Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament
There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

2:00pm Finance and Constitution Committee
Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.
Committee Meetings

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

Finance and Constitution Committee
3rd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 2.00 pm in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 18 January 2017

Tuesday 24 January 2017

2:00 pm Time for Reflection - Jessica Reid and Callum Docherty, pupils at Braes High School, Reddingmuirhead, Falkirk
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Ministerial Statement: Draft Scottish Energy Strategy
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Developing Forestry in Scotland
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business — S5M-03275 Donald Cameron: World Cancer Day, an Opportunity to Tackle Obesity

Wednesday 25 January 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Health and Sport
followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Public Services
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Business Motions
5:00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business — S5M-03351 Emma Harper: Celebrating Burns and the Scots Language

Thursday 26 January 2017

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11:40 am General Questions
12:00 pm First Minister's Questions
12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-03204 Jackson Carlaw: Holocaust Memorial Day 2017
2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Hate Crime
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Improving Scotland’s Planning: Improving Scotland’s Places
followed by Legislative Consent Motion: UK Children and Social Work Bill - UK Legislation
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 31 January 2017

2:00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 February 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Communities, Social Security and Equalities
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 February 2017

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11:40 am General Questions
12:00 pm First Minister's Questions
12:45 pm Members' Business
2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2:30 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:00 pm Decision Time
Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee
24 January 2017
3rd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. Draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3): The Committee will take evidence from—
   John Ireland, Deputy Director of Decarbonisation, Colin MacBean, Head of Energy and Climate Change Analysis, Chris Stark, Director of Energy and Climate Change, and Morag Williamson, Team Leader of Climate Change Plan Project Team, Scottish Government.
3. Deer Management in Scotland: The Committee will take evidence from—
   Andrew Bachell, Director of Policy and Advice, Donald Fraser, Operations Manager (Deer and Wildlife), Claudia Rowse, Head of Rural Resources Unit, and Des Thompson, Principal Advisor for Biodiversity, Scottish Natural Heritage.
4. Draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3): The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. Deer Management in Scotland: The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business
At its next meeting, on 31 January, the Committee will take evidence from stakeholders on the Scottish Government’s draft climate change plan (RPP3). The Committee will also consider PE1615 on state regulated licensing system for gamebird hunting in Scotland and a review of PE1601 on European beavers in Scotland.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lynn Tullis, on 0131 348 5240 or ecclr.committee@parliament.scot.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee
24 January 2017
3rd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. Instruments subject to negative procedure: The Committee will consider the following—
   - Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/6);
   - Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/7);
Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/8);  
Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/9).

3. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
   *Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Leave to Appeal) 2017 (SSI 2017/4).*

4. **Scottish Social Housing Charter:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Social Housing Charter (SG/2017/2).

5. **Report on instruments considered during the second quarter of the parliamentary year 2016-17:** The Committee will consider a draft of its second quarterly report for the parliamentary year 2016-17.

**Proposed future business**
The Committee expects to next meet on Tuesday 31 January. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at dplr.committee@parliament.scot or on 0131 348 5212.

**Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee**  
24 January 2017  
3rd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Bill Bowman will be invited to declare any relevant interests.

2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.

3. **Gender Pay Gap:** The Committee will consider a list of candidates for the post of adviser in connection with its forthcoming inquiry.

4. **Economic Impact of Leaving the European Union (in private):** The Committee will consider its draft report on the Inquiry on the Economic Impact of Leaving the European Union.

**Proposed future business**
At its next meeting, on 31 January, the Committee expects to consider oral evidence on the Climate Change Plan and Energy Strategy.  
For further information contact the Clerk to the Committee on 0131 348 5403 or email economyjobsandfairwork@parliament.scot.

**Health and Sport Committee**  
24 January 2017  
2nd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of the evidence it has received on the draft proposal and statement of reasons on the Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.

2. **Scottish Health Council:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
   Richard Norris, Director, and Pam Whittle CBE, Chair, Scottish Health Council;  
   Robbie Pearson, Chief Executive, Healthcare Improvement Scotland.

3. **Scotsport:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stewart Harris, Chief Executive, and Mel Young, Chair, Sportscotland.

4. **Health Service Medical Supplies (Costs) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):**
   The Committee will consider a draft report on the legislative consent memorandum.

5. **The Implications to Scotland of Brexit (in private):**
   The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee.

6. **Healthcare in Prisons (in private):**
   The Committee will consider its approach to work on this issue.

**Proposed future business**
For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, David Cullum, on 0131 348 5410, or email, healthandsport@parliament.scot.

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**Justice Committee**
24 January 2017
3rd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private and whether its consideration of a draft report on the legislative consent memorandum on the Criminal Finances Bill should be taken in private at a future meeting.

2. **Demand-led policing - service of first and last resort:** The Committee will take evidence, in round-table format, from—
   - Amy Dalrymple, Head of Policy, Alzheimer Scotland;
   - Cameron Black, Care Van and Care Shelter Manager, Bethany Christian Trust;
   - Dr Peter Bennie, Chair of the Scottish Council, British Medical Association;
   - Malcolm Graham, Assistant Chief Constable, Strategic Development, Police Scotland;
   - David Liddell OBE, Director, Scottish Drugs Forum;
   - Calum Steele, General Secretary, Scottish Police Federation;
   - Bob Leslie, Chair of the Mental Health Sub-Group, Social Work Scotland.

3. **Public petitions:** The Committee will consider the following current petitions—
   - PE1501 by Stuart Graham on public inquiries into self-inflicted and accidental deaths following suspicious death investigations;
   - PE1567 by Donna O'Halloran on investigating unascertained deaths, suicides and fatal accidents in Scotland;
   - PE1510 by Jody Curtis on the closure of police, fire and non-emergency service centres north of Dundee;
   - PE1511 by Laura Ross on the decision made by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to close Inverness control room.

4. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting on 12 January 2017.

