan 2024-2028 (SPSO/2024/SP)

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

3 April 2024

HMICS Custody Progress Inspection Report – Dumfries & Galloway (HMICS/2024/02)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

10 April 2024

HMICS Frontline Focus – Wellbeing (HMICS/2024/03)
laid before the Scottish Parliament by His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary
in Scotland (HMICS) under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform
(Scotland) Act 2012

15 April 2024

Scottish Government: Annual Report on Procurement Activity in Scotland - An
overview of procurement activity 2021-22 (SG/2024/50)
laid under Section 21(4)(b) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

17 April 2024

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Business Plan 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2027
(SG/2024/32)
laid under Schedule 3 of the Energy Act 2004

Scottish Government Response to SCoSS Scrutiny Report on Disability Assistance
for Older People (Scotland) Regulations (2024) (SG/2024/75)
laid under Section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Scottish Government Response to SCoSS Scrutiny Report on Technical
Amendments to the Short-Term Assistance (STA) Provisions in the Disability
Assistance for Older People (Scotland) Regulations (2024) (SG/2024/76)
laid under Section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for April 2024
(SPSO/2024/04)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services
Ombudsman Act 2002

19 April 2024

Wildlife Crime in Scotland 2022 (SG/2024/45)
laid under Section 20 of the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act
2011

22 April 2024

Ayrshire College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements For the
year ended 31 July 2023 (SG/2024/51)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Borders College Annual Report and Financial Statement 2022/23 (SG/2024/52)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

City of Glasgow College Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2024/53)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Dundee and Angus College Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 July 2023 (SG/2024/55)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Dumfries and Galloway College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023 (SG/2024/54)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

23 April 2024

Edinburgh College Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2023 (SG/2024/56)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Fife College Annual Accounts For the year ended 31 July 2023 (SG/2024/57)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Glasgow Clyde College Annual Report and Financial Statements for Year Ending 31 July 2023 (SG/2024/59)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements 2022-23 (SG/2024/60)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

24 April 2024

Glasgow Kelvin College Annual Report & Financial Statements 2022-2023 (SG/2024/61)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

North East Scotland College Financial Statements for the year to 31 July 2023 (SG/2024/64)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

25 April 2024

Scottish Human Rights Commission Strategic Plan 2024-28 (SG/2024/72)

laid under Section 7 (1) of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006

South Lanarkshire College, East Kilbride - Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st July 2023 (SG/2024/70)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

West College Scotland Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2023 (SG/2024/67)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

West Lothian College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2023 (SG/2024/68)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

26 April 2024

Report by a Tribunal constituted under section 21 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 to report into the fitness for office of a judicial office holder- Sheriff John Albert Brown (SG/2024/77)

laid by the First Minister under section 24 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

New College Lanarkshire Regional Financial Statements Year Ended: 31st July 2023 (SG/2024/71)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Canals Annual Report & Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2024/42)

laid under section 24(3) of the Transport Act 1962 & section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Budget 01 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 (SLCC/2024/01)

laid under section 29(10) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

29 April 2024

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security report on the draft Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SG/2024/85)

laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

1 May 2024

National Outcomes for Scotland: Consultation with Parliament in connection with the Review of National Outcomes: SG/2024/47

laid under section 2(6) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 for the purposes of consultation

2 May 2024

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 – Yearly report on the use of Section 28 - to take a child under 12 to a place of safety (SG/2024/84)

laid under section 32 of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019

3 May 2024

Our British Sign Language (BSL) Plan 2024-30 (CCYP/2024/02)
laid under Section 12 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People
(Scotland) Act 2003

7 May 2024

Final Outturn Report for the Scottish Budget 2022-2023 (SG/2024/91)
laid under Section 20(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

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(Scotland) Act 1993

Annex E: Committee Reports

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Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Interim Target) Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 367)

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Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the Powers of Attorney Bill (SP Paper 369)

19 May 2023

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Economy and Fair Work Committee 2022-23 (SP Paper 371)

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Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 32nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill (SP Paper 374)

