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

## General Question Time

**The Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone):**  
Good morning.

### Lost Boys Campaign

1. **Alasdair Allan (Na h-Eileanan an Iar) (SNP):** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the Centre for Social Justice's lost boys campaign, which aims to raise awareness of the issues that boys and young men are facing, including in Scotland. (S6O-05344)

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

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**The Presiding Officer:** The next question is from Pauline McNeill.

### Ardrossan Harbour

2. **Pauline McNeill (Glasgow) (Lab):** To ask the Scottish Government when it last discussed the purchase of Ardrossan harbour with Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd. (S6O-05343)

**The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy (Gillian Martin):** The *Official Report* is a written record of what was said in public meetings

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09:04

*Meeting suspended.*

09:05

*On resuming—*

## Portfolio Question Time

**The Deputy Presiding Officer (Annabelle Ewing):** The next item of business is portfolio question time.

### Justice and Home Affairs

#### St Kilda

1. **Evelyn Tweed (Stirling) (SNP):** To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to prevent starvation and suffering among the sheep on St Kilda. (S6O-05339)

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

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#### College Sector Pay

2. **Paul Sweeney (Glasgow) (Lab):** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve pay in the college sector. (S6O-05349)

**The Minister for Business and Employment (Richard Lochhead):** The *Official Report* is a written record of what was said in public meetings of the Scottish Parliament and in committee meetings. It is a substantially verbatim report. This means that repetitions and redundancies are omitted and obvious mistakes are corrected. Official Report staff exercise editorial judgment to

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## Health and Social Care

**The Deputy Presiding Officer (Liam McArthur):** The next portfolio is health and social care.

### Mountain Safety

**1. Davy Russell (Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse) (Lab):** To ask the Scottish Government what recent engagement it has had with Scottish mountain rescue teams regarding mountain safety this winter. (S6O-05342)

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

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### Local Roads Authorities (Guidance)

**2. Alexander Stewart (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con):** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it provides to local roads authorities on maintaining public safety on local roads and pavements in winter, including decisions on street lighting, footway treatment and local grit provision. (S6O-05346)

**The Minister for Higher and Further Education (Ben Macpherson):** The *Official Report* is a written record of what was said in public meetings of the Scottish Parliament and in committee meetings. It is a substantially verbatim report. This means that repetitions and redundancies are omitted and obvious mistakes are corrected. Official Report staff exercise editorial judgment to convey the spoken word in

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*Meeting closed at 09:15.*

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