5. **Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider written evidence received and proposed witnesses for its scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

**Proposed future business**
At its next meeting, on 31 January, the Committee expects to consider a draft report on the legislative consent memorandum on the Criminal Finances Bill. For further information, contact
Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee
25 January 2017
3rd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)
1. **Clyde and Hebrides ferry services:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Martin Dorchester, Chief Executive, and Robbie Drummond, Group Finance Director, David MacBrayne Limited.
2. **Common Agricultural Policy Payments:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity, and Annabel Turpie, Chief Operating Officer, Rural Payments Operation, Scottish Government.
3. **EU Fisheries Council:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity, and Allan Gibb, Acting Deputy Director, Fisheries, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
   The Seed (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/434)

**Proposed future business**
At its next meeting, on 1 February, the Committee will take evidence from the Minister of Transport and Islands on Rail Services.
The Committee will also take evidence on the Draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3) on agriculture and forestry and consider a Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Digital Economy Bill.
For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, on 0131 348 5211 or at rec.committee@parliament.scot

Education and Skills Committee
25 January 2017
3rd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)
1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Commission on Widening Access:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Dame Ruth Silver, Chair, Maureen McKenna, Member, and Professor Petra Wend, Member, Commission on Widening Access.
3. **Commissioner for Fair Access:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Professor Peter Scott, Commissioner for Fair Access.
4. **Review of Evidence (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

**Proposed future business**
At its next meeting, on 1 February, the Committee will consider the recommendations of its predecessor Committee.
For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Roz Thomson on 0131 348 5204 or by email: es.committee@parliament.scot.

Local Government and Communities Committee
25 January 2017
3rd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 11:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Implications for Scottish local government of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union (in private):** The Committee will consider draft letters to the Scottish Government and COSLA.

**Proposed future business**
At its next meeting, on 1 February, the Committee expects to take evidence on the Scottish Government's draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3) and on the Scottish Social Housing Charter.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Clare Hawthorne, on 0131-348-6037 or LGCCommittee@parliament.scot.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee
26 January 2017
3rd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.

2. **Section 22 report - The 2015/16 audit of the Scottish Police Authority:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "The 2015/16 audit of the Scottish Police Authority" from—
   Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
   Gillian Woolman, Assistant Director, and Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

3. **Section 23 report - Superfast broadband for Scotland: A progress update:** The Committee will consider a response from the Scottish Government on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "Superfast broadband for Scotland: A progress update".

4. **Section 22 report - The 2015/16 audit of the Scottish Police Authority:** The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
   Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
   Gillian Woolman, Assistant Director, and Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

5. **Post-legislative scrutiny:** The Committee will consider its approach to post-legislative scrutiny.

**Proposed future business**
At its next meeting, on 2 February, the Committee expects to take evidence from the Deputy First Minister on the Auditor General for Scotland reports entitled "Scotland's colleges 2016" and "Audit of higher education in Scottish universities".
For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Terry Shevlin, on papls.committee@parliament.scot
Equalities and Human Rights Committee
26 January 2017
3rd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private.** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3, 4 and 5 in private.

2. **Bullying and harassment of children and young people in schools:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   - Sam March, Principal Psychologist, Association of Directors of Education in Scotland;
   - Mary Berrill, Her Majesty’s Inspector of Education and Senior Education Officer for Inclusion and Equalities, and Maggie Fallon, Senior Education Officer for Rights Support and Wellbeing, Education Scotland;
   - Barbara Coupar, Director, Scottish Catholic Education Service;
   - John Edward, Director, Scottish Council of Independent Schools.

3. **Bullying and harassment of children and young people in schools:** The Committee will consider the evidence received.

4. **Scrutiny of Human Rights inquiry:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

5. **Commission on Parliamentary Reform:** The Committee will consider correspondence to the Commission.

**Proposed future business**
At its next meeting, on 2 February, the Committee will take oral evidence for the Equalities and Human Rights Commission on its work schedule and priorities for 2017.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee by email at equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot or ring 0131 348 5223.

Social Security Committee
26 January 2017
1st Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.

2. **Employability and sanctions:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   - Rachel Stewart, Senior Public Affairs Officer, Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH);
   - Dr Sally Witcher, Chief Executive Officer, Inclusion Scotland;
   - Tommy McDade, Assistant Director of Employment, Training and Skills, Barnardo’s Scotland on behalf of the Young Person’s Consortium;
   - and then from—
     - Marion Davis, Senior Manager, One Parent Families Scotland (OPFS);
     - Rhiannon Sims, Policy Officer, Citizens Advice Scotland;
     - Pamela Smith, People Group Chair, Scottish Local Authorities Economic Development (SLAED).

3. **Employability and sanctions:** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

**Proposed future business**
At its next meeting, on 2 February, the Committee expects to take oral evidence from the Minister for Employability and Training on its employability and sanctions inquiry.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Simon Watkins, on 0131 348 5228 or by email at: SocialSecurityCommittee@parliament.scot.
Motions

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

Members’ Business motions that have achieved cross party support

*S5M-03559 Alex Rowley: Citizen’s Basic Income Network Scotland—That the Parliament notes the launch of the new charity, Citizen’s Basic Income Network Scotland, in Kelty Community Centre on 28 January 2017; welcomes the attendance of Professor Karl Winderquist, who it considers to be one of the world’s leading experts on basic income, to the event; understands that the charity is being launched in Fife as a result of the recommendations by the Fairer Fife Commission and the Carnegie Trust to pilot a Citizen’s Basic Income Scheme in that area; believes that Fife Council in leading the way in the UK in exploring the potential benefits of a basic income scheme; recognises that a citizen’s basic income would see everyone given a set amount of money every month, which could reduce the anxiety that is often faced within the current social security system, and looks forward to seeing the results of the potentially transformational idea that could create a fairer, more equal and kinder society.

Supported by: Mark Ruskell*, Richard Leonard*, Iain Gray*, Ruth Maguire*, Maree Todd*, Ash Denham*

Members’ Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

*S5M-03560 Tavish Scott: Community Hall Water Charges—That the Parliament commends the work of all of the dedicated volunteers involved in the operation of community halls, and the valuable services that they and their users provide, including with social, educational and recreational activities and events; notes the changes by the Scottish Government to the water and sewerage charges exemption scheme for charities and community amateur sports clubs, which were introduced on 1 April 2015; understands that these resulted in new criteria being applied to organisations seeking an exemption for water charges; acknowledges that a two-year transitional period will end in March 2017 and that this will leave organisations with a permanent alcohol licence liable to pay full water charges from 2017-18; considers that this is set to have a significant impact on small community groups, including the users and operators of rural public halls in Shetland, and notes the calls for a review of the scheme. R

Other new and altered motions and amendments
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*S5M-03563 Clare Haughey: St Mark’s Primary Going for Gold—That the Parliament congratulates St Mark’s Primary School in Rutherglen on receiving a sportscotland Gold School Sport Award; notes that the award is an initiative designed to encourage schools to continuously improve their provision of sport, as well as encourage sporting links between schools and surrounding communities; understands that the school is rightly proud of the hard work undertaken by staff and pupils to achieve the award, and hopes that everyone involved enjoys their forthcoming award presentation ceremony and celebrations.