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Public Audit Committee, 2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report 2022-23 (SP Paper 372)

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Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 11th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report 2022-2023 (SP Paper 378)

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Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 9th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 2022-23 (SP Paper 373)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee 2022-23 (SP Paper 379)

30 May 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 34th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual report of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2022-23 (SP Paper 377)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 35th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 30 May 2023 (SP Paper 380)

Criminal Justice Committee, 8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 382)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 36th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill (SP Paper 385)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Health, Social Care, and Sport Committee (SP Paper 386)

31 May 2023

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee (SP Paper 381)

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Finance and Public Administration Committee, 5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Finance and Public Administration Committee 2022-23 (SP Paper 388)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Act 2011 (Application to Civil Partnerships and Consequential Provision) Order 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 389)

Criminal Justice Committee, 9th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 391)

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee for 2022-23 (SP Paper 392)

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Education, Children and Young People Committee, 3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: Annual Report 2022 – 2023 (SP Paper 384)

5 June 2023

Criminal Justice Committee, 10th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report for the Criminal Justice Committee (13 May 2022 to 12 May 2023) (SP Paper 383)

8 June 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 37th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 6 June 2023 (SP Paper 393)

Criminal Justice Committee, 11th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The Police Negotiating Board for Scotland (Constitution, Arbitration and Qualifying Cases) Regulations 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 396)

13 June 2023

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report for Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill on 13 June 2023 (SP Paper 397)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 38th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 13 June 2023 (SP Paper 399)

14 June 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 39th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill after Stage 2 (SP Paper 401)

15 June 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 40th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 404)

20 June 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 41st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Electronic Trade Documents Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 407)

21 June 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 43rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 20 June 2023 (SP Paper 402)

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Inquiry into a Just Transition to net zero for the Grangemouth area (SP Paper 405)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 10th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 406)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 44th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) after Stage 2 (SP Paper 409)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition and Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 408)

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Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Community Planning: Post-legislative scrutiny of Part 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (SP Paper 411)

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum and the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Electronic Trade Documents Bill (SP Paper 410)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 45th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 416)

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Criminal Justice Committee, 12th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 413)

Criminal Justice Committee, 13th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 414)

Criminal Justice Committee, 14th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Online Safety Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 415)

26 June 2023

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 11th Report, 2023 (Session 6): A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland (SP Paper 417)

28 June 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 46th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 27 June 2023 (SP Paper 422)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 47th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 424)

29 June 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 48th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Data Protection and Digital Information (No.2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 423)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 49th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the fourth quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2022-23 (SP Paper 426)

3 July 2023

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Public Administration – Effective Scottish Government Decision-Making (SP Paper 425)

6 July 2023

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): COVID-19 Recovery Committee Legacy report (SP Paper 420)

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): COVID-19 Recovery Committee: Annual Report 2023-24 (SP Paper 421)

6 September 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 50th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 5 September 2023 (SP Paper 430)

12 September 2023

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, 2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Embedding Public Participation in the Work of the Parliament (SP Paper 427)

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, 3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Embedding Public Participation in the Work of the Parliament: Summary Version (SP Paper 428)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 12th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Scotland's electricity infrastructure: inhibitor or enabler of our energy ambitions? (SP Paper 432)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 51st Report 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 12 September 2023 (SP Paper 433)

13 September 2023

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 7th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation under the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on 12 September 2023 (SP Paper 435)

15 September 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 52nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 434)

21 September 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 53rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19 September 2023 (SP Paper 437)

22 September 2023

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 7th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Green Freeports Relief) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 436)

26 September 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 54th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 26 September 2023 (SP Paper 439)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 13th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Energy Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (SP Paper 440)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 55th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 441)

4 October 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 56th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 3 October 2023 (SP Paper 442)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 7th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 444)

5 October 2023

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 443)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 14th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 446)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 57th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill (SP Paper 448)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 58th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 449)

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Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 7th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on Female Participation in Sport and Physical Activity (SP Paper 445)