Supported by: Ruth Maguire*, Fulton MacGregor*, Ash Denham*, Richard Lyle*

*S5M-03562 Fulton MacGregor: Congratulations to Mark Thomson—That the Parliament congratulates Mark Thomson, who is known artistically as Mark Georgsson, from Coatbridge on the launch of his first solo album, Faces and Places; understands that he chose the pseudonym Georgsson as a tribute to his late father and based on an Icelandic tradition; notes that, prior to launching his solo career, he was a member of the band, Velveteen Saints, and wishes him every success in the future.

Supported by: Richard Lyle*

*S5M-03561 Graeme Dey: Ashley and Liam Wilkie Raise £6,500 for Charity—That the Parliament congratulates Ashley and Liam Wilkie on raising over £6,500 for the suicide prevention charities, Mental Health Foundation and Scottish Association for Mental Health; applauds the fundraising efforts of the Kirriemuir couple who have organised several awareness events, as well as running the Great North Run; recognises the vital suicide prevention work done by the Mental Health Foundation and SAMH, and acknowledges the important work of mental health charities in reducing the number of suicides.

Supported by: Fulton MacGregor*, Edward Mountain*, Alison Harris*

*S5M-03558 Richard Lyle: Closure of Clydesdale Bank's Bellshill Branch—That the Parliament condemns the closure of the Clydesdale Bank's Bellshill branch; believes that this closure will be yet another blow to the community and its banking opportunities, given the announcement by the Airdrie Savings Bank to close its branch in the town as well; expresses concern that there appeared to be little consultation with the community, customers and other stakeholders in reaching this decision; believes that bank branches are at the heart of communities and are important for the people who depend on their services, and calls on the Clydesdale Bank to reconsider such closures, in particular where branches provide essential front-counter service to small communities.

*S5M-03557 Richard Lyle: Closure of the Bellshill Branch of the Airdrie Savings Bank—That the Parliament acknowledges the closure of the Bellshill Branch of the Airdrie Savings Bank; notes that the bank has been at the heart of Bellshill's town centre for many years as one of very few surviving independent savings banks; understands the difficult decision that had to be made by the board of the bank and indeed its wider management in having to close the bank across communities; is concerned that up to 70 staff will lose their jobs over the next few months, and hopes that agencies can work together to deliver continuing employment for everybody involved.

*S5M-03556 Brian Whittle: The Great Steward of Scotland's Dumfries House Trust—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the significant contribution that the Great Steward of Scotland’s Dumfries House Trust makes to East Ayrshire and to Scotland; understands that, in addition to preserving Dumfries House and Estate, which it considers to be an outstanding part of the country's architectural and artistic heritage, the trust has formed successful partnerships with
local authorities, businesses, individuals and educational establishments to develop the house and estate as a centre for education, skills and employment; notes that this work includes the operation of a traditional skills centre and hospitality training centre in partnership with The Prince’s Trust, and a residential outdoor activity centre and sports complex, which has been used by more than 5,000 young people from around 50 organisations since 2013; further notes that it has an education garden and teaching centre that delivers a horticulture and healthy eating programme to primary school children, and an engineering centre, which aims to deliver practical, interactive lessons to school pupils; acknowledges that it has recently purchased, and is now restoring, New Cumnock Town Hall, and that it is also redeveloping that town’s outdoor swimming pool as part of a fitness campus; considers that the model of heritage-led regeneration that the trust operates provides an innovative and highly successful approach to regeneration; acknowledges that it is funded using private philanthropy rather than public money; appreciates the work of Prince Charles, the Duke of Rothesay and Great Steward of Scotland’s Dumfries House Trust; congratulates His Royal Highness, the trust’s staff, volunteers and sponsors on what it considers their tremendous success and their contribution and commitment to preserving the house and estate in order to make a difference to communities, and wishes them all continued success.


*S5M-03555 Peter Chapman: Congratulations to Bert Fowlie*—That the Parliament congratulates the Strichen Butcher, Bert Fowlie, on picking up the gold award for its mealie puddings; notes that the contest, which is only the second ever product evaluation for white puddings, was held by Scottish Craft Butchers at The Redgarth in Old Meldrum; understands that puddings from all over Scotland were judged by food industry experts, with Bert Fowlie taking the top prize, and wishes the owner, Hebbie Fowlie, and the rest of the team at Bert Fowlie Butcher every success.


*S5M-03554 James Dornan: The Importance of International Students in Scotland*—That the Parliament recognises the importance of international students and the contribution that they make to Scotland’s universities and their communities; notes that there were 50,000 European and international students and 7,500 staff from 180 countries studying and working at Scotland’s 19 higher education institutions in 2015-16; commends what it sees is the immense cultural, economic and educational benefits that international students bring to Scotland, and supports Universities Scotland and all 19 higher education institutions in launching the campaign, Scotland’s universities welcome the world, which celebrates the diversity and internationalisation in higher education and what it considers are the Scottish values of openness and inclusivity, and shares a welcoming message around the world.

Supported by: Rona Mackay*, Bill Kidd*, Mark Ruskell*, Graeme Dey*, Ruth Maguire*, Fulton MacGregor*, Maree Todd*

*S5M-03553 Colin Smyth: Wild Film Festival Scotland*—That the Parliament commends the organisers of the Wild Film Festival Scotland for creating a new and exciting event, which it believes is the first of its kind in the country, and which will celebrate the natural world through the best of film and photography, plus topical discussion, literature and music; notes that the festival,
in Dumfries from 24 to 26 March 2017, will be national and international in its scope, with special
guest speakers, who include leading naturalists and broadcasters Simon King, of *Big Cat Diaries*,
and Lolo Williams, of *Springwatch*, and filmmakers from Scotland, such as Glasgow-based Nigel
Pope of Maramedia, and form across the UK; notes that they will be joined by Sacha Dench of the
Wildfowl and Wetland Trust, who recently made an epic paramotor flight from the Arctic to the UK,
accompanying Bewick’s swans on their annual migration; understands that the festival is also
promoting year-round nature-based tourism in Dumfries and Galloway by showcasing the region
as a destination where visitors can enjoy magnificent moorlands, forests, mountains, rolling hills
and rugged coastline, along with a fantastic array of birds, plants and animals; further notes that,
in doing so, it aims to help build a sustainable economy for the region and to support local
business; understands that the organisers are providing encouragement to, and opportunities for,
young people, for example through the Wild Young Film Makers project, which has provided
professional tuition to enable 12 to 25-year olds to make their own short films about the natural
world, and welcomes this imaginative initiative, which is being pioneered by charities including the
Southern Upland Partnership, RSPB and the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust, with finance from the
Scottish Government and the EU through its LEADER 2014-2020 programme and support from
the Dumfries and Galloway Council Major Events Fund, the Holywood Trust and EON.

*S5M-03552* Jackson Carlaw: Proposed Closure of the Clydesdale Bank, Giffnock—That the
Parliament notes Clydesdale Bank’s proposed closure of its Giffnock branch in Eastwood; calls on
the Clydesdale Bank to provide evidence that it has complied with the British Banking
Association’s Access to Banking Protocol; understands that the protocol requires three distinct
phases, a pre-closure assessment, a community engagement and an impact assessment, which is
published prior to any closure; believes that it is not clear how this protocol is being adhered to in
relation to the proposed closure of the Giffnock branch; calls on the Clydesdale Bank to provide
evidence as to how any closure would benefit customers rather than Clydesdale Bank itself;
considers that many people do the majority of their banking online and that certain services will be
accessible in local Post Offices if closure is implemented, but believes, ultimately, that the closure
of the Giffnock branch has not been proven to date to be in the interests of Eastwood customers.

*S5M-03551* Colin Smyth: Clydesdale Bank Closures in South Scotland—That the Parliament
condemns the proposed closure of the Clydesdale Bank’s Stranraer, Troon, Castle Douglas and
Cumnock branches; notes the important role that it considers local bank branches play in rural
communities; expresses deep concern that the closure of the branches will result in customers in
the South of Scotland having to endure round trips of up to 50 miles to their nearest branches;
expresses its sympathy to employees in the branches, whose jobs are now under threat, and calls
on the Clydesdale and Yorkshire Banking Group to reconsider these closures.

*S5M-03550* John Lamont: Congratulations to St Abbs Lifeboat Committee—That the
Parliament congratulates St Abbs Lifeboat Committee on winning the Eastern Borders
Development Association (EBDA) 2016 Award for its work in securing the restoration of a lifeboat
service at St Abbs; understands that the EBDA Award recognises outstanding contributions in
social, economic or environmental fields in north Northumberland and the eastern Borders; notes
that previous winners of the award include major contributors to the region such as Farne Salmon,
Radio Borders, Perryman’s Buses and Greenvale AP; believes that this award is worthy
recognition of the hard work that the committee has undertaken in the last year to bring a lifeboat
back to St Abbs, following what it considers the unfortunate decision by the RNLI to withdraw its
lifeboat in September 2015; further commends the local community for excellent and hard-fought
campaign, not only against the decision, but subsequently in securing support and funding for a
new community lifeboat; praises the huge generosity of Boyd Tunnock, whose donation it
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considers was crucial in securing the new lifeboat, and wishes the crew of Thomas Tunnock a safe and successful 2017. R


*S5M-03549 Lewis Macdonald: CLAN Cancer Support Launches New Outreach Services—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of a new outreach service in Aberdeen by the charity, CLAN Cancer Support; recognises that it plans to hold weekly drop-in sessions for anyone affected by cancer at health centres and GP surgeries in the city, replicating the successful work carried out by CLAN in communities elsewhere in the north east; notes that the informal sessions will be held at Calsayseat Medical Practice, Garthdee Medical Group and Kincorth Medical Practice and that visitors do not have to be a patient at the GP surgery in order to take advantage of the services offered by CLAN; understands that the sessions are open to cancer patients and their families and friends, to learn from CLAN staff about the medical and wellbeing services that are available in the Aberdeen area, and hopes that people who make use of the new outreach service will benefit from the advice and support on offer.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Liam McArthur*, Richard Lyle*, Edward Mountain*, Douglas Ross*

*S5M-03548 Jackie Baillie: St Margaret of Scotland Hospice—That the Parliament considers that St Margaret of Scotland Hospice is a unique and much-valued service, which has cared for patients and their families in West Dunbartonshire and across the west of Scotland for 66 years; regrets NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde’s decision to transfer responsibility for funding the hospice to West Dunbartonshire Health and Care Partnership as a result of new guidance published by the Scottish Government in 2015; believes that the Scottish Government’s new arrangements for complex care needs do not recognise the unique model of care at St Margaret’s, which works directly with geriatricians at NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to provide excellent care for older and frail patients in the hospice; understands that a one-size-fits-all approach could result in means-testing being imposed on patients for a service that has previously been fully-funded by the NHS board, more hospitalisation and threaten the hospice’s charitable status; believes that the service should continue to be funded by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and urges the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport to intervene.

*S5M-03547 Jamie Greene: Commending the Charitable Efforts of Greenock’s Gillian Bayness—That the Parliament commends the charitable efforts of Greenock’s Gillian Bayness who, at just seven years of age, is chopping off 14 inches of her hair to donate to the Little Princess Trust, a charity that makes hair pieces and wigs for children who lose their hair due to a result of cancer; understands that Olivia was inspired to raise money for this important charity after her best friend, Lucy McLellan, also of Greenock, who was diagnosed with but recovered from acute lymphoblastic leukaemia; recognises the brave efforts of Gillian in parting with her hair to raise awareness of the charity and its work; applauds her fundraising abilities, which to date have raised over £1,800 for charity, and welcomes the inspiration that children of such young ages can provide in Scotland.

*S5M-03546 Jamie Greene: Welcoming the Opening of the Ardrossan Astra Base—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the Ardrossan Astra Base, a new facility designed to help young people with autism cope with and integrate into mainstream schooling, has recently opened in North Ayrshire at Ardrossan Academy; recognises what it sees as the great importance of providing these facilities to young people with autism; commends the work done by North Ayrshire
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Council on its autism strategy; thanks the school and all those who were involved in the opening of the facility, and wishes them well in the future.

*S5M-03545 Ross Thomson: 16th Anniversary of Dizzy's Bar and Diner's Charity Pub Quiz—That the Parliament congratulates Dizzy's Bar and Diner in Aberdeen on its upcoming 16th anniversary on 21 March 2017; acknowledges the efforts of event organisers in raising over £47,000 for various local, national and international charities; commends the commitment of the quizmaster, Alan Millar, on writing, promoting and organising the fortnightly quiz on an entirely voluntary basis since 2001, and wishes Dizzy's Bar and Diner every success with the event and for the future.