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Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report Tracking the Work of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee in 2022-23 (SP Paper 450)

23 October 2023

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 15th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on The Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 447)

24 October 2023

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in Scotland (SP Paper 455)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 59th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 456)

25 October 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 60th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 3 October 2023 (SP Paper 454)

31 October 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 61st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 458)

1 November 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 62nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 31 October 2023 (SP Paper 457)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 63rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Work of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2022-23 (SP Paper 459)

2 November 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 64th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 461)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 65th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 462)

6 November 2023

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25: The Sustainability of Scotland's Finances (SP Paper 460)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 26 October 2023 (SP Paper 466)

7 November 2023

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 9th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Pre-budget 2024-25 (SP Paper 467)

8 November 2023

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 16th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 464)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 66th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 7 November 2023 (SP Paper 465)

9 November 2023

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The Mental Health (National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service: Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SP Paper 468)

13 November 2023

Criminal Justice Committee, 15th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the International Organisations Immunities draft Order and the Coronavirus Recovery and Reform Scotland Act 2022 draft Regulations 2023 (SP Paper 469)

15 November 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 67th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 14 November 2023 (SP Paper 471)

17 November 2023

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 17th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on The Heat Networks (Heat Network Supply Target) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 470)

20 November 2023

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 9th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 474)

22 November 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 68th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 November 2023 (SP Paper 475)

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Colleges of Further Education and Regional Strategic Bodies (Membership of Boards) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 477)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 69th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the first quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2023-24 (SP Paper 480)

23 November 2023

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 18th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on The Parking Prohibitions (Enforcement and Accounts) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 473)

27 November 2023

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 19th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on The Vehicle Emission Trading Schemes Order 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 479)

28 November 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 71st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 28 November 2023 (SP Paper 482)

30 November 2023

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 10th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Financial Memorandum for the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 484)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 72nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Scottish Employment Injury Advisory Council Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 487)

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Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 9th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SP Paper 488)

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Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 73rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 12 December 2023 (SP Paper 491)

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Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 20th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Flytipping (Fixed Penalties) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/335) (SP Paper 490)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 12th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 7 December 2023 (SP Paper 494)

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Economy and Fair Work Committee, 6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislation Consent Memorandum for the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill on 14 December 2023 (SP Paper 495)

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Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 76th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19 December 2023 (SP Paper 496)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 21st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on appointments to the Scottish Land Commission (SP Paper 499)

20 December 2023

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 77th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 501)

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Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 10th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 502)

22 December 2023

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Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 9 January 2024 (SP Paper 503)

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Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 507)

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Scottish Commission for Public Audit, 1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Audit Scotland Budget Proposal for 2024-25 (SP Paper 513)

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Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 6th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 515)

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Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 7th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the second quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2023-24 (SP Paper 518)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill (SP Paper 519)

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Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 10th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 6 February 2024 (SP Paper 521)

7 February 2024

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 11th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 523)

8 February 2024

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill (SP Paper 524)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 525)

Education and Children and Young People Committee, 1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [Draft] (SP Paper 526)

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Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] (SP Paper 522)

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Criminal Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 531)

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Public Audit Committee, 1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Adult mental health (SP Paper 532)

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Finance and Public Administration Committee, 2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/draft) (SP Paper 534)

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Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 429)

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 28 February 2024 (SP Paper 535)

29 February 2024

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 536)

5 March 2024

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on The Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft] (SP Paper 537)

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 539)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 15th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Criminal Justice Bill (SP Paper 540)

6 March 2024

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 16th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 5 March 2024 (SP Paper 538)

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Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SP Paper 541)

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Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] (SP Paper 543)

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/60) (SP Paper 544)

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13 March 2024

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14 March 2024

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] (SP Paper 551)

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Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 552)

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Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 553)

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21 March 2024

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 22nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19th March 2024 (SP Paper 548)

25 March 2024

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on The National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board (Public Services Reform) (Scotland) Order 2024 (SP Paper 546)

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Inquiry into a just transition for the North East and Moray (SP Paper 556)

26 March 2024

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