*S5M-03544 Claire Baker: Cuts to Fife Council Budget—That the Parliament understands that the budget for local authorities is being reduced by £327 million, including a cut to Fife Council of £24.3 million, a reduction of 3.9% in cash terms; believes that the current local government financial settlement, passed down by the SNP administration, would lead to further cuts to vital local services and jobs across Fife, and comes despite widespread opposition from local authorities, trade unions and workers; believes that the current offer from the Scottish Government further undermines local democracy, and calls on it to protect local public services.

Supported by: Iain Gray*, Daniel Johnson*, Neil Findlay*

*S5M-03543 Jenny Gilruth: Closure of Clydesdale Bank in Leven—That the Parliament notes with concern the forthcoming closure of the Leven branch of the Clydesdale Bank, understands that the closure will result in Leven customers having to travel to Glenrothes for their nearest branch; considers that this decision will have a huge impact on older people, those with mobility issues and those without internet access to be able to use online banking facilities; notes with concern that approximately 200 staff members across Scotland will be adversely affected by this decision, and urges the Clydesdale Bank to reconsider its decision.

*S5M-03542 Rachael Hamilton: New Leadership Team for NFUS Lothian and Borders Region—That the Parliament congratulates the Gifford farmer, Kelvin Pate, on becoming chairman of NFU Scotland’s Lothian and Borders region; notes that the Selkirk branch member, Sion Williams, will remain a regional vice chairman with the well-known Midlothian pig producer, Robin Traquair, also becoming a vice chairman; wishes the new leadership team every success in their term of office, and considers that the role of NFU Scotland at regional and national level in representing farmers and producers and promoting the agricultural sector is a highly positive and important one.


*S5M-03530 Annie Wells: 602 (City of Glasgow) Squadron of the Royal Air Force Reserves—That the Parliament congratulates the officers and personnel of the 602 (City of Glasgow) Squadron of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force (RAAF) who were recognised in the 2016 Birthday and 2017 New Year’s Honours lists by the Queen; acknowledges that the Air Officer Commanding No.1 Group Commendation was awarded to Flight Lieutenant Steve Ferris in the 2016 awards and to Flight Lieutenant Jim Martin and Flight Sergeant Craig O’Reilly in 2017, and
that the New Year’s honours also saw the squadron’s Moray Flight earn a team commendation; notes that the squadron is based in central Glasgow, was formed in 1925 and is the oldest in the reserves; understands that it specialises in flight operations and intelligence and provides personnel to support the RAF’s Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance (ISTAR) units in the UK and overseas, and believes that these awards demonstrate the value that the squadron brings to both the UK and what it sees as the great city of Glasgow. R

**S5M-03519** Alex Neil: Closure of Airdrie Savings Bank—That the Parliament notes with concern the closure of Airdrie Savings Bank (ASB); understands that ASB was the last survivor of Britain’s independent savings banks; recognises that the people who ran it, many of them on a voluntary basis at board level, are now having to face this closure because of the very tight regulatory regime that now exists for banks in the UK; believes that the consequences of the 2008 financial crash meant that it became impossible for a small bank such as the ASB to survive; notes with concern that up to 70 staff will lose their jobs over the next few months, and urging the Scottish Government and all relevant agencies to support the people affected by the closure.


**S5M-03519.1** Richard Leonard: Closure of Airdrie Savings Bank—As an amendment to motion S5M-03519 in the name of Alex Neil (Closure of Airdrie Savings Bank), leave from "are now having" to end and insert: "have provided a cherished community service for over 180 years; notes with concern that up to 70 staff may lose their jobs; believes that such local banks and community finance initiatives are a vital element of the UK banking sector; considers that it was a less than robust regulatory regime in the banking sector that was highly concentrated in a small number of institutions, some of which were headquartered in Scotland, that brought the earnings and savings of millions of people into risk, and calls on the Scottish Government and all relevant agencies to support the people affected by the proposed closure by working with the board of trustees, Unite the Union and account holders to consider all options to rescue the bank from closure, including municipalisation, mutualisation and other forms of ownership." R

Supported by: Claudia Beamish*, Anas Sarwar*, Pauline McNeill*, Iain Gray*, Johann Lamont*, Elaine Smith*

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

**S5M-03541** Donald Cameron: New Year’s Honours Winner in the Western Isles (lodged on 19 January 2017)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Daniel Johnson*, Alison Harris*

**S5M-03540** Donald Cameron: New Year’s Honours Winners in Argyll and Bute (lodged on 19 January 2017)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Alison Harris*

**S5M-03539** Gillian Martin: Clydesdale Bank Closures (lodged on 19 January 2017)


**S5M-03538** Ben Macpherson: Proposed Clydesdale Bank Closures in Edinburgh Northern and Leith (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Fulton MacGregor*, Richard Lyle*

**S5M-03537** Ross Greer: Arrest of HDP Co-chairs (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Andy Wightman*, Alison Johnstone*, Mark Ruskell*

**S5M-03536** Maurice Golden: Salvation Army in Scotland (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

**S5M-03535** Richard Lochhead: Closure of Clydesdale Bank’s Aberlour Branch (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Bill Kidd*, Gillian Martin*, Maree Todd*

**S5M-03533** Annie Wells: Channel 4 Investing in Firecrest Films (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Murdo Fraser*, Alison Harris*, Bill Kidd*

**S5M-03531** Peter Chapman: Relay for Life Turriff Success for Cancer Research (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*

**S5M-03529** Peter Chapman: Rothienorman Primary School Receives Prestigious National Award (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*

**S5M-03528** Clare Haughey: St. Blane’s Primary School’s Sporting Success (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Gillian Martin*, Bill Kidd*

**S5M-03527** David Torrance: 50th Anniversary of Michael Pit Disaster (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Jenny Gilruth*, Gillian Martin*, Bill Kidd*

**S5M-03526** Christine Grahame: Peebles Community and the Talking Books Initiative (lodged on 19 January 2017)

**S5M-03525** Alison Harris: Theft of a Plaque in Honour of Robert Burns (lodged on 19 January 2017)

**S5M-03524** Alison Harris: Health Awareness Week for Grangemouth High School (lodged on 19 January 2017)

**S5M-03523** Alison Harris: Denny Day Nursery (lodged on 19 January 2017)

**S5M-03522** Alison Harris: Falkirk Distillery, Polmont (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Stuart McMillan*

**S5M-03521** Maurice Golden: Congratulations to Katie Archibald MBE (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, John Scott*

**S5M-03520** Maurice Golden: Congratulations to Dame Katherine Grainger (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Miles Briggs*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, John Scott*

**S5M-03518** Richard Lochhead: Dalvey House Awarded 4 Stars by VisitScotland (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Maree Todd*

**S5M-03517** Richard Lochhead: Findhorn Village Hostel Doubles its VisitScotland Star Rating (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Maree Todd*

**S5M-03514** Clare Adamson on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Gender balance on the Parliamentary Bureau and SPCB (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Patrick Harvie*

**S5M-03513** Colin Beattie: Nationwide Closure of Clydesdale Bank Branches (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

**S5M-03512** Maurice Corry: Kilpatrick School (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*

**S5M-03511** Jackie Baillie: Aggreko to Power Winter Olympics (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Stuart McMillan*

**S5M-03510** Elaine Smith: A Fair Deal for Scotland's Councils (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Johann Lamont*

**S5M-03509** Richard Lochhead: Forres Tesco Opens Scotland’s First Relaxed Checkout (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Maree Todd*

**S5M-03508** Alexander Stewart: Dunfermline Hotel and Nightclub Group Receives Awards for Social Responsibility (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*
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**S5M-03507** Tavish Scott: Limiting the Impact of Brexit on Students (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Maree Todd*

**S5M-03506** Liam Kerr: KirrieConnections Recognised for Making Kirriemuir a Dementia-friendly Town (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*

**S5M-03505** Ross Greer: Closure of Ecuadorian Environmental Organisation, Acción Ecológica (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Alison Johnstone*

**S5M-03504** Alexander Stewart: Campaign to Remember Exiled Polish Soldiers in Fife (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: John Scott*

**S5M-03503** Graeme Dey: KirrieConnections Recognised for Dementia-friendly Work (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Stuart McMillan*

**S5M-03500** Brian Whittle: Kilmarnock Churches Youth Project’s Basement Youth Café (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: John Scott*

**S5M-03499** Dean Lockhart: Thornhill Playgroup and Toddlers (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*

**S5M-03498** Lewis Macdonald: Congratulations to Team Zariba (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*

**S5M-03496** Miles Briggs: University of Edinburgh’s New Research into Crohn’s Disease (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Brian Whittle*, John Scott*, Maree Todd*

**S5M-03494** Douglas Ross: Forres Branch of Tesco Launches Relaxed Lane (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*

**S5M-03492** Joan McAlpine: Big Burns Supper Festival in Dumfries (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Smyth*

**S5M-03491** Alex Cole-Hamilton: Shades of Blue Campaign (lodged on 19 January 2017)
New Support: Pauline McNeill*, Gillian Martin*, Maree Todd*

**S5M-03490** Christina McKelvie: Oxfam Report, An Economy for the 99% (lodged on 19 January 2017)
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**S5M-03489** Alison Johnstone: Thanking Anna Signeul for 12 Years of Dedicated Service to Scottish Football (lodged on 18 January 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

**S5M-03488** Clare Adamson: James Chapman Butchers, Wishaw (lodged on 18 January 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

**S5M-03487** Ross Thomson: Rowett Institute Facility at the University of Aberdeen (lodged on 18 January 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Brian Whittle*, John Scott*

**S5M-03486** Maurice Corry: Veterans Receive France’s Highest Honour (lodged on 18 January 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Brian Whittle*, John Scott*

**S5M-03485** Alex Neil: Chris’s House Charity (lodged on 18 January 2017)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

**S5M-03484** Gordon Lindhurst: University of Edinburgh Working to Provide Clean Drinking Water in India (lodged on 18 January 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Brian Whittle*, John Scott*

**S5M-03483** Gordon Lindhurst: Street Law Programme Nominated for European Association Awards 2017 (lodged on 18 January 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*

**S5M-03482** Fulton MacGregor: Big Lottery Grant for Lanarkshire Recovery Consortium (lodged on 18 January 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*

**S5M-03480** Colin Beattie: Funding for Mayfield Park Improvements (lodged on 18 January 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*

**S5M-03478** Edward Mountain: 100-mile Helpers (lodged on 18 January 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*

**S5M-03477** Fulton MacGregor: Congratulations to Cara McCabe (lodged on 18 January 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*

**S5M-03475** Maurice Corry: The Knockderry Country Hotel (lodged on 18 January 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

**S5M-03474** Murdo Fraser: Gleneagles Hotel, Youth Employer of the Month Award (lodged on 18 January 2017)
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**S5M-03473** Ben Macpherson: A Year of Scottish Women’s Aid and the National Domestic Abuse and Forced Marriage Helpline (lodged on 18 January 2017)

**S5M-03472** Dean Lockhart: Congratulations to Killin and Crianlarich Nursery (lodged on 18 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*

**S5M-03470** Jackie Baillie: Congratulations to Bellsmyre Development Trust (lodged on 18 January 2017)
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**S5M-03469** Alexander Stewart: Stirling High School Pupils Praised (lodged on 18 January 2017)
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**S5M-03468** Jamie Greene: Welcoming the Charitable Efforts of Aidan McCafferty (lodged on 18 January 2017)
New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Brian Whittle*

**S5M-03467** Jamie Greene: Commending Football Rivals’ Charitable Efforts (lodged on 18 January 2017)
New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Brian Whittle*

**S5M-03466** Jamie Greene: Mactaggart & Mickel Homes Funding for Ayrshire’s Break the Silence Group (lodged on 18 January 2017)
New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Brian Whittle*

**S5M-03465** Jamie Greene: Best Wishes to Divisional Commander, Chief Superintendent Gillian MacDonald (lodged on 18 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*

**S5M-03464** Maurice Corry: Loch Lomond Shores Has a Record Year (lodged on 17 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*

**S5M-03462** Alexander Burnett: Battle Grounds Adventure Park (lodged on 17 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*

**S5M-03456** John Lamont: Abundant Borders Launch (lodged on 17 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*

**S5M-03454** Alexander Stewart: Amy Yeates, Director of Golf, Spa and Leisure at Fairmont St Andrews (lodged on 17 January 2017)
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S5M-03452 Liam McArthur: Skara Brae Celebrated on the Royal Mail’s Special Stamps (lodged on 17 January 2017)
New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Maree Todd*

S5M-03451 Richard Lochhead: Martin Birse Appointed NFUS Highland Region Chair (lodged on 17 January 2017)
New Support: Maree Todd*

S5M-03450 Alexander Stewart: Injured Skier’s Remarkable Recovery to Qualify for 2018 Winter Olympics (lodged on 17 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-03449 Rachael Hamilton: Tourism Sector’s Employment Growth (lodged on 17 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-03447 Maurice Golden: Glen Art Bravehound (lodged on 16 January 2017)
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S5M-03443 Alexander Stewart: Police Launch Awareness Programme to Tackle Online Exploitation of Children (lodged on 16 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-03442 Maurice Golden: Isaro Social Integration Network (lodged on 16 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-03441 Liam Kerr: University of Aberdeen Medical Student Goes Homeless for a Month and Raises £43,000 (lodged on 16 January 2017)
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S5M-03434 Kate Forbes: Building on the Success of BBC ALBA (lodged on 16 January 2017)
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S5M-03430 Alexander Stewart: Blairgowrie Student Receives Scholarship (lodged on 16 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-03425 Gillian Martin: Ythan Seal Watch (lodged on 16 January 2017)
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S5M-03419 Peter Chapman: North East Sensory Services Delivers Across the Region (lodged on 13 January 2017)
New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-03418 Peter Chapman: Ellon Rotary Club Keeps the Wheels Turning (lodged on 13 January 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-03407 Gordon Lindhurst: Investment Boost for Edinburgh Software Firm QikServe (lodged on 13 January 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-03406 Alexander Stewart: Linda McLeod from Alloa Recognised for her Work (lodged on 13 January 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-03403 Maurice Golden: Congratulations to Derek Norval BEM (lodged on 13 January 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-03391 Finlay Carson: Congratulations to Cree Valley Community Woodlands Trust and Kirkcudbright Development Trust (lodged on 12 January 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-03390 Finlay Carson: Congratulations to Wigtownshire Women’s Aid (lodged on 12 January 2017)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S5M-03351 Emma Harper: Celebrating Burns and the Scots Language (lodged on 11 January 2017)

New Support: Willie Coffey*

S5M-03314 Alison Johnstone: The Great British Beach Clean (lodged on 10 January 2017)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

S5M-03288 Neil Findlay: HeadSmart Campaign (lodged on 06 January 2017)

New Support: Johann Lamont*, Neil Bibby*

S5M-03227 Neil Findlay: Cleft Palate Surgery in Lothian (lodged on 20 December 2016)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

S5M-03214 Linda Fabiani: Marie Curie’s Great Daffodil Appeal (lodged on 20 December 2016)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

S5M-03082 Joan McAlpine: Congratulating Award-winning The Stove Network in Dumfries (lodged on 13 December 2016)

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New Support: Kenneth Gibson*
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Written questions lodged on 20 January 2017

**S5W-06281 Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government when the negotiations between Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd and Seatruck Ferries for the bareboat charter agreement for the Helliar and Hildasay vessels commenced, and by what date (a) they will conclude and (b) the agreement will enter into effect.

**S5W-06282 Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government by what date it will publish revised pay scales for seafarers on the Seatruck vessels, the Helliar and Hildasay.

**S5W-06283 Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to ensure that the collective bargaining agreement between the RMT and Serco NorthLink for seafarer ratings applies to all staff on chartered vessels on the Northern Isles ferry services.

**S5W-06284 Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the crew of the Helliar and Hildasay vessels will be directly employed by Serco NorthLink under the terms of the revised charter agreement that was announced on 12 January 2017.

**S5W-06285 Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd has had with maritime crewing agencies regarding the bareboat charter agreement for the Helliar and Hildasay vessels that is due to come into effect in February 2017.

**S5W-06286 Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government by what date it will publish the (a) draft and (b) final invitations to tender for the next contract for Northern Isles ferry services.

**S5W-06287 Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the collective bargaining agreements covering (a) rating and (b) officer grades in the ferry industry apply to all vessels (i) owned, (ii) leased and (iii) chartered as part of all public contracts tendered by Transport Scotland.

**S5W-06288 Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the collective bargaining agreements covering (a) rating and (b) officer grades apply to all vessels (i) owned, (ii) leased and (iii) chartered will be part of the next contract for Northern Isles ferry services.

**S5W-06301 Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the crew of the Helliar and Hildasay vessels will be directly employed by Serco NorthLink under the terms of the revised charter agreement that was announced on 12 January 2017.

**S5W-06302 Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will instruct Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd to ensure that, in its negotiations with Seatruck Ferries, seafarers employed on the Helliar and Hildasay vessels under the bareboat charter agreement will not be liable to deductions from their wages for the cost of onboard accommodation.

**S5W-06366 Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government how the proposed one week of free travel for rail season tickets holders will be funded; from what budget line the money to (a) fund the free travel and (b) administer the scheme will be drawn; who will administer the scheme, and what impact it will have on other projects for which funding has already been earmarked.

**S5W-06368 Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce alcohol abuse.

**S5W-06369 Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it is spending on tackling alcohol abuse in 2016-17, and how much it plans to spend in 2017-18.
**S5W-06370 Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has carried out of the impact on the Scottish economy of the long-term stability of the eurozone.

**S5W-06371 Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government how many computer science/computing/ICT teachers there are in post in secondary schools, and how many vacant positions there are.

**S5W-06373 Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-06110 by Keith Brown on 17 January 2017, how many (a) new, (b) safeguarded and (c) expanded jobs have been secured as a result of the 55 inward investment projects that have been confirmed since April 2016.

**S5W-06374 Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-06110 by Keith Brown on 17 January 2017, how many of the 55 inward investment projects that have been confirmed since April 2016 are (a) new, (b) safeguarded and (c) expansions.

**S5W-06375 Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-06110 by Keith Brown on 17 January 2017, what the value is of the 55 inward investment projects that have been confirmed since April 2016.

**S5W-06376 Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government when the current contract between Ryanair and Glasgow Prestwick Airport ends.

**S5W-06377 Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-03811 by Keith Brown on 16 November 2016, how much funding it expects to provide for Glasgow Prestwick Airport in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18 and (c) future years.

**S5W-06378 Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-03811 by Keith Brown on 16 November 2016, when it expects Glasgow Prestwick Airport to repay the money provided in loan support.

**S5W-06379 Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether a business plan for Glasgow Prestwick Airport has been in place since it took ownership in 2013 and, if so, whether it will publish this.

**S5W-06380 Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government when it expects to end its ownership of Glasgow Prestwick Airport.

**S5W-06381 Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any repair work that is required for Prestwick International Airport railway station.

**S5W-06382 Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government how many scheduled flights Ryanair provides (a) to and (b) from Glasgow Prestwick Airport, broken down by month.

**S5W-06383 Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what milestones were set out in the business plan for Glasgow Prestwick Airport when it took ownership in 2013.

**S5W-06384 Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it expected Glasgow Prestwick Airport to borrow in the original business plan.

**S5W-06385 Adam Tomkins:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Scottish Enterprise and Skills Development Scotland about supporting staff from the 40 Clydesdale Bank branches that are set to close.

**S5W-06404 Tavish Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government what it expects the impact of its additional graduate policy will be on (a) the number and proportion of children attending high-quality nursery settings, (b) the number and proportion of children meeting expected developmental milestones at school entry and (c) attainment gaps at school entry points.
S5W-06405 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the letter from the Minister for Childcare and Early Years to the Education and Skills Committee on 18 January 2017 on the additional graduate commitment, of the 432 nurseries identified, how many directly employ (a) qualified early years teachers, (b) qualified graduates, (c) staff working towards a graduate-level teaching qualification and (d) staff working towards a Childhood Practice qualification, broken down by (i) headcount and (ii) full-time equivalent.

S5W-06406 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the letter by the Minister for Childcare and Early Years to the Education and Skills Committee on 18 January 2017 on the additional graduate commitment, for each local authority area, what proportion of allocations of additional graduate places will be for (a) teachers with early years expertise and (b) graduate practitioners with the BA Childhood Practice award.

S5W-06407 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government what planning and reporting requirements will be placed on local authorities to (a) assess how they allocate nursery places and (b) monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of additional graduates to nurseries within the authority areas, and when it will report on these findings.

S5W-06408 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government what criteria, guidance or support local authorities will receive to help them make decisions about the deployment of additional graduates to nurseries.

S5W-06409 Margaret Mitchell: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to ensure adequate lighting at the Raith Interchange, in order that new and temporary routes are clearly visible, during the current period of works.

S5W-06410 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government when the post of national coordinator of childhood bereavement services will be advertised.

S5W-06411 Mike Rumbles: To ask the Scottish Government, further to its news release of 18 January 2017, where it stated in relation to Network Rail that “further devolution will bring substantial savings of around £100m every year”, whether it will provide an explanation of those savings.

S5W-06412 Mike Rumbles: To ask the Scottish Government, further to its news release of 18 January 2017, where it stated in relation to Network Rail that “further devolution will bring substantial savings of around £100m every year”, whether it will provide a list of services provided by Network Rail that are covered by this expenditure.

S5W-06413 Mike Rumbles: To ask the Scottish Government, further to its news release of 18 January 2017, where it stated in relation to Network Rail that “further devolution will bring substantial savings of around £100m every year”, which functions currently performed by Network Rail it proposes (a) should continue with a new devolved organisation and (b) should cease.

S5W-06414 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how many offenders under the age of 18 have been placed in a secure unit in each year since 2010.

S5W-06415 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what the vacancy rate of each secure unit has been in each month since 2010.

S5W-06416 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how long the average stay in a secure unit has been in each year since 2010.

S5W-06417 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how many offenders under the age of 18 have been placed in either a (a) Scottish Prison Service-managed and (b) private sector-operated prison in each year since 2010.
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Lead Committee – Finance and Constitution

Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill (G)
Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 29 November 2016
3rd Report 2017, Report on the Bill at Stage 1, Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, Published 18 January 2017

Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill (G)
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Children and Social Work Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-7
Education and Skills Committee, 11 January 2017
1st Report 2017, Education and Skills Committee, Published 12 January 2017

Criminal Finances Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-6
Justice Committee, 17 January 2016
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 13 December 2016

Digital Economy Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-8
Lodged 19 January 2017

Health Service Medical Supplies (Costs) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-5
Health and Sport Committee, 17 January 2017

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Affirmative instruments

Lead committee to report by 28 February 2017
Stop and Search Code of Practice (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] (11 January 2017) (Justice)

Lead committee to report by 6 March 2017
Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 (Modification) Regulations 2017 [draft] (17 January 2017) (Education and Skills)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 25 January 2017
Lead committee to report by 23 January 2017
Patient Rights (Complaints Procedure and Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/401) (1 December 2016) (Health and Sport)

Valuation for Rating (Decapitalisation Rate) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/402) (1 December 2016) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 30 January 2017
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Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/406) (6 December 2016) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

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Community Empowerment (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/411) (8 December 2016) (Local Government and Communities)

Regulation of Care (Prescribed Registers) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 (SSI 2016/413) (8 December 2016) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 8 February 2017
Lead committee to report by 6 February 2017
Police Service of Scotland (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/419) (15 December 2016) (Justice)

Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Saving Provision) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/421) (15 December 2016) (Local Government and Communities)

Caseins and Caseinates (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/422) (15 December 2016) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 9 February 2017
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Civil Partnership, Marriage Between Persons of Different Sexes and Same Sex Marriage (Prescribed Bodies) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/427) (19 December 2016) (Equalities and Human Rights)

Subject to annulment by 24 February 2017
Lead committee to report by 20 February 2017
Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/431) (22 December 2016) (Justice)

Letting Agent Registration (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/432) (22 December 2016) (Local Government and Communities)

Licensing of Relevant Permanent Sites (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/433) (22 December 2016) (Local Government and Communities)
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Subject to annulment by 2 March 2017
Lead committee to report by 27 February 2017

Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/6) (13 January 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 7 March 2017
Lead committee to report by 6 March 2017

Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/7) (18 January 2017) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 8 March 2017
Lead committee to report by 6 March 2017

Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/8) (19 January 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/9) (19 January 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Other documents

Lead committee to report by 1 March 2017
Scottish Social Housing Charter (SG/2017/2) (12 January 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Lead committee to report by 21 March 2017
Public Services Reform (Corporate Insolvency and Bankruptcy) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft] (SG/2017/8) (12 January 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)

Public Services Reform (Corporate Insolvency and Bankruptcy) (Scotland) Order 2017 [Explanatory Document] (SG/2017/9) (12 January 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)
Petitions

The following petition was lodged with the Parliament on 19 January 2017

PE1633 Petition by Bill Alexander on Private Criminal Prosecution in Scotland.

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http://www.parliament.scot/gettinginvolved/petitions/ViewPetitions.aspx
The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the 20 January 2017 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

**Glasgow Prestwick Airport: TS Prestwick Holdco Ltd Annual Accounts Financial Year 2015-16: SG/2017/4** laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

**Draft Climate Change Plan: The draft third report on policies and proposals 2017-2032: SG/2017/13** laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 35 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 for a 60-day period of Parliamentary consideration

**Committee Reports**

The following report is published today—

**Equalities and Human Rights Committee, 1st Report 2017 (Session 5), Disabilities and Universities (SP Paper 66)**

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